

## **ESIC's hospitals and dispensaries website [www.esichospitals.gov.in](http://www.esichospitals.gov.in) launched today**

Shri Bandaru Dattatreya, Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Labour & Employment, Govt. of India today launched the new website of Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) [www.esichospitals.gov.in](http://www.esichospitals.gov.in) Shri Shankar Aggarwal, Secretary ( Labour & Employment), Shri Deepak Kumar, Director General, ESIC and officers from Ministry of Labour & Employment , ESIC and media persons were present on the occasion.

Speaking after launching the website, Shri Bandaru Dattatreya, Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Labour & Employment, Govt. of India said that under the Digital India initiative, the Hon'ble Prime Minister had launched 'ESIC 2.0: HEALTH REFORM AGENDA' on 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2015. He said that the new website launched today is an extension of the activities envisaged under the 'ESIC 2.0: HEALTH REFORM AGENDA'. He also said that this new website will provide hassle-free service to its Insured Persons to seek and book appointment with specialist doctors in any of the 36 ESIC Hospitals across India at his or her convenience from anywhere any time.

Shri Shankar Aggarwal, Secretary ( Labour & Employment) said that this is an unique achievement of ESIC and will go a long way in providing hassle free services to the Insured Persons. He wished all the best to ESIC and hoped that ESIC will further introduce new initiatives and steps to improve its functioning.

Shri Deepak Kumar, Director General, ESIC said that at ESIC, it has been a continuous process to introduce many stakeholders – friendly initiatives and referred to the 'ESIC 2.0: HEALTH REFORM AGENDA' launched during July, 2015 under which many new steps have already been introduced. He also said that all out efforts are being made to bring ESIC coverage in the uncovered areas.

The new website offers a host of hassle-free features to the ESIC Insured Persons and their beneficiaries. This will also include booking of online appointment with ESIC specialist doctors for treatment on a convenient date according to location and specialties of treatment available in all 36 ESIC hospitals throughout India. The website is dynamic, easy and has separate pages for each 36 ESIC hospitals linked to one single website "www. esichospitals.gov.in" It is a networking of all ESIC Hospitals, so that an Insured Person or his beneficiary can log on and visit any of the 36 hospitals and find out the speciality area in which treatment is offered by the particular hospital and can book and appointment. The process of booking is very simple – the Insured Person has to indentify the hospital, refer to the facilities of treatment available and see the profile of the doctor and select the doctor and mention the required date of appointment and mention his name, insurance number and mobile number. Once the appointment of an Insured Person is accepted and booked, he or she will be informed by an SMS on the mobile confirming the booking. The facility for feedback system is in place for rating the doctors.

### **ESI Scheme in India**

The Employees' State Insurance Corporation is a pioneer Social Security organization providing comprehensive social security benefits like complete 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. 15,000/- a month are entitled to health insurance cover and other benefits, under the ESI Act. 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 (36 ESIC Hopitals & 115 State run ESI Hospitals), 1459/188 Dispensaries / ISM Units, 812 Branch/Pay Offices and 61 Regional & Sub-Regional/Divisional Offices.

