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**Press Release**

- **ESIC to allow Non - IPs to avail medical services from its underutilized Hospitals**
- **Exemption limit for payment of employees 'share of contribution enhanced from Rs. 137 to Rs. 176.**
- **Recruitment of around 5200 various posts in ESIC under way**
- **Approval of Annual Report & Accounts for the F.Y. 2017-18**

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The ESI Corporation during its 176<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 05.12.18 under the Chairmanship of **Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar, Hon'ble Minister of State for Labour & Employment (Independent Charge), Govt. of India** has taken some very important decisions towards improvements in its service delivery mechanism.

The other dignitaries participating in the meeting were Shri Heera Lal Samaria, IAS, Secretary, Labour & Employment, Govt. of India, Sh. Raj Kumar, IAS, Director General, ESIC, Sh. Manish Gupta, IAS, Jt. Secretary, Labour & Employment, Govt. of India, Ms. Sandhya Shukla, IA & AS, Financial Commissioner, ESIC and Ms. Garima Bhagat, IRS, CVO, ESIC, Representatives of Employees and Employers and Hon'ble ESI Corporation Members, representatives of State Govts. and Officers of MoL&E and ESIC. Following important decisions were taken during the meeting:

1. In the meeting, It was decided to allow Non-IPs avail medical services from underutilized ESIC Hospitals after levying User Charges at a subsidized cost of Rs. 10/- for OPD Consultation, at 25% of CGHS package rates for IPD and to provide medicines on actual rate initially for one year on pilot basis. It will immensely help common people get the quality medical care at very low cost. Besides, it will ensure full utilization of resources of hospital for people cause.

2. Keeping in view the rise in the National Floor Level Minimum Wages to Rs. 176/-, It was decided in the meeting to Enhance the exemption limit for payment of employees' share of contribution from Rs. 137 to Rs. 176.
3. Recruitment to the various posts under ESIC is under process. The posts for which recruitment process has started/likely to start to are that of Social Security Officer (539 vacancies), Insurance Medical Officer Grade-II (771 vacancies), Junior Engineers (79 vacancies), Teaching Faculty- Professors, Associate Professors, Assistant Professors (206 vacancies), Specialists Gr. II (330 vacancies), Paramedical & Nursing Cadre (2768 vacancies) and UDC & Steno (500 vacancies). Over all, aprox. 5200 posts for different posts/cadres as mentioned above are in process of recruitment.
4. The audited Annual Accounts of the ESIC for the year 2017-18 alongwith the Report of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India and draft Annual Report for the year 2017-18 were adopted in the meeting for onwards forwarding these to Central Government.
5. To meet the shortage of specialist/super specialist doctors in some of the ESIC Hospitals, the ESIC approved for hiring of full time contractual specialists/super specialists in the department of Anaesthesia, Medicine, Surgery, Pediatrics, Gyne, Ortho, Cardiology, Nephrology and Medical Oncology after inviting open tender.
6. Besides above, around 20 other Agenda items pertaining to improvement in services/benefits to Insured Persons and other administrative matter were deliberated upon and approved during the meeting.

### **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 10.33 lakh factories and establishments across the country, benefiting about 3.43 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, 1489/174 Dispensaries / ISM Units, 815 Branch/Pay Offices and 63 Regional & Sub-Regional Offices.

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