Subject: Phased Programme for Implementation of ESI Scheme for the year 2011-2012 (Revised) and 2012-2013.

Sir,

The ESI Scheme is being implemented area-wise in a phased manner. As per the provisions of the ESI Act, the administration of medical care rests with the concerned State Governments. Accordingly, a phased programme for implementing the scheme is formulated every year in consultation with the State Govts., Directors of Medical Services and the Regional Directors of ESI Corporation. As in the previous years, this year also, proposals for preparation of phased programme for the year 2011-2012 (Revised) and 2012-2013 were called for from all State Govts. However, only a few State Govts./Directors of Medical Services have sent their proposals for inclusion in the phased programme. The phased programme has, therefore, been prepared based on the proposals received from the State Governments, and from the Regional Directors.

I am enclosing a copy of the phased programme for implementation of the scheme in non-implemented areas for the year 2011-2012 (Revised) and 2012-2013 with the request that necessary steps may be taken on priority basis for implementing the scheme in the areas shown in the phased programme as per Annexure-I & II.

Arrangements for delivery of medical care may be made by setting up of separate dispensaries or through IMP Clinics. Areas having less than 1000 employees have not been included in the phased programme. However, in case the scheme can
be implemented in such areas located in the periphery of existing implemented areas by attaching them with existing dispensary, the Corporation would welcome proposals.

The need for accelerating the pace of implementation of the scheme in new areas has been emphasized time and again in meetings of the Standing Committee/ESI Corporation.

In order to assist the State Governments, the Corporation bears the entire expenditure on medical care for an initial period of 3 years (5 years in case of North-Eastern States) in case of implementation of the scheme to new areas, subject to the condition that a separate account of expenditure is maintained and a certificate to that effect is submitted to the Corporation. The ceiling of expenditure on medical care per insured person family unit per annum has also been further enhanced from Rs.1,000/- to Rs.1,200/- w.e.f. 01.04.2009.

It is hoped that keeping in view the concerns expressed in various fora for speeding up the pace of implementation, the State Governments will take steps to complete the necessary arrangements in the areas included in the phased programme for delivery of medical care to the insured persons and their family members before the target date so as to enable the Corporation to take further action for issue of notification(s) well in time for implementing the scheme in time.

Receipt of this letter may kindly be acknowledged.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

( R.C. SHARMA )
DIRECTOR (P&D)

Encl.: As Above.
Copy forwarded to:

1. All Directors Medical Services/Administrative Medical Officer.
2. The Regional Director, ESI Corporation, for pursuing the matter with the State Government for speeding up implementation of scheme as per phased programme. The matter may be discussed with the concerned Secretary/Director CM) to get implementation proposals expedited to Hqrs. Office. Regional Director may please monitor personally submission of medical plan, estimates, revenue demarcation etc. both by the State Government and from the Regional Office itself as per targets fixed and discuss at the highest level so that we could achieve the targets. He may also consider discussing the phased programme and achievement of the targets in the Regional Board Meetings. It is expected that with vigorous persuasion at personal level by the Regional Directors, the scheme can be implemented in more areas during the year 2011-2012 and 2012-2013.

3. All SSMCs/SMCs, ESI Corporation, for information and necessary action. It is requested that implementation proposals may be persuade with the respective State Govts. vigorously for implementation of the Scheme in new areas by the targets fixed.

4. Actuaria l Br./ Budget Cell/ Medical-I/ Medical-II/ Hindi Section, Hqrs. for information.

The Jt. Director (System), Hqrs. for placing this circular on the website.

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(H. K. Mehta)

DEPUTY DIRECTOR (P&D)