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INAUGURATION OF EXHIBITION CUM AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON THE INITIATIVES OF MINISTRY OF LABOUR & EMPLOYMENT, GOVT. OF INDIA AT HYDERABAD, TELANGANA ON 31.05.2015

Shri Bandaru Dattatreya, Hon'ble Minister of State (IC) for Labour & Employment, Govt. of India inaugurated an Exhibition cum Awareness Programme on the initiatives of Ministry of Labour & Employment, Govt. of India at Hyderabad, Telangana on 31.05.2015. A Health Check-up was also organized by the Employees' State Insurance Corporation during this event. While inaugurating the exhibition cum awareness programme, Hon'ble Minister said that Union Labour & Employment Ministry is committed to provide the best possible services to our India's largest workforce so that they are healthy and productive; and are able to give their best for the development of our national economy. He informed the Media about various efforts put up by Union Ministry of Labour & Employment to herald an era of doing business with ease, amending and modifying the archaic labour laws, increasing job opportunities, providing social security cover to the workers and skill development of the youth.

He also appreciated the ESIC and EPFO for launching of E-Governance Project to bring efficiency, transparency and accountability in its various operations.

While addressing the gathering, **Shri A.K. Agarwal, Director General, ESIC** said that ESIC has taken many new steps for giving better cash benefits and medical services to the stakeholders of ESIC. He informed that ESIC has initiated the payment of ESIC contributions through payment gateway of State Bank of India (SBI) and 58 other banks. He also said that for empowering the States and to strengthen the review & monitoring mechanism of the medical care delivery system, a State Executive Committee has been constituted in every State which will have delegated powers to improve the medical infrastructure at primary level. For executing special repair works. The State executive Committee will monitor the functioning of Insurance Medical Practitioners (IMPs), will have a periodic review of the reports of the Local Committees and may carry out independent inspections of ESI medical facilities. The ceiling on medical expenditure to be reimbursed to the States has been raised from Rs. 1500/- per year to Rs. 2000/- per Insured Person per year w.e.f. 2014-15. The ceiling will be further increased by Rs.150/- Per Insured Person per year for the next five years starting from 1st April, 2015. The ESI Corporation has also decided to enhance the exemption limit from payment of employees' contribution for employees drawing wages upto Rs. 137/- per day from existing Rs. 100/- per day.

For achieving the objective of simplifying business regulations in labour inspection, the new Inspection Scheme of ESIC has been integrated with Shram Suvidha Portal of the Ministry of Labour & Employment.

Dr. S.R. Chauhan, Medical Commissioner and Shri U.Venkeswarlu, Financial Commissioner from ESIC were also present in the event.
