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Inauguration of ESI Dispensaries at Perinad and Poruvazhy (Kerala) on 10.01.2013

The inauguration of two ESI Dispensaries at Perinad & Peruvazhy, Kollam, (Kerala) was held on 10th January, 2013 by Shri Kodikunnil Suresh, Hon'ble Minister of State for Labour & Employment, Govt. of India.

ESI DISPENSARY AT PERINAD & PORUVAZHY:

To adapt with the changing health delivery scenario in the country and also to be the best in terms of infrastructure and other facilities, ESIC has started an ambitious programme for the modernization of its hospitals and dispensaries. For this, the ESI Corporation has constructed two ESI Dispensaries in Perinad and Poruvazhy for ensuring better health for the residents of these areas. These are three doctors dispensaries, built according to the norms of Medical Council of India. The total project cost of Perinad Dispensary is Rs. 2.16 crores and total project cost of Poruvazhy Dispensary is Rs. 2.23 crores and over 14113 Insured Persons are associated with these two ESI Dispensaries.

The functions had the gracious presence of Shri N. Peethambara Kurup, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha, Shri Kovoov Kunjumon, Hon'ble Member Legislative Assembly, Shri K. Suresh Babu, Hon'ble Member, ESIC, Shri A.K. Agarwal, Director General, ESIC and Hon'ble Presidents & Members of District/Block/Panchayats of the respective areas of Perinad & Poruvazhy. At both the places, tremendous public response was there, acknowledging the efforts of the ESI Corporation, Shri Kodikunnil Suresh, Hon'ble Minister of State for Labour & Employment, Govt. of India and Shri A.K. Agarwal, Director General, ESIC.

The ESI Scheme in Kerala was first implemented in September, 1956 and as on today, a total of 29 thousand factories and establishments involving 6.25 lakhs employees are covered under the ESI Act. The total number of beneficiaries in this State is about 25 lakhs. For providing Super-speciality treatment to Insured Persons, the Corporation has entered into tie up arrangements for providing cashless treatment with around 68 Hospitals. The employees of these units and their families are provided full medical care including Super-Speciality, besides various cash benefits. Kerala Region is administratively set up of One Regional Office at Trichur, two Sub Regions, one at Ernakulum & Kollam and one Divisional Office at Kozhikode.

In order to provide good medical care, the ESI Corporation is directly running 04 ESIC Hospitals in the State at Parippally, Asramam (Kollam), Ezhukone (Kollam) and Udyogamandal (Earnakulam). The ESIC Hospital at Asramam is a Model and Super Speciality Hospital. Besides this, a huge network of State run 9 ESI Hospitals and 138 ESI Dispensaries are providing medical care in Kerala.

The Employees' State Insurance Act was promulgated in the year 1948 and ESI Scheme was launched on 24th February, 1952 at two industrial centers 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 807 centers in 29 states and union territories. The Act now applies to over 5.80 lakh factories and establishments across the country, benefitting about 1.71 crores family units of workers. As of now, the total beneficiary population of ESI Scheme stands over 6.63 crores. Ever since its inception in 1952, the ESI Corporation has, so far, set up 150 Hospitals and 32 Model Hospitals, 1372/91 dispensaries / ISM Units, 804 Branch/Pay Offices and 59 Regional/Sub-Regional and Divisional Offices.

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