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Covering all the Construction Workers under ESI Scheme

ESIC is now going to cover the Construction site Workers under the ESI Scheme thereby enabling them to avail benefits of complete medical care (from primary to tertiary medical care), as well as a range of cash benefits in times of exigencies of employment injury, death, disablement, maternity and unemployment. The construction workers are considered to be part of un-organized sector, but keeping in view the fact that they are highly prone to accidents and sickness etc., the Central Government has decided to go ahead for extending the coverage of ESIC's social security to them.

Construction activity has been covered by the ESIC under Sec. 1(5) treating them as commercial establishment. The coverage under ESIC to a construction unit will be extended u/s 2(12) also, if in any part of the construction unit, manufacturing process, as defined under Factory Act, is carried on.

Now, the ESI Corporation is going ahead with coverage of construction workers. It may also be noted that the State Govts. of Delhi and Karnataka have earlier requested ESIC for extending its coverage to construction site workers.

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