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Launching of ESI Scheme in the North-East States/UT

For providing better health services to the stakeholders covered under ESI Scheme, a series of Health Reforms Agenda under ESIC 2.0 including plan of extending coverage of ESI Scheme in the States/UTs of Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Manipur and Andaman & Nicobar Island were launched by Hon'ble Prime Minister of India during the Indian Labour Conference on 20.07.2015. Hon'ble Prime Minister had very kindly given direction to implement all Health Reforms Agenda within the stipulated time and has fixed extending the ESI coverage to the above mentioned States within a stipulated time frame. Pursuant to the direction of Hon'ble Prime Minister, the ESI Scheme has been started in the Mizoram w.e.f. 01.12.2015 and in the other States it is likely to be implemented by 31.12.2015.

Presently, the ESI Scheme is implemented in 31 States/Union Territories. Now, the States/UTs of Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Manipur and Andaman & Nicobar Island are being covered under ESI Scheme, under the close/day-to-day supervision of **Shri Deepak Kumar, Director General, ESIC.**

The ESI Corporation is a social security organization that provides reasonable medical care and cash benefits in the contingencies of Sickness, Maternity, Disablement, Death due to employment injury, Unemployment Allowance and other benefits to the beneficiaries. Now, these various benefits of ESI Scheme will be available to the workers and their family members of the States/UTs of Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Mizoram and Andaman & Nicobar Island who get covered under ESI Scheme, after notification.

After the notification of the ESI Scheme under section 1(3) the respective States/UT can increase the span and depth of coverage under section 1(5) of the ESI Act.

The ESI Scheme applies to factories and other establishment's viz. Road Transport, Hotels, Restaurants, Cinemas, Newspaper, Shops, and Educational/Medical Institutions wherein 10 or more persons are employed. However, in some States threshold limit for coverage of establishments is still 20. Employees of the aforesaid categories of factories and establishments, drawing wages upto Rs.15,000/- a month, are entitled to social security cover under the ESI Act. ESI Corporation has also decided to extend the benefits of the ESI Scheme to the workers deployed on the construction sites located in the implemented areas under ESI Scheme w.e.f. 1st August, 2015.

The Act now applies to over 7.23 lakh factories and establishments across the country, benefiting about 2.03 crores family units of workers. As of now, the total beneficiary population of ESI Scheme stands over 7.89 crores. Ever since its inception in 1952, the ESI Corporation has, so far, set up 151 Hospitals, 1459/188 Dispensaries / ISM Units, 812 Branch/Pay Offices and 61 Regional & Sub-Regional/Divisional Offices.

