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Shri Ashutosh Gangal, General Manager, Northern Railway, Baroda House, New Delhi - 110001

Dear Sir,

Subject: MEDICAL FACILITIES URGENTLY REQUIRED IN CHANDIGARH TRI-CITY:

- 1. We solicit your kind attention towards the serious problems being faced by the Railway Pensioners & other Beneficiaries, especially the old aged Pensioners & their dependents residing in Chandigarh, Panchkula & Mohali (Tri-city) due to lack of requisite Medical and health care facilities.
- 2. a) Health Unit, Chandigarh lacks all basic facilities and is located at far end of the city. Patients avoid going there on both these counts and are forced to go to the overcrowded Government Hospitals or to the nearby Private Hospitals for their treatment.
- b) Health Unit has only one Doctor instead of two Doctors originally sanctioned for the same. Adequate Paramedical Staff is also not provided for.
 - c) There is no Specialist to attend to any Emergency.
- d) There is no Emergency Ward or even a bed for a serious patient to lie down nor an Oxygen Cylinder or any other requisite facility to meet an Emergency.
- e) There is no Ambulance available, nor any public or private vehicle available anywhere around the Health Unit to rush the patient to an empanelled Hospital after getting a referral from the Railway Doctor.
- f) Many patients have to return home empty handed and have to make multiple trips to the Health Unit either due to the Doctor being away on leave etc or due to nonavailability of the prescribed medicines in the stock which have to be recouped from the Divisional Hospital Ambala or through Local purchase by CMS UMB. It is horrifying for the seriously and chronically sick patients to make multiple trips to the Health Unit to get the prescribed medicines.
 - 3. It is earnestly requested that the following facilities may please be provided in **Chandigarh Health Unit:**
 - a) Provision of requisite staff in the Health Unit, Chandigarh with at least one more Doctor on regular basis and Specialised Doctors on rotation, another Pharmacist, and a Nurse and other staff as per yard stick & original sanction.
 - b) Provision of requisite facilities like Path Lab, X-Ray, ECG, an Emergency Ward and an Ambulance with requisite facilities thereof.

- c) Increase in the Stock of Medicines of Health Unit Chandigarh to reduce waiting time and multiple visits by the Patients to get the prescribed medicines.
- d)The doctor incharge of HU/CDG be given powers for local purchase of medicines.
- 4. <u>Up-gradation of Health Unit, Chandigarh to Sub-Divisional Hospital -:</u>
- . Keeping in view the rising strength of Railway Beneficiaries in the tri-city particularly on account of diversion of many more Trains through Chandigarh and settlement of many more pensioners in the tri-city of Chandigarh, Panchkula and Mohali, the NR Health Unit Chandigarh be upgraded as a Sub-Divisional Hospital and be located on the main entrance side of the Chandigarh Railway Station so as to be more conveniently accessible to the patients.
- 5. Lock-up Dispensories at Mohali & Sector 17 (reservation Office) Chandigarh:

The present Health Unit is located far away beyond the Chandigarh Railway Station at an average distance of 15 to 20 kilometers from Mohali and 10 to 15 Kilometers from most parts of Chandigarh with no Public Transport available to and fro the HU, thus making it very cumbersome & costly for the patients to reach the Health Unit for consulting the Railway Doctor, to get the prescribed medicines or to get a referral for an empanelled Hospital etc.

It is therefore requested to please:

- a) Set up a Lock-Up dispensary at Mohali station since a number of pensioners are settled in Mohali area and beyond.
- b) Provide a Lock up dispensary at Chandigarh Reservation office, (ISBT) Sector 17, Chandigarh for the benefit of Chandigarh settled railway beneficiaries..

Yours' truly,

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