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Foundation stone laying of New OPD Block and dedication of ESIC Medical College & Hospital, Sanathnagar, Hyderabad (Telangana) on 21.08.2019

Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar, Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Labour & Employment, Govt. of India laid the foundation stone of New OPD Block and dedicated ESIC Medical College & Hospital, Sanathnagar, Hyderabad to the nation on **21st August, 2019**. **Shri G. Kishan Reddy, Hon'ble Minister of State for Home Affairs, Govt. of India** was the **Chief Guest** of this function.

The other dignitaries to grace the occasion were **Shri Chamakura Malla Reddy**, Hon'ble Minister for Labour & Employment, Factories, Women & Child Welfare & Skill Development, Govt. of Telangana, **Shri Bandaru Dattatreya**, Former Hon'ble Union Minister of State(I.C.) for Labour & Employment, **Shri Heeralal Samaria**, Secretary, Labour & Employment, Govt. of India, **Shri Raj Kumar**, Director General, ESIC and **Ms. Kolanu Lakshmi Reddy**, Hon'ble Corporator, Sanathnagar Ward, Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation.

Addressing the gathering, Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar, Hon'ble LEM said that the proposed new OPD Block will provide services viz., ENT, Ophthalmology, General Medicine, Audio & Speech therapy, Dermatology, Pulmonology etc. He also said that ESIC Medical College & Hospital, Sanathnagar has been constructed with a project cost of Rs. 534 Crores. The college has an annual intake of 100 seats for MBBS. The 50% seats are reserved for wards of Insured Persons covered under ESI Act. The 150 bedded Super Specialty & 470 bedded College Hospital is equipped with state of the art equipment like Modular Operation Theatres(MOT), ICU, CT Scan, MRI Scan etc. and provides quality medical services. He also added that the beds capacity of hospital will be further extended, if needed. During the event, an audio visual about New OPD Block and ESIC Medical College & Hospital, Sanathnagar was also screened.

He also informed that Govt. of India has taken the decision of reduction of ESI contributions rates being paid by employees and employers covered under ESI Scheme from 6.5% (Employees' share 1.75% & Employers' share 4.75%) to 4% (Employees' share 0.75% & Employers' share 3.25%). From this reduction, around 3.6 crore employees and 12.85 lakhs employers will be benefitted. He further informed that ESIC has taken many decisions like opening of underutilized ESIC Hospitals for Non-IPs with nominal charges of Rs. 10/- for OPD Consultation, at 25% of CGHS package rates for IPD and medicines on actual rate, Starting of Atal Bimit Vyakti Kalyan Yojana, recruitment drive for the post of para-medical staff to meet the shortage of staff in ESIC Hospitals etc. He also informed the crowd about the Pradhan Manti - Shram Yogi Man Dhan Yojna (PM-SYM) started by Govt. of India for workers of unorganised sector.

Shri G. Kishan Reddy, Hon'ble Minister of State for Home Affairs, Govt. of India and **Shri Chamakura Malla Reddy, Hon'ble Minister for Labour & Employment, Factories, Women & Child Welfare & Skill Development, Govt. of Telangana**, also addressed the gathering and thanked Hon'ble Minister Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar and welcomed the opening of new OPD Block and dedication of ESIC Medical College & Hospital, Sanathnagar. Shri Chamakura Malla Reddy also appreciated the efforts being made by Central Govt. towards providing better medical facilities to the worker population.

ESI Scheme in Telangana

The ESI Scheme was implemented in the State of Telangana w.e.f. 01.05.1955. The Scheme was first implemented in Twin cities of Hyderabad and Secunderabad and thereafter extended to other geographical areas over the years in the State. Now, the scheme is implemented in entire 31 districts of Telangana covering more than 18.18 lakh insured persons working in about 62500 factories/establishments, thereby catering to the needs of more than 70.53 lakh beneficiaries.

The Scheme is administered in Telangana State through a network of one Regional Office, Hyderabad, Sixteen Branch Offices and one Dispensary cum Branch Office (DCBO). The cashless medical care is provided through a network of 70 Dispensaries, two Diagnostic Centers, four Hospitals run by the State Government, one Medical College & Hospital and one ESIC Super Speciality Hospital. Besides, there are a good number tie-up Private Medical Care Institutions all over the state for providing treatment for such ailments for which treatment facilities do not exist

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 12.11 lakh factories and establishments across the country, benefiting about 3.50 crores family units of workers. As of now, the total beneficiary population of ESI Scheme stands over 13.32 crores. Ever since its inception in 1952, the ESI Corporation has, so far, set up 154 Hospitals, 1500/148 Dispensaries / ISM Units, 815 Branch/Pay Offices and 63 Regional & Sub-Regional Offices.
