

Subject :- Revision of Selection Procedure of Officer-in-Charge(OIC) of Polyclinics under Ex-Serviceman Contributory Scheme (ECHS)

Please find enclosed a copy of O/o the CGDA UO No-AT/IV/4807/ECHS/OIC dated 01.04.2025 on the above subject matter.

2. In this regard, it is intimated that O/o the CGDA vide their ibid dated 01.04.2025 has submitted that the procedure for Selection of OIC in ECHS Polyclinics may be considered in the light of extant instructions contained in GFR 2017 and relevant provisions of MoF(DoF) Manual for Procurement of Consultancy & Other services (updated June 2022) with due emphasis on the following:

a) All the ECHS Polyclinics may be headed only by medical professionals. Preference, if necessary, may be given to veterans from AMC/ADC, if there is an enabling policy for reserving posts for ex-servicemen.

b) In case such medical professionals are not available from AMC/ADC veterans, doctors with requisite qualifications and experience may be considered.

3. Further, O/o CGDA has also submitted for kind consideration that the manpower provisioning for the appointment of OIC of the ECHS Polyclinics may be akin to the pattern of CGHS Health/Wellness Centres which are invariably headed by Doctors and Dentists particularly in view of the associated functional advantages for efficient running of the Polyclinics and better customer satisfaction for ESM and their dependents. In this regard, it has been noticed that in the 405 ECHS Polyclinics, the number of Medical Officers posted as OIC is Nil.

4. The undersigned is directed to request that necessary instructions regarding qualification of OIC ECHS as per MoD letter dated 22.09.2003 may please be issued and consider the necessity of ECHS being headed by only Medical specialists/general practitioners etc.

5. This issues with the approval of FA(DS).

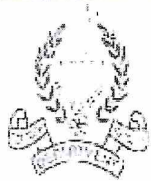

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Date 28/5/25
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MoD(F) ID No. 10(3)/DAD/C/2025/AFSP dated 05.05.2025

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Sub : Revision of Selection Procedure of Officer-in-Charge (OIC) of Polyclinics under Ex-Serviceman Contributory Scheme(ECHS).

Ref : GoI MoD letter No. 24(6)/03/US(WE)/D(Res) dated 22.09.2003.

Reference is invited to the MoD letter cited above which conveys, inter alia, the sanction and the selection procedure for Contractual Employment of Staff for Polyclinics under ECHS.

2. As per Annexure I to the ibid order, reservation of vacancies for OIC Polyclinics is 100% for Ex-Servicemen. Further, as per Appendix 'A' to the ibid letter, the qualification for Officer in-charge of Polyclinic is a Graduate with minimum 5 years work experience in health care institutes or in managerial positions. Para 7 of ibid Annexure also lays down procedure for selection of the candidate through interview by BOO and based on weightage of additional qualifications. However, it is observed that the MoD order ibid is silent with regard to background of the Ex-Servicemen applying for the post of OIC (Medical background or Non-medical background).

3. In this context, the following points are highlighted:

(a) ECHS Scheme was introduced vide MoD letter No. 22(I)/01/US(WE)/D(Res) dated 30.12.2002 to cater for Medicare for all Ex-Servicemen in receipt of pension including disability pension and family pensioners, as also dependents as applicable in CGHS. It would, therefore, be desirable that the time tested procedures of CGHS may be followed in respect of ECHS Polyclinics also.

(b) It is for consideration that the manpower provisioning for the appointment of OIC of the ECHS Polyclinics may be akin to the pattern of CGHS Health/Wellness Centers which are invariably headed by Doctors and Dentists particularly in view of the associated functional advantages for efficient running of the Polyclinics and better customer satisfaction for ESM and their dependents. In this regard, it has been noticed that in the 405 ECHS Polyclinics, the number of Medical Officers posted as OIC is NIL.

4. In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the procedure for Selection of OIC in ECHS Polyclinics may be considered in the light of extant instructions contained in GFR


2017 and relevant provisions of MoF (DoE) Manual for Procurement of Consultancy & Other Services (updated June 2022) with due emphasis on the following :

(a) All the ECHS Polyclinics may be headed only by medical professionals. Preference, if necessary, may be given to veterans from AMC/ADC, if there is an enabling policy for reserving posts for ex-servicemen.

b) In case such medical professionals are not available from AMC/ADC veterans, doctors with requisite qualifications and experience may be contracted.

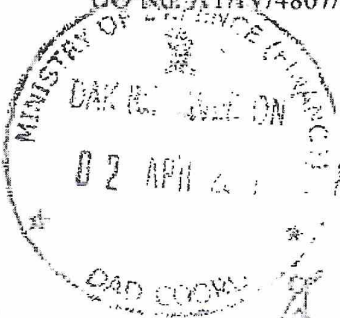
5. MoD(Finance) may kindly like to issue necessary instructions regarding qualification of OIC ECHS as per MoD letter dated 22.09.2003 and consider the necessity of ECHS being headed by only Medical specialists/general practitioners etc., in consultation with DoESW.

This issues with the approval of CGDA.


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