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**SNPWA CHQ /Hon MOH& FW/ 2/ 25. Dated 24th March, 25**

To

Res Sh J.P. Nadda,  
Hon MOH& FW,  
New Delhi.

**Sub: Proposal for Inclusion of Essential and Critical Life Saving Vaccines under CGHS for Senior Citizens.**

Respected Sir,

The Sanchar Nigam Pensioners' Welfare Association (SNPWA), representing a vast body of senior citizens and pensioners across the country, wishes to draw your esteemed and decisive intervention towards resolution of following Critical health Care issue that could significantly enhance the healthcare services offered under CGHS, particularly for senior citizens and thus ensure they live with dignity, without getting badly disabled and dependent.

**Your kind and expeditious intervention will undoubtedly reinforce repeated assertions of Hon PM that Health Care of Senior Citizens needs to be accorded highest priority and resolution of their Crucial issues has to be dealt with on a war footing basis by Govt. Health Care Agencies.**

## **Inclusion of Vaccines for Preventable Diseases**

It is well documented that 12.8% of deaths in India occur due to respiratory diseases such as Asthma, COPD, Pulmonary Fibrosis, and Bronchitis, with a staggering 9.4% of these affecting individuals above 60 years of age. The vulnerability of the elderly to infections is further compounded by weakened immunity, making them prone to complications arising from otherwise preventable diseases. **Needless to say, these Vaccines are mandatory in developed and developing Countries.**

To mitigate this alarming and lethal propensity that elders have towards these fatal Respiratory diseases, it becomes inevitable and imperative on part of CGHS Authorities to include the following Life Saving Vaccines under CGHS coverage for Senior Citizens:

**Influenza Vaccine (FLU):** To prevent seasonal influenza, which can lead to severe respiratory complications in the elderly. This Vaccine is mandatory for people suffering from Astma, COPD, Lung Fibrosis etc etc. Not taking this Vaccine can have deadly consequences

**Pneumococcal Vaccine:** To protect against pneumonia and other invasive pneumococcal diseases that disproportionately affect the elderly. This is also to be mandatorily administered to all those suffering from above mentioned Lung Diseases. **Hepatitis A & B Vaccines:** To

safeguard the liver from viral infections, which can become life-threatening in senior citizens with compromised immune systems.

**Vaccination of senior citizens is an internationally recommended preventive measure that can drastically reduce hospital admissions, lower healthcare costs, and improve the quality of life for beneficiaries**

We therefore, strongly and fervently plead and urge upon your Hon Self that these vaccines be included in the CGHS list of reimbursable preventive healthcare services for senior citizens.

**Hon Sir, It is really incomprehensible, rather intriguing, as to how and why inclusion of these Critical Life Saving Vaccines under CGHS mechanism continues to elude, thus completely defeating the oft repeated and persistent emphasis of the Hon PM to Public Health Agencies to treat Health Care of Senior Citizens on utmost priority**

One of the understandable and obvious reasons could be the Acute Financial Constraints that CGHS has been and continues to face. That is precisely, Hon Sir, where your effective and decisive personal intervention is solicited.

**Hon Finance minister and the bureaucracy in M.O.F has to be elaborately and indepth apprised about the inevitable need and deafening merits of allocation of funds to meet the dire needs of the CGHS Beneficiaries to get vaccinated unfailingly and also to fulfill the mandate of the Hon PM with regard to meeting the imperative and Life Saving needs of the Senior Citizens.**

Hon Sir, we are confident that this issue receives your very very personal intervention for very obvious reasons.

Warm Regards  
Sincerely Yours



( G.L.Jogi)  
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1. Respected Ms Nirmala Sitharaman, Hon Finance Minister. She is requested to direct Policy Makers in M.O.F to give a thought provoking and dispassionate consideration for allocation of required funds based on glaring facts mentioned above.
2. Sh T.V.Somanathan, Cabinet Secretary for n/ a please.
3. Dr Manoj Govil, Secretary/ Finance, for n/ a please.
4. Respected Ms Punya Salila Srivastava, Secy/ MOH& FW, for n/ a please.
5. Respected Ms Roli Singh, DGCGHS, for taking effective and decisive action towards resolution of this Critical issue.
6. Sh. Manshvi Singh, JS, for n/ a please.
7. Dr Sateesh. Y. H. Director/ CGHS. He is requested to initiate appropriate action towards resolution