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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Foundation Stone for Renovation and Upgradation of ESIC Model Hospital, Beltola, Guwahati laid on 06.10.2017**

**Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar, Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Labour & Employment, Govt. of India laid the foundation stone for renovation and upgradation of ESIC Model Hospital, Beltola, Guwahati on 06.10.2017. While addressing the gathering, he said that, this hospital will prove a boon for the beneficiaries of ESI Scheme in North Eastern Region in general and beneficiaries of Guwahati in particular. He also stated that Govt. of India is giving special focus on labour welfare and development of North – Eastern States. Ministry of Labour & Employment is all geared up to for the betterment of the life of the working class of this region.**

Hon'ble Minister informed that with the upgradation and renovation of **ESIC Model Hospital, Beltola, Guwahati**, all the indoor and outdoor facilities viz. OPDs, 24x7 Emergency Service, ICU, Operation theatres, Pathology Rooms, Radiology, Physiotherapy, Wards, etc. will be made available. The Hon'ble Minister appreciated ESIC for upgrading this hospital to 100 bedded, and due to which more than 2 lakh Insured Person and around 7.00 lakhs family members from North Eastern Region will be benefited.

**Shri Pallab Lochan Das**, Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Labour & Employment, Tea Tribes Welfare, Revenue, Disaster Management & Power, Govt. of Assam appreciated and thanked the efforts of Hon'ble Union Labour and Employment Minister and was full of praise for the reforms undertaken by the Union Govt. **Smt. Bijoya Chakravarty**, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha also thanked the Hon'ble Union Minister for upgradation of ESIC Model Hospital and said that this Hospital would be exclusively run for the benefit of insured persons and their family members under ESI Scheme.

**Smt. M. Sathiyavathy**, Secretary, Ministry of Labour & Employment, Govt. of India also spoke on the occasion and reiterated that Ministry of Labour & Employment, Govt. of India is taking decisions keeping in view of the principle of the workers' welfare and well being.

The other dignitaries to grace the occasion were **Shri Atul Bora**, Hon'ble Member of Legislative Assembly, Dispur Constituency, **Shri Siddharta Bhattacharya**, Hon'ble Member of Legislative Assembly, Guwahati East Constituency, **Shri Raj Kumar**, Director General, ESIC, **Shri Rajeev Arora**, Jt. Secretary, Ministry of Labour & Employment, Govt. of India and other senior Officers from Ministry of Labour & Employment, Govt. of India and ESIC.

**ESI Scheme in India**

The Employees' State Insurance Corporation is a pioneer Social Security organization providing comprehensive social security benefits like reasonable Medical Care and a range of Cash Benefits in times of need such as employment injury, sickness, death etc. The ESI Act applies to premises/precincts where 10 or more persons are employed. The employees drawing wages up to Rs.21,000/- a month are entitled to health insurance cover and other benefits, under the ESI Act. The Act now applies to over 8.98 lakh factories and establishments across the country, benefiting about 3.19 crores family units of workers. As of now, the total beneficiary population of ESI Scheme stands over 12.37 crores. Ever since its inception in 1952, the ESI Corporation has, so far, set up 155 Hospitals, 1459/188 Dispensaries / ISM Units, 815 Branch/Pay Offices and 64 Regional & Sub-Regional Offices.

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