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Dr. Chandrasekhar Pemmasani, Hon. Minister of State for Communications, Government of India, New Delhi

Respected Sir,

Sub: Request for Sanction of Additional Director (Admin) and Joint Director (Poly Clinic) for the Divided Andhra Pradesh State - Reg.

We, representing the largest pensioners' association in the Telecom sector with a membership exceeding 80,000 nationwide, extend our warm greetings to you as the new Minister of State for Communications. Congratulations on your historic appointment as the first representative from Andhra Pradesh to assume such a pivotal role.

There are nearly 26,000 central government employees and pensioners in Visakhapatnam who rely on empanelled hospitals for their medical needs. Unfortunately, these hospitals have faced significant delays in reimbursements, amounting to several crores of rupees, causing them to hesitate in treating patients despite having modern infrastructure and highly qualified doctors. Under these circumstances, many central government employees and eligible employees of central public sector undertakings prefer treatment from CGHS, which has been functioning effectively.

It is essential to further improve the wellness centers with adequate sanctioned staff. It is concerning that the establishment of the offices of Additional Director (Administration) and Joint Director (Poly Clinic) for CGHS in the divided Andhra Pradesh state has not been done yet. Unlike other states in India, Andhra Pradesh, bifurcated in 2014, does not have these key positions filled.

As a result, empanelled hospitals and pharmacies are hesitant to provide services to central government employees on CGHS cards due to abnormally delayed payments in A.P. Presently, all bill payments are forwarded to the AD (Admin) CGHS at Hyderabad, Telangana state, for approval and payment.

We humbly request you to use your good offices to take up this matter with the Ministry of Health to establish the offices of Additional Director (Administration) and Joint Director (Poly Clinic) for CGHS in Visakhapatnam, in the broader interests of the people of Andhra Pradesh.

Once again, congratulations on your well-deserved appointment. We wish you every success in your new role.

Thanking You Sir,

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Yours faithfully

(V. Vara Prasad) General Secretary