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**INAUGURATION OF ESIC SUB-REGIONAL OFFICE AT VIJAYAWADA, ANDHRA PRADESH  
ON 30.05.2015**

While inaugurating the new building of ESIC Sub-Regional Office at Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh on 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2015, **Shri Bandaru Dattatreya, Hon'ble Minister of State (IC) for Labour & Employment, Govt. of India** 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 also stated the recent initiatives of ESIC such as launching of E-Governance Project to bring efficiency, transparency and accountability in its various operations. Aimed at Employers, ESIC has initiated the payment of ESIC contributions through net banking. For achieving the objective of simplifying business regulations in labour inspection, the new Inspection Scheme of ESIC has been integrated with Shram Suidha Portal of the Ministry of Labour & Employment.

**Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu, Hon'ble Union Minister for Urban Development, Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation and Parliamentary Affairs** also recounted the efforts of ESI Corporation made for the welfare of workers as well employers in order to bring transparency by good governance with use of technology. He was speaking as **Chief Guest** in the inaugural function.

Later in the day, Sh. Bandaru Dattatreya inspected the ESI Hospital, Vijayawada and also addressed a Press Meet where 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.

**ESI Scheme in Andhra Pradesh:**

The ESI Scheme was introduced in Andhra Pradesh in the twin cities of Hyderabad and Secunderabad on 01.05.1955. With the passage of time, the Scheme has been extended in a phased manner to several industrial centres all over Andhra Pradesh and today the Scheme covers 190 centres.

To enable effective administration, easy accessibility and early settlement of claims and grievances of the ESIC beneficiaries and employers, **the ESIC Sub-Regional Office, Vijayawada** was set up on 28.04.2003 in a hired building at Gandhinagar by bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh Region. At present, the number of Insured Persons under SRO, Vijaywada is 3.46 lakhs and the beneficiaries are more than 9.2 lakhs. As on 31.12.2014, 10,713 employers are covered under ESI Act. There are 08 Branch Offices, 07 Inspection Divisions and 1 Pay Office functioning under the jurisdiction of SRO, Vijayawada. Medical Benefit is provided through 2 ESI Hospitals, 41 ESI Dispensaries, 17 panel clinics and one ESI Diagnostic Centre at Sulluerpet.

For ease of workers and to provide a better work environment to its employees, the new building of SRO, Vijayawada is constructed adjacent to the ESI Hospital at Gunadala in a sprawling area of 27.45 acres with all modern amenities and also comprises of staff quarters.

#### **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 815 centers in 31 states and union territories. The Act now applies to over 6.70 lakh factories and establishments across the country, benefiting about 1.95 crores family units of workers. As of now, the total beneficiary population of ESI Scheme stands over 7.58 crores. The ESI Corporation has, so far, set up 151 Hospitals including 36 Model Hospitals, 1418/140 ESI dispensaries/ISM Units, 627/185 Branch/Pay Offices, 61 Regional/Sub-Regional/Divisional Offices.

The other dignitaries who graced the occasion were **Shri Kamineni Srinivas, Hon'ble Health & Medical Education Minister, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, Smt. Gadde Anuradha, Hon'ble Chairperson of Zilla Parishad, Krishna Distt., Shri Boddu Nageswara Rao, Hon'ble Member of Legislative Council, Smt. Devineni Aparna, Hon'ble Corporator and Shri Anil Kumar Agarwal, Director General, ESIC.**

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