

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2847  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2021**

**DISTRIBUTION OF MEDICINES TO CGHS BENEFICIARIES**

**2847. SHRI NATARAJAN P.R.:**

Will the Minister of **HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) beneficiaries are getting medicines for chronic diseases in CGHS hospitals;
- (b) the details of action taken to provide medicines for chronic diseases at the time of non-availability of such medicines in CGHS hospitals;
- (c) whether the Government has taken a decision for opening up of more CGHS Wellness Centres in rural areas to cater to the needs of ordinary poor people; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND  
FAMILY WELFARE  
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

- (a) & (b): Yes. Medicines for CGHS beneficiaries including that for chronic diseases are provided through CGHS Wellness Centres. In case, any medicine is not readily available at CGHS Wellness Centre, the same is made available to the CGHS beneficiary by the Wellness Centre through Indentation from the concerned Authorized Local Chemist.
- (c) & (d): No. CGHS is a contributory health scheme primarily meant for Central Government employees and pensioners and their dependent family members.