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ESIC must work for Quality Medical Care to India's workforce – says Sh. Bandaru Dattatreya, Hon'ble Minister of State for Labour & Employment (Independent Charge), Govt. of India

ESIC approves its Annual Report and Annual Accounts for the year 2013-14

Shri Bandaru Dattatreya, Hon'ble Minister of State for Labour & Employment (Independent Charge), Govt. of India called upon the officers & staff of ESIC to work towards providing quality Medical Care for country's workforce. He also stressed upon the importance of physical activity in reducing illness.

The Employees' State Insurance Corporation today approved its Annual Report and Annual Accounts for the year 2013-14 for submitting to the Central Government and laying on the table of both Houses of the Parliament. Shri Bandaru Dattatreya, Hon'ble Minister of State for Labour & Employment (Independent Charge), Govt. of India chaired the 163rd meeting of the Corporation.

During the meeting, two booklets, one for Guidelines to the '**Employees**' and other for the '**Employers**' in Hindi & English languages were also released by the Hon'ble Minister. ESIC is committed to bringing improvement towards delivery of quality services; handling of grievances to its Stakeholders i.e. insured persons and employers. These booklets have all the necessary information for employees as well as for employers. These are being circulated in all regional languages all over India.

The Hon'ble Minister announced that the ESI Scheme is on the path of sustained growth. It is now catering to social security needs of more than 1.95 crores insured persons and their family members. The number of beneficiaries covered under the Scheme is now 7.58 crores. The salient achievements of ESIC during the year 2013-14 are:-

- The Scheme was implemented in 81 new areas, increasing the total no. of implemented centres to 815 during the year.
- The total no. of factories/establishments has gone up to 669880 this year as against 666161 units at the end of 31st March, 2013.
- The Corporation has incurred an expenditure of Rs. 5458.59 crores on medical and cash benefits of insured persons and their family members during the year.
- A total of 30.94 lakh Cash Benefit payments were made by the Corporation by its 627 Branch Offices and 185 Pay Offices during the year 2013-14.
- In order to deal with oral or written complaints/suggestions and grievances, Suvidha Samagam is being held in various field offices of ESIC i.e. at Regional Offices/Sub-Regional Offices/ESIC Hospitals on 2nd Wednesday and at ESIC Branch Offices on 2nd Friday of every month.

Sh. Anil Kumar Agarwal, Director General, ESIC briefed the tripartite body i.e. the Corporation about the following recent developments/achievements:-

- Decisions of the Corporation on the Report of the Sub-Committee on Medical Services & Medical Education (MSME) are under implementation.

- The issue of providing wider access to IPs under the General Health System and to non IPs at underutilized ESI Hospitals has been taken up with the state Governments. Karnataka and Chattisgarh have identified two areas each for pilot testing of the concept of providing wider access to IPs under the General Health system.
- Two MoUs with CPWD for execution of new construction projects have been finalized. Standard Plan for 100 bed hospital, 5 doctor dispensary and 3 doctor dispensary has been finalized.
- About 44 lakh patients attended OPD of ESIC Hospitals and dispensaries, and about 85000 patients were admitted at IPD of ESIC Hospitals during August to November, 2014.

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