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Title: Need to open CGHS Wellness Centre in Amravati, the new capital of Andhra Pradesh and also empanel hospitals under CGHS.

SHRI JAYADEV GALLA (GUNTUR): CGHS was started in mid - 50s with an objective to provide comprehensive healthcare facilities to Central Government employees, their dependents and pensioners. It is now in operation in almost every State capital and lakhs of employees and pensioners are as beneficiaries.

Andhra Pradesh has been reorganized and the residuary State of Andhra Pradesh has 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 for opening up of CGHS Wellness Centre in Guntur or Vijayawada to the Health Minister but he expressed resource crunch.

Recently the 7th Pay Commission has submitted its recommendations to Government of India and one of the recommendations is to enhance the contribution of CGHS. For example, if employee is now paying Rs. 500 per month as his CGHS contribution, Commission recommended for enhancing it to Rs. 5,000 per month and there is every probability that Government may accept this recommendation as Government itself is on record saying that it wants to modernize and expand CGHS.

Now that financial condition of CGHS would go up 10 times better once recommendation is accepted by Government of India, I request Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare to positively consider opening up of CGHS Wellness Centre in Amravati, the new capital of Andhra Pradesh and also empanel some hospitals under CGHS.