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Foundation stone laying of ESIC Hospital at Goshamahal, Hyderabad on 28.11.2015

Shri Bandaru Dattatreya, Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Labour & Employment, Govt. of India laid the foundation stone of 100 bedded ESIC Hospital at Goshamahal, Hyderabad, Telangana in the august presence of Janab Md. Mohamood Ali, Hon'ble Dy. Chief Minister, Revenue, Relief & Rehabilitation, ULC, Stamps & Registration, Govt. of Telangana on 28.11.2015. The function was presided over by Shri Nayini Narasimha Reddy, Hon'ble Minister for Home, Prisons, Fire Services, Sainik Welfare, Labour & Employment, Govt. of Telangana.

Shri Bandaru Dattatreya, Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Labour & Employment, Govt. of India announced that ESI Corporation will provide all medical facilities to working class in the organized sector as well as for the un-organized sector like construction site workers, auto-rickshaw drivers and many more, while addressing the gathering. Sh. Dattatreya, Hon'ble Minister also informed about various upgradation and new initiatives for improving the new medical facilities of ESI Scheme in the State of Telangana. Shri Dattatreya also briefed about the recent initiatives of Ministry of Labour & Employment, Govt. of India for the benefits of working class of India, which are:-

- Online availability of Electronic Health Record of ESI Beneficiaries (Insured Persons and their family members)
- Abhiyan Indradhanush: Ensuring the change of bedsheet daily according to VIBGYOR pattern
- ESIC has also launched an independent **Public Grievance Module 2.0** from 15.08.2015 for lodging ESIC related Grievance online through ESIC website 'www.esic.in' or 'www.esic.nic.in'. The Insured Persons, Employers and General Public now can lodge their grievance/complaints online through this module anytime, anywhere.
- **Medical Helpline No. 1800 11 3839** for seeking guidance in emergency.
- **Special OPD for Sr. Citizens and differently-abled persons** in ESIC hospitals.
- **Construction site Workers has also been covered** to avail benefits under the ESI Scheme w.e.f. 1st August, 2015.
- **Appropriate Queue Management System** in every Hospital for helping in registration and pharmacy
- **To Start ESI Scheme in 4 North-East States/UTs.**
- **To cover entire 393 implemented districts.**

Janab Md. Mohamood Ali, Hon'ble Dy. Chief Minister, Revenue, Relief & Rehabilitation, ULC, Stamps & Registration, Govt. of Telangana while giving his address thanked Shri Dattatreya for bringing this state-of-the-art ESIC Hospital in the State of Telangana. He also appreciated ESIC for providing medical care services to lower wage workers covered under ESI Scheme.

Shri Nayini Narasimha Reddy, Hon'ble Minister for Home, Prisons, Fire Services, Sainik Welfare, Labour & Employment, Govt. of Telangana requested the Sh. Dattatreya, Hon'ble Minister, to open similar type of hospital in other area of Telangana. He also informed that this hospital will cover all the 12 ESI Dispensaries of the Goshamahal area. This hospital will provide medical care services to the approx. 1 lakhs Insured Persons (IPs) and 5.32 lakhs beneficiaries. ESIC is going to construct within the available land of around three acres in the existing dispensary at Goshamahal. This state-of-the-art hospital will have all the modern amenities and equipped with state of the art equipments and will provide indoor, outdoor, emergency and diagnostic services etc. to the ESI Beneficiaries.

The other dignitaries to grace the occasion were Shri T. Raja Singh, Hon'ble Member of Legislative Assembly, Goshamahal, Hyderabad, ESIC, Dr. R.K. Kataria, Medical Commissioner, ESIC, Dr. P.K. Jain, Sr.State Medical Commissioner, ESIC, Andhra Pradesh, Dr. Balraj Bhandar, Medical Superintendent, ESIC Hospital, Sanathnagar, Hyderabad, Shri R.S. Rao, Regional Director, ESIC, Hyderabad, Smt. K. Padma, Jt. Director (IMS), ESI Scheme, Govt. of Telangana. Other prominent local leaders of the area were also presented.

ESI Scheme in Telangana

The ESI Scheme was first introduced in the state of Telangana in the twin cities of Hyderabad and Secunderabad on 01.05.1955. Subsequently, the Scheme was implemented in the coastal areas of Vijayawada, Guntur, Eluru, and Visakhapatnam with effect from 09.10.1955. With the passage of time, the Scheme has been extended in a phased manner to several industrial centres. Currently, the Scheme is implemented in 131 centres.

In the State of Telangana, the ESI services provided through 19 Branch Offices / Pay offices, 6 ESI Hospitals, 70 ESI Dispensaries, 28 Panel Clinics and 2 Diagnostic Centres. There are 10.75 Lakhs of Insured Persons with 41.73 Lakhs of Beneficiaries. The ESI Scheme has been also extended to Educational and Medical Institution w.e.f. 14 October, 2008 in Telangana State.

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, 1459/188 Dispensaries / ISM Units, 812 Branch/Pay Offices and 61 Regional & Sub-Regional/Divisional Offices.
