

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2825  
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REFORMS IN CGHS  
Mandal Shri Sanat Kumar

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

- (a) whether a proposal to bring in massive changes and reforms in the Central Government Health Scheme is under the consideration of the Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has received suggestions/complaints regarding shortcomings in CGHS; and
- (d) if so the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a)&(b): Government has constituted a High-Powered Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri P.K.Kaul, former Cabinet Secretary to review the functioning of CGHS for making it more user friendly.
- (c): The above mentioned Committee also invited suggestions from various CGHS beneficiaries organisations.
- (d): CGHS is stated to be very beneficial to Senior citizens and it has strongly been urged by various pensioner associations not to discontinue the scheme/switch over to health insurance schemes. Other suggestions complaints received pertain to few instances of shortage of staff, delay/shortage in supply of medicines, delay in settlement of claims and improvement of existing services.