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Title: Need to set up a CGHS Wellness Centre at Amravati in Andhra Pradesh.

SHRI JAYADEV GALLA (GUNTUR): CGHS started in mid-50s with an objective to provide comprehensive healthcare facilities to Central Government employees, their dependants and pensioners. It is now in operation in almost every State capital and lakhs of employees and pensioners are availing the benefit with regard to their health-related problems.

Andhra Pradesh has been reorganized and residuary State started construction of new capital Amaravati. There have been genuine demands from employees and pensioners that in the absence of CGHS and CGHS recognized hospitals either in Guntur or Vijayawada, they are finding it extremely difficult and are forced to go either to Chennai, Bangalore or Hyderabad for treatment. Some employees/pensioners have also given representation to me and based on that I had written a letter to Health Minister for opening up of CGHS Wellness Centre in new capital Amaravati or Vijayawada but he expressed resource crunch.

The Government of India has decided to double the CGHS contribution viz. from Rs. 500 to Rs. 1,000 per month as recommended by the 7th Pay Commission. Now Government of India should not have any resource crunch.

With enhanced contribution, financial condition of CGHS would be doubled. Hence I request Minister of Health and Family Welfare to positively consider opening up of CGHS Wellness Centre at the new capital of Andhra Pradesh " Amaravati " and also empanel some hospitals under CGHS.