

## CHAPTER X: MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

### Department of Health

#### 10.1 Incorrect payment of Patient Care Allowance

**Additional Director, Central Government Health Scheme, incorrectly paid Patient Care Allowance of Rs 34.16 lakh to non-entitled Group-C ministerial staff.**

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare revised in January 1999 the rates of Patient Care Allowance (PCA) from Rs 140 to Rs 690 per month which were applicable only to Group 'C' and 'D' (Non-Ministerial) employees working in Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) dispensaries with effect from 29 December, 1998.

Scrutiny of records in the office of the Additional Director, CGHS revealed that Group 'C' employees comprising LDCs, UDCs and Office Superintendents etc. working in offices at Headquarters Nirman Bhawan, Zonal Offices (Nirman Bhawan, Sankar Road and R.K. Puram) and Medical Stores Depot, Mandir Marg were also paid PCA. Group-C ministerial staff not working in dispensaries were not entitled to PCA. Thus, payment of PCA of Rs 34.16 lakh for the period from 29 December 1998 to 28 February 2001 to such employees was incorrect. Details in respect of Group-D employees who were not working in CGHS dispensaries but were paid PCA could not be computed for want of details of these employees.

The matter was referred to the Ministry in August 2001; their reply was awaited as of November 2001.

#### 10.2 Follow up on Audit Reports

**Despite repeated instructions/recommendations of the Public Accounts Committee the ministry did not submit remedial/ corrective Action Taken Notes on one Audit Paragraph.**

Review of outstanding Action Taken Notes (ATNs) on paragraphs included in the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India - Union Government (Civil) as of 31 October 2001 revealed that the Ministry has failed to submit ATNs in respect of one Paragraph included in the Audit Report for the year ended March 1999 as detailed below:

*Report No. 2 of 2002 (Civil)*

<b>Number and year of the Audit Report</b>	<b>Paragraph Number</b>	<b>Subject</b>
2 of 2000	11.2	Loss on account of expired medicines

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