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Foundation Stone laid for Extension of ESI Hospital, Asansol, West Bengal on 25.08.2015

While addressing the gathering during the foundation stone laying ceremony, **Shri Babul Supriyo, Hon'ble Minister of State for Urban Development and Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation, Govt. of India** said that the ESI Corporation under the Govt. of India is committed to work for the welfare of workers. In order to provide social security benefits and for providing the best Medical services to the Insured Persons and their families of Asansol area, the ESI Corporation decided to extend this existing 100 bedded ESI Hospital to 150 bedded Hospital. After extension, this Hospital will have all the modern amenities and equipped with state of the art equipments. It will be a multi-speciality hospital which provides indoor, outdoor, emergency and diagnostic services to the ESI Beneficiaries. The construction cost for extension of the Hospital will be Rs. 50 crore.

Shri Babul Supriyo, Hon'ble Minister of State for Urban Development and Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation, Govt. of India laid the foundation stone for extension of ESI Hospital from existing 100 bedded to 150 bedded on 25th August, 2015. Shri Chinmay Bose, Regional Director, ESIC, Kolkata, Dr.M.N. Roy, Sr. State Medical Commissioner Incharge, West Bengal and Shri A. Majumdar, Jt. Director Incharge, Sub-Regional Office, ESIC, Durgapur were also present in the function.

ESI Scheme in West Bengal

The ESI Scheme was first implemented in two Centres in the State of West Bengal on 14.08.1955 and thereafter, the Scheme was extended to 29 Centres covering 15 Districts of the State. Nearly 39402 factories and establishments in implemented centres have been brought under the purview of the ESI Act, 1948. A total no. of 1154370 employees are covered under the Scheme. Similarly, 1225150 Insured Persons are receiving various benefits under the ESI Scheme. Further a total No. of 4753582 family members of the Insured Persons are receiving various benefits under the ESI Scheme across the West Bengal State.

Further, in order to give Super Speciality Treatment to the Insured workers, the ESIC has made tie-up arrangement with 68 Private Hospitals spread across the West Bengal State. The primary & secondary care is provided through 392 Insurance Medical Practitioners, 44 ESI Dispensaries and 14 ESI Hospitals. The Scheme is being administered through the Regional Office functioning from Kolkata, with two Sub Regional Offices functioning from Barrackpore and Durgapur. There is a network of 62 Branch Offices and one Pay Office spread throughout the State to provide cash benefits to the stakeholders.

ESI Scheme in India

The Employees' State Insurance Corporation is a pioneer Social Security organization providing comprehensive social security benefits like complete Medical Care and a range of Cash Benefits in times of need such as employment injury, sickness, death etc. The ESI Act applies to 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. The Act now applies to over 7.23 lakh factories and establishments across the country, benefiting about 2.03 crores family units of workers. As of now, the total beneficiary population of ESI Scheme stands over 7.89 crores. Ever since its inception in 1952, the ESI Corporation has, so far, set up 151 Hospitals, 1418/140 Dispensaries / ISM Units, 812 Branch/Pay Offices and 61 Regional & Sub-Regional/Divisional Offices.
