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**Foundation Stone Laying of ESI Dispensary & ESIC Branch Office
at Koratty, Thrissur (Kerala) on 23.09.2013**

Shri Kodikunnil Suresh, Hon'ble Minister of State for Labour & Employment, Govt. of India laid the foundation stone of ESI Dispensary & ESIC Branch Office at Koratty, Thrissur, (Kerala) on 23.09.2013. **Shri K.P. Dhanapalan, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha** presided over the function.

While addressing the gathering, Hon'ble Union Minister, L&E informed about the new initiatives and upcoming projects of ESIC and other Deptts. of Ministry of Labour & Employment, Govt. of India. The distinguished speakers appreciated the efforts of Hon'ble Union Minister in this regard.

ESIC is continuously expanding its infrastructure and the network of health service delivery to reach out to maximum number of beneficiaries. With a focus on Kerala in Thrissur District, now ESIC is constructing a building for a 3 Doctor Type ESI Dispensary and ESIC Branch Office at Koratty to cater to the medical care of Insured Persons and their family members who live in the vicinity. The proposed building for ESI Dispensary and Branch Office will be constructed with an estimated cost of Rs. 3.31 crores. This building for Dispensary will follow the norms of Medical Council of India.

Kerala Region is administratively set up of one Regional Office at Trichur, three Sub-Regional Offices at Ernakulum, Kollam and Kozhikode. Cash Benefits are disbursed through 52 Branch Offices. The ESI Corporation is directly running 04 ESIC Hospitals in the State at Parippally, Asramam (Kollam), Ezhukone (Kollam) and Udyogamandal (Ernakulam). The Corporation has entered into tie up arrangements for providing cashless treatment with around 70 reputed Hospitals. Besides this, a huge network of State run 9 ESI Hospitals and 138 ESI Dispensaries are providing medical care in Kerala. In addition to these, the construction of an ESIC Medical College at Parippally is in full swing.

The ESI Scheme today stands implemented at over 807 centers in 29 states and union territories. The Act now applies to over 5.80 lakh factories and establishments across the country, benefiting about 1.71 crores family units of workers. As of now, the total beneficiary population of ESI Scheme stands over 6.64 crores. Ever since its inception in 1952, the ESI Corporation has, so far, set up 151 Hospitals and 34 Model Hospitals, 1372/91 dispensaries/ISM Units, 804 Branch/Pay Offices and 61 Regional/Sub-Regional and Divisional Offices.

The function had the gracious presence of Shri B.D. Devassy, Hon'ble Member of Legislative Assembly, Shri V. Radhakrishnan, Hon'ble Member, ESIC, Smt. Leela Subramannian, Hon'ble Vice President, District Panchayat, Shri Dennis K. Antony, Hon'ble President, Block Panchayat, Smt. Vanaja Divakaran, Hon'ble Vice President, Block Panchayat, Shri Manesh Sebastian, Hon'ble President, Gram Panchayat, Smt. Mercy Sebastian, Hon'ble Vice President, Gram Panchayat and Smt. Gracy Babu, Hon'ble Member, Gram Panchayat and Shri S.C. Chakraborty, Insurance Commissioner, ESIC.