

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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MEDICAL TREATMENT TO POSTAL PENSIONERS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether pensioners of Postal Department are provided medical treatment after retirement under any scheme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Ministry have received any memorandum from retired Employees Association in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SH THIRUNAVUKKARASAR)

(a)&(b) Those pensioners of the Postal Department who were beneficiaries of the Central Govt. Health Scheme at the time of retirement are enrolled in CGHS after retirement.

Those pensioners who retire from places where P&T dispensaries exist are provided O.P.D. facilities through the dispensaries, whereas other pensioners who are not covered by any dispensary are given the Fixed Medical Allowance of Rs. 100/ P.M. for meeting day to day expenses on medical treatment.

(c)&(d) Yes, the Ministry has been receiving memoranda from retired Employees Association in this regard. This is a policy matter concerning all Central Govt. pensioners not covered by C.G.H.S. The Ministry of Health the nodal Ministry has conveyed the view that this issue was considered in the light of the existing infrastructure and the present staff position and it was not found possible to extend C.G.H.S. facilities to P&T pensioners not availing C.G.H.S. facility at the time of retirement.