

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

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OPERATION OF CGHS DISPENSARIES IN TWO SHIFTS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to operate CGHS dispensaries in two shifts;
- (b) if so, the time by which the decision is likely to be taken in this regard; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to provide timely and better medical facilities to CGHS beneficiaries?

Answer

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

(a): No, Sir.

(b): In view of (a) above, the question does not arise.

(c): It is a constant endeavour of the Government to provide best medical services to the CGHS beneficiaries. Improvement in the services is a continuous process by way of providing medicines timely to the beneficiaries, providing state-of-art equipment for the dispensaries/polyclinics, prompt attention to the beneficiaries in the dispensaries, domiciliary visit for seriously ill patients.

CGHS has also recognised a large number of private hospitals and diagnostic centres in the interest of the beneficiaries so that they do not have to wait unduly for getting specialised treatment. Credit facilities have also been extended to the pensioners. In emergencies beneficiaries can go directly to these hospitals without permission from the competent authority, etc.