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## **PRESS RELEASE**

- **ESIC enhanced the Benefit Rates for its Insured Persons**
  - **The Annual Budget for 2015-16 of ESIC approved**

The Employees' State Insurance Corporation approved new welfare measures for its Insured Persons, in its 164<sup>th</sup> Meeting. The Corporation approved additional financial assistance for the North Eastern States & Sikkim for medical care under the ESI Scheme.

Enhancement of the Permanent Disablement Benefit and Dependants' Benefit Rates was also approved for its Insured Persons in order to address the erosion in its real value due to inflation. The ESI Corporation has also enhanced the exemption limit from payment of employees' contribution for those employees earning Rs. 137/- per day. Earlier this limit was Rs. 100/- per day.

The Corporation approved for opening of a new 100 bedded ESIC Hospital in Pithampur, Madhya Pradesh. A new ESIC Model Hospital at Guntur for the State of Andhra Pradesh was also approved, in principle.

**Shri Bandaru Dattatreya, Hon'ble Minister of State for Labour & Employment (Independent Charge), Govt. of India chaired this 164<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Corporation on 18.02.2015.** The Annual Budget for the financial year 2015-16 of ESI Corporation was approved, today.

The Hon'ble Minister as well as the Members of the Corporation reiterated their commitment for protecting the interests of the Insured Persons of the ESI Scheme and the students of the ESIC Medical Colleges.

During the meeting, 03 separate Operational Manuals concerning functioning of the Insurance Medical Practitioners (IMPs); State Executive Committees and for Super Speciality Treatment (SST) were also released by the Hon'ble Minister. These manuals have the necessary instructions and information for functioning of IMPs, State Executive Committees and for ESIC/ESIS Hospitals handling Super Speciality Treatments. ESIC is committed to bringing improvement towards delivery of quality services.

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.

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