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**INAUGURATION OF ESIC MEDICAL COLLEGE BUILDING, MANDI, HIMACHAL PRADESH
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Shri Oscar Fernades, Hon'ble Union Minister of Labour & Employment and Road Transport & Highways inaugurated ESIC Medical College Building, Mandi on 5th March, 2014 at 10.00 am. **Shri Virbhadra Singh, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Himachal Pradesh was the Chief Guest of the function.**

While addressing the gathering, Hon'ble Union Minister of Labour & Employment, said that this ESIC Medical College and hospital in Himachal Pradesh with in-patient and out-patient treatment, super speciality treatment, medical education and research facilities will cater the health care of more than 2.00 lakhs insured person/family units covered under ESI Act in the whole of Himachal Pradesh.

He also said that ESIC has started 07 Post Graduate Institutes of Medical Sciences & Research (PGIMSR), 04 ESIC medical colleges, 01 Dental College, 01 Nursing College and 01 Para Medical Institute. The admission process has been completed in UG course (MBBS) for the academic session 2013-14 in four ESIC Medical Colleges located in the States of West Bengal, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka. For providing medical education to the wards of insured persons (workers in the organized sector), reservation has also been made in the admission to UG courses (MBBS) in these medical colleges under 'ESIC Management Quota' as per admission policy and procedure approved by Central Govt. Hon'ble Union Labour Minister, also launched Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana by distributing Smart Cards to the auto/taxi drivers of Mandi area.

The distinguished speakers appreciated the initiatives of Union Ministry of Labour & Employment for bringing this ESIC Medical College & Hospital in Himachal Pradesh State. The distinguished speakers also appreciated the good work of ESIC Officials in providing benefits under ESI Scheme.

ESIC Medical College, Mandi

Employees' State Insurance Corporation has constructed the Medical College building in Mandi, Himachal Pradesh with facilities like In-patient Department (IPD) block, Out-patient Department (OPD) block, operation theatre and diagnostic centre in this hospital. 500 beds, eight operation theatres, MRI scan, CT scan, labs, most modern equipment, quarters and hostel, residence, student auditorium with seating capacity of 800 students, the big spacious library with a capacity of 200 inside and 200 outside and lecture theatre for 100 students in the first year and subsequent academic session for staff and students are also provided in this medical college building campus. The medical college is built on 32 acre land and with estimated cost of Rs.750 crore. It will offer a great opportunity for the local aspirant students to study medicine and life sciences.

ESI Scheme in Himachal Pradesh

The ESI scheme started in Himachal Pradesh in 1977, and till April 2003, the scheme used to be administered in the State by the Regional Director, Punjab. At that time, there were only three branch offices in HP at Parwanoo, Baddi and Paonta Sahib. At present the scheme has been implemented in Solan, Parwanoo, Baddi, Barotiwala, and Nalagarh in Solan District, Municipal Areas of Shimla and Shogi in Shimla Distt., Paonta Sahib and Kala Amb in Sirmour Distt. and Mehatpur in Una Distt. The number of insured persons has reached to 2,11,126. New places like Una, Bilaspur and Mandi Distt. have been notified.

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 cash 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 with over 6.66 lakh factories and establishments covered across the country, benefiting 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 ESI dispensaries/ISM Units, 624/184 Branch/Pay Offices, 61 Regional/Sub-Regional/Divisional Offices.

The function had the gracious presence of **Shri G.S. Bali, Hon'ble Minister of Transport, Civil Supply and Technical Education, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh, Shri Kaul Singh Thakur, Hon'ble Minister of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh, Shri Anil Sharma, Hon'ble Minister of Rural Development & Animal Husbandry, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh, Shri Prakash Chaudhary, Hon'ble Minister of Excise & Taxation and Printing & Stationary, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh and Shri A.K. Agarwal, Director General, ESIC.**

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