

PARAMILITARY FORCE RETIRED OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION (REG)
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A meeting was held with the Home Secretary, UT, Chandigarh at his office in Sector 9, on 13 June, 2019. The delegation consisted of Sarv Shri (i) PS Bedi, DIG(Retd) BSF, (ii) M S Toor, Comdt (Retd) CRPF, (iii) C S Brar, DIGP(Retd) CRPF, and (iv) ML Pangotra, Patron, CCCGPA. The meeting lasted for about half an hour, where points regarding CGHS set-up was discussed in details. Two main points discussed were (i) early allotment of the plot of land for CGHS complex in Sector 41, and (ii) alternative accommodation for the CGHS Wellness Centre in Chandigarh.

The Home Secretary, UT, agreed to pursue the case for early allotment of the earmarked plot to the CGHS, so that construction of the CGHS premises could be undertaken at the earliest. Regarding the second point, he advised that CGHS may continue in the present location in Sector 45.

After meeting with UT Home Secretary, a detailed discussion was also held with the Addln Director CGHS, at his office, where he was apprised of the outcome of the meeting with the UT Home Secretary. It was intimated by the Addln Director, that a case has been taken up with the CGHS authorities in Delhi, to shift one of the two CGHS WCs, from Jammu to Chandigarh, to ease the pressure and rush of CGHS patients at the Sector 45 CGHS WC.

Copy of the memo given to the UT Home Secretary is given below.

Ref No CGHS/ Memo-2019-20

13 June, 2019

(Brief Note for Hon Home Secretary, UT Chandigarh, Chandigarh)

CGHS set-up in Chandigarh

CGHS Establishment in Chandigarh

CGHS coverage was extended to Chandigarh in 2002, and a CGHS Wellness Centre (Dispensary), established in a portion of the building of Civil hospital, Sector 45, which is in operation since then. With passage of time, and health awareness amongst the elderly people, the membership of the CGHS swelled manifold, and at present it is the range of 33,000. The present premises are too inadequate to accommodate the large number of CGHS patients visiting the Wellness Centre on daily basis.

Allotment of plot of land in Sector 41B, Chandigarh for CGHS complex

2 The U.T. Chandigarh Administration, Chandigarh offered and earmarked, a plot of land measuring 0.46 acres (2231.11 sq yds) in Sector 41B, in July,2011 , as conveyed vide Chandigarh Administration , Finance Dept No 31/1/477-UTF(4)-2011/5768 dated 11-7-11, at the rate of Rs 45,400/- per sq yd. Accordingly, funds to tune of Rs 10,12,92,394/- were made available to the CGHS authority, Chandigarh for this purpose by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoH&FW) vide their letter dated 10-11-2012. The formal approval for allotment of the earmarked plot was

issued by the Chandigarh Administration vide Estate Office, U.T. Chandigarh No24628/M-116/G-VI/2013 dated 9-9-13.

3 In the meantime, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), New Delhi, which is the controlling ministry for Union territories, including U T Chandigarh, issued instructions to the effect that 'the land for any purpose must not be disposed off below the market value, and without auction', with a provision, that 'if the Administration intended to dispose of any piece of land below the market value, and without holding auction, prior approval of the ministry must be obtained.'

4 Accordingly, the Chandigarh Administration took up case with the MHA for the relaxation of this condition for the govt depts., with repeated reminders to MHA from time to time, but no response has been received from MHA. Finance Dept, U.T. Chandigarh letter, No 31/1/410-UTF (4)-2017/10322 dated 21-9-2017, also sought the approval to allot the land to govt institutions, without following the procedure of open auction etc. and to allot the earmarked plot in Sector 41B, to CGHS, with an 50% enhancement in the price of the land (from Rs 45,400 to Rs 68,100), as the plot was required for the welfare and healthcare of central govt employees, and ex-employees (majority senior/ super-senior citizens), which is the committed duty of the govt, and the funds for the land are provided from the consolidated fund of India.

5 It is humbly requested that vigorous efforts are made to obtain the required clearance from the MHA, New Delhi, for early allotment of the earmarked plot to CGHS (Ministry of H&FW, Govt of India), for construction of the CGHS complex, including the CGHS Wellness Centre at the earliest, as the present set-up for is inadequate.

(Photocopies of a few connected documents attached)

Premises for CGHS Wellness Centre

As has been stated above, the CGHS Wellness Centre was established in a portion of the Sector 45 Civil hospital, in 2002. With the passage of time the strength of dependent beneficiaries rose manifold, and at present it is above 33000. The premises of the WC are very congested, with inadequate space for the movement of the patients visiting the centre every day. The sick come to the centre to seek remedy for their ailments, but are confronted with sultry condition, which further escalates their sickness, often resulting in developing stomach cramps. The health dept of Union territory, Chandigarh has also been seeking eviction of CGHS from these premises for a long time.

The Chandigarh Administration is committed to provide suitable alternative premises to CGHS for the Wellness Centre (WC).

In a meeting of health Officials of U T Chandigarh with the Additional Director CGHS, sometime in 2018, and it was decided to offer alternative premises either in the old administrative building of Director Family Health Services in Sector 22 or the UT dispensary in Sector 49D Chandigarh, after its suitability was assessed by a group of

officers consisting of Additional Director, CGHS, DHS, U T Chandigarh. It is enjoined that this may be expedited.

A visit to these two locations indicates that a building, located in the City hospital complex, Sector 22 complex, is occupied by the City Hospital, Sector 22, with overcrowded parking space. The building is in a poor condition, which may not meet the requirements of the CGHS Wellness Centre. However, the premises of the Civil Dispensary, in Sector 49 D, Chandigarh, have reasonably ample accommodation, and would be suitable for the CGHS Wellness Centre.

We, as representatives of Central Govt pensioners settled in Chandigarh Tricity, earnestly seek your personal indulgence in finalising the long pending cases of

- (i) Formal physical allotment of the earmarked plot for CGHS complex in sector 41, by obtaining the necessary approval / clearance from MHA, so that construction of CGHS Complex can be undertaken, and*
(ii) to direct the concerned staff of UT Chandigarh, for a suitable location for the CGHS Wellness Centre, till the establishment of the CGHS complex in Sector 41.

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