

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 208
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 11TH MARCH, 2016
LINKING OF AADHAAR CARD WITH CGHS CARD**

***208. SHRI P. KUMAR:**

Will the Minister of **HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has instructed the Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) beneficiaries to mandatorily enrol/link their CGHS cards with Aadhaar Cards in their respective dispensaries; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the benefits likely to be accrued to the beneficiaries therefrom?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)**

(a) & (b): A statement is laid on the Table of the House

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA
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(a) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has issued an Office Memorandum No. Z-15025/11/201-DIR CGHS dated the 10th July 2015 requesting the Ministries/Departments concerned to motivate their employees availing CGHS to link their Aadhaar Numbers with the CGHS database either online themselves through the CGHS portal or through the CMO-in-charge of their dispensary.

Central Government employees/pensioners applying for new CGHS cards/new plastic cards have the option to provide Aadhaar Number for entering the number in CGHS database.

Linking of CGHS beneficiary ID number with Aadhaar number is purely on a voluntary basis.

(b) Linkage of Aadhaar number with CGHS ID will facilitate consolidation of all health-related data bases and enable more convenient access to various E-services in the future.
