1. This year, ECHS Seminar was held on 15 and 16 Jul 09 at HQ Western Comd, Chandimandir. The theme of this seminar was 'ECHS – the way ahead'. The Seminar was attended by eminent ex servicemen, senior serving offrs of the three services as also prominent heads of corporate hospitals and ECHS functionaries. The Seminar report is under prep and would be disseminated in due course.

2. One of the suggestions received was to examine instituting of consultation by appointment at the polyclinics. It was decided to implement this suggestion on trial basis in the polyclinics. While consultation by appointment may be a practical proposition in low-pressure polyclinics in the forenoon (peak hours), the same would not be true for high pressure polyclinics. Nominating one MO for consultation on prior appointment basis for afternoon in high pressure polyclinics would be more appropriate.

3. HQ Comds are therefore advised to institute the system of consultation by appointments wef 13 Aug 09. The system could be monitored and refined on as required basis in consultation with members of station ECHS advisory committee.

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