

Title: Need to review the hike in fee imposed on retired Central Government Health Scheme beneficiaries.

\*SHRI VILAS MUTTEMVAR (NAGPUR): The Government have recently raised the fee of life long CGHS Card of the highest category from Rs. 12,000/- to Rs. 60,000/-. This rise in fee appears to be quite high and disproportionate to the existing limit. This will obviously lead to great difficulties to the retired Government Servants who will have to spend such a huge amount to avail C.G.H.S. medical facilities. In view of the Government's plan to allocate maximum budgetary support to health and medical facilities of the people such a hike for CGHS card would not only create great hardships and financial crunch for the retired officers but also may deprive them of the basic medical facilities after retirement.

Under the circumstances, it is felt that the Government should review the hike in the C.G.H.S. fee for retired Government officials and make it reasonable and practicable so that it is well within the financial reach of the retired officials.

\* Treated as laid on the Table.