

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
LOK SABHA**

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HEALTH SCHEME FOR EX-SERVICEMEN  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether contributory health scheme for ex-servicemen in operation ;
- (b) if so, the salient features of the scheme ; and
- (c) the manner in which the Government propose to implement the scheme for ex-servicemen living in far-flung areas?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE ( SHRI. A. RAJA )

(a) to (c): The Government have introduced a medical scheme known as Ex-servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS). The ECHS is for the Medicare of all ex-servicemen who are in receipt of pension (including disability pension and family pension) and their dependents, which includes wife/husband, legitimate children and wholly dependent parents. The ECHS envisages establishment of new armed forces polyclinics at 123 non-military stations and augmentation of armed forces clinics at 104 military stations spread across the country including far-flung areas. The ECHS will be implemented over a period of five years.