

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
DEPARTMENT OF EX-SERVICEMEN WELFARE  
**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2400**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2026

**ECHS POLYCLINICS AND CSD CANTEENS**

2400. Shri Anurag Singh Thakur:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS) polyclinics and Canteen Stores Department (CSD) canteens currently functional in Himachal Pradesh, district-wise including Hamirpur, Bilaspur, Una, Kangra and Mandi;
- (b) whether Indian Navy/Indian Air Force personnel along with their dependants are eligible to avail services at these facilities and if so, the details thereof along with inter-service entitlements and any restrictions thereon;
- (c) the financial, demographic and geographic parameters and staffing norms followed for sanctioning new ECHS polyclinics and CSD canteens in rural and hilly regions along with the manner in which high recruitment-to-population ratios are factored into such planning;
- (d) whether the Government has received/approved any proposals to establish new facilities in the aforesaid districts and if so, the details thereof including timelines likely to be taken for making such approved facilities functional along with the monitoring mechanisms in place to ensure timely implementation; and
- (e) whether the Government has approved provision of free medical treatment under the Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme for officer cadets who suffer varying degrees of disability during training and if so, the details thereof?

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MINISTER OF STATE

(SHRI SANJAY SETH)

IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(a) and (b) The total number of Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS) polyclinics and Canteen Stores Department canteens currently functional in Himachal Pradesh, district-wise is enclosed at **Annexure**.

All defence pensioners who fulfill the eligibility criteria of being Ex-servicemen including those of Indian Navy and Indian Air Force with their dependents are eligible to avail services of ECHS scheme.

All serving and retired Armed Forces personnel, irrespective of their Service are entitled to CSD facilities.

(c) Based on number of ex-servicemen residing in a particular area, polyclinics are categorized into five types as under:-

<b>Type of Polyclinics</b>	<b>Strength of ESM</b>	<b>Daily Average Sick Report</b>
Type 'A'	above 20000	281-420
Type 'B'	above 10000	211-280
Type 'C'	above 5000	141-210
Type 'D'	above 2500	upto 140
Type 'E'	above 850 (for remote areas)	-

The criteria for opening a CSD Canteen include a minimum strength for full ESM (ex-Servicemen) Unit Run Canteen (URC) of 5,000 ex-servicemen in a district/ tehsil and minimum strength required for opening of an Extension Counter is 2,500 ESM. Further, the distance of nearest Unit Run Canteen (URC) should be more than 50 Kms in plains and 30 Kms in hilly terrain.

(d) Three new Polyclinics are now functional at Bhoranj in District Hamirpur, Nalagarh in District Solan, and Gagret in District Una in Himachal Pradesh. Further, nine ESM Unit Run Canteens / Extension Counters have been sanctioned in Himachal Pradesh in last five years.

(e) Medical facilities under ECHS have been granted to officer cadets who are invalidated from their training on medical ground due to causes attributable to or aggravated by military training.

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) AND (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2400 TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.02.2026 REGARDING ECHS POLYCLINICS AND CSD CANTEENS**

**ECHS POLYCLINICS FUNCTIONAL IN HIMACHAL PRADESH**

S.No.	District	Name of Polyclinic
1	Bilaspur	Bilaspur
2		Ghumarwin
3	Chamba	Chamba
4		Bakloh
5	Hamirpur	Barsar
6		Hamirpur
7		Bhoranj
8	Kangra	Shahpur
9		Deragopipur
10		Yol
11		Palampur
12	Kullu	Kullu
13	Mandi	Sarakaghat
14		Jogindernagar
15		Mandi
16	Shimla	Shimla
17		Rampur
18	Sirmaur	Nahan
19	Solan	Solan
20		Nalagarh
21	Una	Gagret
22		Una

**CSD canteens functional in Himachal Pradesh**

S.No	District	No of URCs
1	Chamba	05
2	Lahual & Spiti	05
3	Kangra	31
4	Una	02
5	Hamirpur	13
6	Mandi	13
7	Kullu	08
8	Kinnuar	08
9	Bilaspur	07
10	Solan	07
11	Shimla	15
12	Sirmaur	03

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