

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

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PERMISSION FOR TREATMENT UNDER SPECIALIST DOCTORS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the beneficiaries of Central Government Health Scheme who are undergoing treatment for chronic diseases under the observation of a specialist doctor in a referral Government Hospital for a long time have to take permission of their respective CGHS dispensary, every time, for continuing their treatment after a specified period of treatment by a Specialist doctor;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the regular treatment of specialist doctor cannot be changed or stopped against the will of the patient unless the specialist himself feels that further treatment is not needed; and
- (d) if so, the reasons for compelling the patients to go, through such complex process?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

- (a)&(b): CGHS beneficiaries who are already taking specialised treatment in a referral Govt. Hospital are not required to take permission of the CGHS dispensary for continuing their treatment in the Govt. Hospital. As medicines are issued to the beneficiaries only on the basis of valid prescriptions, the CGHS beneficiaries are advised to obtain fresh opinion/renewal of their prescription from the treating Govt. specialist after completion of the duration for which the earlier treatment had been advised by the Govt. doctor.
- (c)&(d): Specialised medical treatment of the CGHS beneficiary is based only on the advice of the Govt. specialist doctor. The Govt. specialist periodically reviews the patient and based on the clinical condition, the specialist may advise changes in the prescription/course of treatment which is in the overall interest of the health of the patient. However, there is no compulsion for the CGHS beneficiaries to take the advice of the Govt. specialist doctor.