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Title: Need to set up a CGHS Wellness Centre in Calicut district of Kerala.

SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN (VADAKARA): CGHS is a commendable scheme offering comprehensive healthcare facilities to Central Government employees, pensioners and their dependents. But its benefits are not reaching majority of those entitled to be covered by the scheme. Kerala is having CGHS clinic only in Thiruvananthapuram in the southernmost tip of the State. Thousands of Central Government employees and pensioners are spread across the State and it is impossible for them to reach Thiruvananthapuram to avail the CGHS facilities or claim reimbursement under the scheme.

There is an urgent requirement for CGHS facility when one is sick and advanced in age. There is a genuine long pending demand to set up a CGHS clinic in the Malabar region of Kerala.

Time and again I have taken up the matter with successive Ministers but CGHS facility is yet to reach Malabar.

I request that a CGHS wellness centre may be established anywhere in Calicut District of Kerala to help beneficiaries of Malabar.