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Inauguration of ESIC Divisional Office, Kozhikode (Kerala)

The inauguration of ESIC Divisional Office, Kozhikode (Kerala) was held on 8th December, 2012 by Shri Kodikunnil Suresh, Hon'ble Minister of State for Labour & Employment, Govt. of India. Shri M.K. Raghavan, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha presided over the function.

With the increasing coverage and in order to provide speedy and hassle free service to the Insured Persons and Employers, Divisional Office at Kozhikode has been commissioned. The Divisional Office will be catering to the needs of Insured Persons and employers located in the Districts of Malappuram, Kozhikode, Kannur, Kasaragod & Wynad of Kerala. The total number of Insured Persons and Employers in these districts are around 1 lakh and 5,604 respectively. The Divisional Office, Kozhikode comprises of 11 Branch Offices, 29 Dispensaries and 2 ESI Hospitals run by State Government.

For providing Super-speciality treatment to the Insured Persons, the Corporation has entered into tie up arrangements for providing cashless treatment with around 68 Hospitals, out of which 18 are in the jurisdiction area of Divisional Office, Kozhikode.

The ESI Scheme in Kerala was first implemented in September, 1956 and as on today, a total of 29 thousand factories and establishments involving 6.25 lakhs employees are covered under the ESI Act. The total number of beneficiaries in this State is about 25 lakhs. The employees of these units and their families are provided full medical care including Super-Speciality, besides various cash benefits. Kerala Region is administratively set up of One Regional Office at Trichur, two Sub Regions, one at Ernakulum & Kollam and one Divisional Office at Kozhikode.

The ESI Corporation is directly running 04 ESIC Hospitals in the State at Parippally, Asramam (Kollam), Ezhukone (Kollam) and Udyogamandal (Ernakulam). The ESIC Hospital at Asramam is a Model and Super Speciality Hospital. Besides this, a huge network of State run 9 ESI Hospitals and 138 ESI Dispensaries are providing medical care in Kerala.

The Employees' State Insurance Act was promulgated in the year 1948 and ESI Scheme was launched on 24th February, 1952 at two industrial centers in the country, namely, Kanpur and Delhi. The ESI Act applies to any 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. Keeping pace with the progress of industrialization, the 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, benefitting about 1.71 crores family units of workers. As of now, the total beneficiary population of ESI Scheme stands over 6.63 crores. Ever since its inception in 1952, the ESI Corporation has, so far, set up 150 Hospitals and 32 Model Hospitals, 1372/91 dispensaries / ISM Units, 804 Branch/Pay Offices and 59 Regional/Sub-Regional and Divisional Offices.

The function had the gracious presence of Prof. A.K. Premajam, Worshipful Mayor, Kozhikode Corporation, Smt. Jameela Kanathil, Hon'ble President, Kozhikode District Panchayat, Shri K. Suresh Babu, Hon'ble Member, ESIC, Shri T.K. Bhattacharyya, Commissioner(P&A), ESIC and Dr. S.R. Chauhan, Medical Commissioner, ESIC.

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