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**FOUNDATION STONE LAYING OF ESIC MEDICAL COLLEGE & HOSPITAL,  
BHUBANESWAR ON 02.03.2014**

**Shri Oscar Fernades, Hon'ble Union Minister of Labour & Employment and Road Transport & Highways** laid the foundation stone of ESIC Medical College & Hospital, Bhubaneswar on 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2014. Shri Srikant Kumar Jena, Hon'ble Minister of State for Chemicals & Fertilizers and Statistics & Programme Implementation (I/C), Govt. of India was Chief Guest of the function. Shri Bijayshree Routray, Hon'ble Minister of Labour & ESI and Forest & Environment, Govt. of Odisha presided over the function.

While addressing the gathering, Hon'ble Union Minister of L&E said that this Medical College and hospital with in-patient and out-patient treatment, super speciality treatment, medical education and research facilities will be constructed in area of 25 acres of land at estimated cost of Rs.701.00 crore. This first medical college and hospital of ESIC in Bhubaneswar will be able to cater the health care of more than 3.30 lakh family units and 13.00 lakh beneficiaries covered under ESI Act in the whole of Odisha.

The distinguished speakers appreciated the initiatives of Union Ministry of Labour & Employment for bringing this ESIC Medical College & Hospital in Odisha State. Shri Rama Chandra Khuntia, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha & Member ESIC raised a demand for setting up one more Medical College in Odisha State for which Hon'ble Union Minister, L&E assured full assistance. The distinguished speakers also appreciated the good work of ESIC Officials in providing benefits under ESI Scheme.

**ESI Scheme in Odisha**

The ESI Scheme was implemented in Odisha in January, 1960 at five industrial centres, viz. Bajrajnagar, Cuttack, Choudwar, Baranga and Rajganpur with about 2300 Insured Persons. Today, the ESI Act applies to over 15000 factories and establishments benefitting about 3.30 lakhs family units and a beneficiary population of about 13.20 lakhs. The ESI Scheme now operates through one Regional Office at Bhubaneswar, one Camp Office at Rourkela and 24 Branch Offices spread across the entire length and breadth of the State. These Branch Offices provide cash benefits to Insured Persons under ESI Scheme. The medical arrangement is administered through a net work of 5 ESI Hospitals and 45 ESI Dispensaries functioning through the Directorate of ESI Scheme of Govt. of Odisha. A 50 bedded ESI Model Hospital established in May, 2003 is catering to the medical needs of ESI beneficiaries of Western Odisha. For providing hassle free and cashless super specialty treatment, ESIC has entered into arrangements with tie-up hospitals/ medical institutions in the state.

**ESI Scheme in India**

The Employees' State Insurance Act was promulgated in the year 1948 and ESI Scheme was launched on 24th February, 1952 at two industrial centres 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 810 centers in 30 states and union territories. The Act now applies to over 6.66 lakh factories and establishments across the country, benefitting about 1.86 crores family units of workers. As of now, the total beneficiary population of ESI Scheme stands over 7.21 crores. Ever since its inception in 1952, the ESI Corporation has, so far, set up 151 Hospitals and 34 Model Hospitals, 1384/127 dispensaries/ISM Units, 624/184 Branch/Pay Offices, 61 Regional/Sub-Regional/Divisional Offices.

The function had the gracious presence of Shri Rama Chandra Khuntia, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha and Member, ESIC, Dr. Pransanna Kumar Patasani, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha, Smt. Laxmi Priya Pradhan, Hon'ble Sarpach, Andhaura Panchayat and Smt. Sanjuta Praharaj, Hon'ble Samiti Sabhya, Andhaura Panchayat