

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF EX-SERVICEMEN WELFARE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3230
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05th August, 2022

INCREASE IN NUMBER OF POLYCLINICS

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to increase the number of polyclinics across the country in the current year to increase geographical coverage of the Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS);
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has been able to acquire land for construction of approved polyclinic buildings, if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to enable acquisition of land;
- (d) whether mobile clinics approved under ECHS have become operational, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government proposes to add more such mobile clinics, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI AJAY BHATT)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. There is no proposal to increase the numbers of Polyclinic in the current year in the Ex-servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS).

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(c): Yes, Sir. Land for 265 Ex-servicemen Contributory Health Scheme Polyclinics out of 410 has already been acquired. However, in December 2020, the Government decided that buildings would be constructed for only Type A & B Polyclinics whereas Type C & D Polyclinics will continue to be functioning in Hired building.

(d): Yes, Sir. 17 Ex-servicemen Contributory Health Schememobile Polyclinics are operationalized with respect to manpower and equipment.

(e): No, Sir. As stated in reply of (a & b) above, there is no proposal to increase the numbers of mobile Polyclinic in the current year in the Ex-servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS).
