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Subject: Empanelment of More Private Hospitals in Tri-City Chandigarh and Tie-Up with Major Government Hospitals with Recognition of UMID Card on CGHS Rates for RELHS Beneficiaries

Dear Sir,

1. The Railway Senior Citizens Welfare Society respectfully submits this memorandum for your kind consideration and necessary action in the interest of Railway pensioners and senior citizens residing in the Tri-City area of Chandigarh (Chandigarh–Panchkula–Mohali) and adjoining areas.
2. The Society has been actively working for the welfare of Railway pensioners and senior citizens and regularly takes up their day-to-day problems, particularly those related to medical facilities and access to timely healthcare.
3. It is observed with concern that the number of empaneled private hospitals under RELHS in the Tri-City area is very limited. This causes serious hardship to elderly pensioners, many of whom suffer from chronic and age-related ailments requiring specialized and emergency medical care.
4. Prestigious government institutions such as PGIMER, Chandigarh; Government Medical College & Hospital (GMCH), Sector 32, Govt. Multi Specialty Hospital (GMSH), Sector 16; and Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital, are already providing treatment on CGHS rates and are extending cashless treatment facilities to CGHS and ECHS beneficiaries. However, RELHS beneficiaries possessing valid UMID cards are not being uniformly extended similar benefits, which amounts to unwarranted discrimination against Railway pensioners.
5. The Society respectfully submits that RELHS beneficiaries, being at par with Central Govt. pensioners, are equally entitled to quality medical care. There appears to be no justification for denying them cashless or CGHS-rate treatment when the same facilities are being provided to CGHS and ECHS optees in the very same hospitals.
6. Furthermore, the existing pre-condition of mandatory referral from the Chief Medical Superintendent, Ambala Cantt, is proving to be impractical and onerous, particularly for senior citizens. Considering that good health is a matter of personal choice and urgency, it is humbly requested that:

- I. Railway pensioners may be permitted to directly approach any Railway/CGHS/ECHS empaneled hospital of their choice for treatment. The referral/approval, if so required, shall be arranged by the concerned hospital, from the Railway authorities.
- II. Treatment may be allowed on a cashless basis in railway empaneled hospitals or on a payment basis at CGHS rates at CGHS/ECHS empanelled hospitals, **subject to reimbursement**, without insistence on prior referral.

7. In view of the above, the Society earnestly requests:

- I. **Empanelment of more reputed private hospitals in the Tri-City area under RELHS.**
- II. **Formal tie-up with PGIMER, GMSH-16, GMCH-32, and Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital for RELHS beneficiaries.**
- III. **Recognition of valid UMID cards for extending treatment at CGHS rates, including cashless facilities, at par with CGHS and ECHS beneficiaries.**
- IV. **Withdrawl/Relaxation of referral norms, especially for senior citizens and emergency cases.**

8. We are confident that the Railway Administration, being a welfare-oriented organization, will sympathetically consider this long-pending and genuine demand of Railway pensioners and senior citizens.

We shall be grateful for an early and favorable decision in the matter.

Thanking you,

Yours Sincerely,



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