



# Sanchar Nigam Pensioners' Welfare Association

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To

Sh S. Gopalakrisnan,  
DG CGHS, MOH&FW,  
Nirman Bhawan -New Delhi

**Sub: Annual health check up for primary pensioner Card holders above 75 years only, a very serious and unwarranted discrimination towards their spouses, 90 % of which are women - reg**

Ref : MOH&FW Office Memorandum dated 19th August 2019

Sir

Kindly refer to the letter under Reference. While we greatly appreciate the spirit of the OM referred above permitting the elderly pensioners aged above 75 to undergo annual medical check up at private empanelled hospitals, we are deeply concerned about some blatant and discriminatory omissions in the said OM.

**1. Restriction of the above permission only to the primary health card holders is diametrically divergent to the views of our Hon. Prime Minister and the policies of the present Government on Women empowerment and emancipation. You may kindly note, in this connection, that 90% of the primary health card holders belong to the masculine gender. By restricting the facility to the primary health card holders, there is a serious discrimination against women in that all of them are denied the facility extended to the men. This may, perhaps, have been an unintentional exclusion. We, therefore, request you to kindly rectify the omission and eliminate a serious discrimination against women by extending the annual health check up facility to all CGHS beneficiaries, excluding none.**

2. We feel that the age fixed for enjoying the facility as 75 above is very much on the higher side, since the percentage that live above 75 is very meagre. We, therefore, request you to kindly explore the possibility of extending the facility to all above the age of 70.

We are sure that you, in your positive and pragmatic approach, will definitely look into the issues pointed out and resolve them favourably at the earliest.

Kind Regards  
Sincerely yours,



G. L. Jogi  
General Secretary

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1. Respected Dr Manoj Jain, Director/ CGHS, for taking an expeditious action to address the aforesaid discrimination.
2. Respected Dr V.K. Sharma, Addl DDG HQs, for information and n/ a PI.