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To

Shri S Gopalakrishnan,
Special Secretary & Director General,
Central Government Health Scheme,
New Delhi.

Sub: Suggestion for shifting Ambala Wellness Centre to a spacious, easily accessible place

Sir,

We seek to draw your kind attention towards the problems faced by the CGHS beneficiaries availing medical care from Ambala CGHS Wellness Centre, Haryana.

2. Ambala Wellness Centre was converted from P&T Dispensary into CGHS Wellness Centre in 2019 along with 32 other P&T Dispensaries in the country. Ambala is the seventh largest WC in India excluding Metro cities in respect of number of CGHS beneficiaries covered. It is relevant to mention that 10 Wellness Centres in the State Capitals namely Agartala, Aizwal, Gangtok, Goa, Imphal, Kohima, Pondicherry, Raipur, Shimla and Srinagar cover lesser beneficiaries than Ambala.

3. Ambala Wellness Centre is located at a difficult-to-reach location where the beneficiaries need to cross two railways subways which remain waterlogged for most of the time. The difficulty faced by the pensioners who travel by two-wheelers to wade through the subways need not be overemphasized.

4. The present building where the CGHS Wellness Centre, Ambala is housed does not have a separate injection room and dressing room. There is no space for expansion in the

present building to cater to the needs of the ever-increasing number of beneficiaries covered by this WC.

5. A proposal by the then CMO In charge in 2022 for hiring a BSNL building quite suitable, spacious, with a lot of parking facility did not fructify despite efforts by AD CGHS Chandigarh. Though the doctors serving the Wellness Centre found the BSNL building suitable, all the necessary documents relating to the building were also sent to AD CGHS Chandigarh as per his requirement, the rent assessment of the building was got done by coordinating with CPWD Authorities and sent to AD CGHS Chandigarh and the DG Health Services also agreed to take the building, a committee formed thereafter rejected the building as not suitable. Thus a ray of hope the CGHS beneficiaries had ended in dismay and the situation remains pathetic.

6. We would therefore request you to kindly get the matter re-examined, as the BSNL building is newly constructed and conveniently located. If still the BSNL building is decided to be not suitable, the authorities may be directed to look for early shifting to some other building, spacious enough and easily accessible to the aged and ailing pensioners.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,


17/3/23

(R.R. Balasubramanian)
General Secretary

Encl: As above

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