



**Headquarters**  
**Employees' State Insurance Corporation**  
(ISO 9001-2008 certified)  
Panchdeep Bhawan, CIG Road, New Delhi-110002

No.: E-13/12/5/12-P.R.

Dated: 26<sup>nd</sup> February, 2012

**PRESS RELEASE**

**FOUNDATION STONE LAYING OF ESIC SUB-REGIONAL OFFICE BUILDING**  
**HUBLI, KARNATAKA**

With a view to provide better services to the stakeholders, ESIC has established a new and modern Sub-Regional Office with all facilities at Hubli in Karnataka. The new office will be constructed on 3.36 acres of land allotted by HDMC.

**Shri Mallikarjun Kharge, Hon'ble Union Minister of Labour and Employment laid the foundation stone for ESIC Sub-Regional Office building on 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2012 at 10.30 a.m. Shri Jagdish Shetter, Hon'ble Minister for Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Government of Karnataka will presided over the function.**

The New building of SRO office at Hubli will be Built over an area of 3800 sq. mt. with an estimated cost of Rs. 20 crores This Building will be completed in 15 months of time. However the SRO, Hubli was established on 1.8.1998 to cater to the needs of ESIC stakeholders in and around Hubli.

The ESI Scheme was first implemented in Karnataka in Bangalore District on 27.7.1958 covering about 48,000 workers. At present, the ESI Scheme has been extended to 37 centers and 136 sub-centers spread over 25 of the 29 revenue districts of the State. As on date, more than 14.80 lakh Insured Persons, employed in about 28,704 factories / establishments are covered under the ESI Scheme in Karnataka State. In order to cater to the needs of Insured Persons and Employers more efficiently, besides its Regional Office at Bangalore, the ESIC is operating through 3 Sub-Regional Offices at Hubli, Peenya and Bommasandra and also a Divisional Office at Gulbarga. In the state of Karnataka, medical care under ESI Scheme is administered through a chain of 103 ESI Hospitals and 8 ESI Hospitals. Out of the 8 ESI Hospitals, the Model Hospital at Rajajinagar with Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences and Research is directly run by ESIC. For super-speciality cashless treatment, ESIC has made tie-up arrangement with 80 private hospitals/ nursing homes in Karnataka.

In order to facilitate the Insured Persons in and around Gokul area and also as per the request of trade and industrial establishments of Gokul area and Hubli, it is proposed to start one ESI Dispensary in the area very soon.

Launched in 1952, the ESI Scheme today is implemented at over 790 centers in 29 states and Union Territories. The Act now applies to over 4.43 lakh factories and establishments across the country, benefitting about 1.55 crore family units of workers. As of now, the total beneficiary population stands at over 6.02 crore. ESIC has so far set up 150 hospitals and 42 annexes. Primary and out-patient medical services are provided through a network of about 1496 ESI Dispensaries and 1447 panel clinics.

ESIC has completed its Diamond Jubilee on 24.2.2012 and entered into its 61<sup>st</sup> years of its existence. During the Diamond Jubilee Year, the Corporation announced a number of customer friendly measures which has already been fulfilled. ESIC stands committed to offer hassle-free services to its stakeholders.

The foundation stone laying ceremony was also be graced by the presence of Shri Prahalad Joshi, Hon'ble Member of Parliament ( Lok Sabha), Dharwad, Shri Chandraknat G. Bellad, Hon'ble M.L.A., Hubli-Dharwad West & Chairman, K.B.A.D.A., Bangalore, Shri Veeranna Mathikatti, Hon'ble M.L.C, Shri Basavaraj Horatti, Hon'ble M.L.C., Shri Srinivas Mane, Hon'ble M.L.C., Shri Mohan A. Limbikai, Hon'ble M.L.C., Shri Veerabhadrapa H. Halaharavi, Hon'ble M.L.A., Hubli- Dharwad East, Shri S.I. Chikkanagoudar, Hon'ble M.L.A., Kudangol, Shri Shankar Patil Munenkoppa, Hon'ble M.L.A., Navalgund, Smt. Poorna Sudhir Patil, Worshipful Mayor, Hubli-Dharwad Municipal Corporation, Shri Shantappa B. Devakki, Hon'ble Corporator, Navanagar, Hubli and Shri C.M. Managundi, Hon'ble Corporator, Navanagar, Hubli

---