

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5740
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27TH MARCH, 2026**

ESTABLISHMENT OF ADDITIONAL CGHS WELLNESS CENTRES IN BENGALURU

5740 DR. C. N. MANJUNATH:

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

- (a) whether there is any proposal to establish additional CGHS Wellness Centres in the city of Bengaluru, if so, the details thereof including the proposed locations and timeline for its establishment;
- (b) whether the Government has taken note of the shortage of specialists and staff nurses in CGHS Wellness Centres and if so, the steps taken to address such shortage; and
- (c) the reasons for Air India retirees not receiving cashless treatment in CGHS empanelled hospitals along with the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)**

(a) to (c) : One Extension Counter at Sahakarnagar, Bengaluru, has been upgraded to a full-fledged CGHS Wellness Centre and is presently functional.

Filling up of vacant posts of Doctors and Paramedical staff in CGHS is a continuous process. Requisitions for recruitment of Doctors and Paramedical staff are forwarded to the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) and Staff Selection Commission (SSC), respectively. Based on their recommendations, appointments are made against available vacancies. In addition, retired Government specialist doctors are engaged on contractual basis to address the shortfall of specialists.

Air India retirees are entitled to avail CGHS services such as OPD consultation and referral services as per extant provisions. However, cashless treatment in empanelled hospitals for these retirees is administered by Air India authorities.
