

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 960**  
ANSWERED ON 08.12.2023

**REIMBURSEMENT FACILITIES TO EMPLOYEES OF INLAND WATERWAYS**

960. SHRI ABDUL KHALEQUE:

Will the Minister of PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether the medical reimbursement facilities are provided to retired employees of Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI), if so, whether IWAI has its own rule or follows CGHS in this regard;
- (b) whether a person who opted for fixed medical allowance is allowed to switch over to medical reimbursement facility in IWAI and if so, the details thereof indicating the timeframe fixed in this regard; and
- (c) whether any change after the given time frame can be allowed by the competent authority considering the switchover as a special case and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS  
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)

- (a) Yes. Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) offers medical reimbursement to its retired employees. Comprehensive scheme for retired employee is in place for extending medical expense reimbursement facility to the retired employees of IWAI including their 'families', as defined in Central Government Medical Assistance Rules, equivalent to those being extended to the serving employees from time to time by taking a one-time lump sum contribution equivalent to 120 months of CGHS subscription.
- (b) IWAI sought willingness along with one-time contribution from all pensioners of IWAI within the time frame of 31.07.2013 vide circular dated 01.05.2013. All those who opted were given the benefit.
- (c) No such provision is presently available as per the existing scheme.

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