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*Dear Shri Antony*

I wish to bring to your attention the plight of Short Service Commissioned Officers (SSCOs) and other ex-servicemen/women (Emergency Commissioned Officers) who are being denied medical facility by the Government.

These officers include thousands who joined the Indian Army as a national duty in the wake of Chinese aggression on our nation in 1962 and served the nation when their services were needed the most. These soldiers do not earn pensions (as they had to leave before the mandatory 20 years of service). However, they were entitled to use canteen facility at the CSD (I) and medical facility.

For unknown reasons, the Director General of Medical Services ( DGMS) arbitrarily withdrew this medical facility in 1999 which was challenged, and the Armed Forces Tribunal, Chandigarh, in its Judgment, asked the Government to restore the medical facility to ex-servicemen within three months – which has not been done till date.

If this is true, I am sure you will agree that it is disconcerting, and I request your urgent intervention on this matter to ensure that this medical facility is restored to these ex-servicemen/women at the earliest.

Yours Sincerely,

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