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**PRESS RELEASE**

- 1. Foundation Stone Laying of ESI Dispensary at Navaikulam & ESIC Branch Office, Kallambalam at Navaikulam, Kollam, Kerala on 20.04.2013**
- 2. Inauguration of New Building of ESIC Sub-Regional Office Kollam, Kerala and ESI Dispensary, Asramam, Kollam, Kerala on 20.04.2013**

**Shri Kodikunnil Suresh, Hon'ble Minister of State for Labour & Employment, Govt. of India** today inaugurated the buildings of ESIC Sub-Regional Office Kollam, Kerala and ESI Dispensary, Asramam, Kollam and got the work started by laying the foundation stone of ESI Dispensary, Navaikulam & ESIC Branch Office, Kallambalam at Navaikulam, Kollam Kerala on 20.04.2013.

Shri Suresh informed that in the last five months after taking over as Union Minister of State, Labour & Employment, he got completed the projects related to more than five ESI dispensaries, the office of DIMS including ESIC's Branch Office & Laison Office, Trivandrum, Branch Office at Ernakulam and today the building of SRO, Kollam.

He also appreciated the contribution of ESIC's senior officers, Shri P.K. Gurudasn, Hon'ble MLA, who got started the work related to SRO, Kollam and Shri N. Peethambara Kurup & Shri K. Suresh Babu both ESIC Board Members.

**A.) ESI Dispensary Navaikulam and ESIC Branch Office Kallambalam at Navaikulam, Trivandrum**

ESIC is continuously expanding its infrastructure and the network of health service delivery to reach out to maximum number of beneficiaries. With a focus on Kerala, ESIC is going to constructing a 4 Doctor ESI Dispensary Navaikulam and ESIC Branch Office Kallambalam at Navaikulam to cater the medical care and cash benefit needs of Insured Persons and their family members who live in the vicinity. The building for ESI Dispensary and Branch office will be constructed with an estimated cost of Rs 3.36 crores. This building for Dispensary will follow the norms of Medical Council of India.

The function had the gracious presence of Adv. A. Sampath, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha, Shri Varkala Kahar, Hon'ble Member of Legislative Assembly, Kerala, Shri K. Suresh Babu, Hon'ble Member, ESIC, Shri S.K.G. Rahate and Shri S.C. Chakraborty, Commissioner, Hqrs.

**B.) New Building of ESIC Sub-Regional Office Kollam, Kerala:-**

To adapt with the changing health scenario in the country and also to be in the best in terms of infrastructure and other facilities, ESIC has started an ambitious programme for the modernization of its existing hospitals, Dispensaries, offices and also started construction of new buildings for hospitals, Dispensaries and offices. The ESI has constructed a new multistoried building at Asramam, Kollam for

catering to the needs of Insured Persons and employers located in the Districts of Trivendrum, Kollam, Pathanamthitta and Alleppey. The total number of insured persons and employers in Kollam District is around 2.5 lakhs and 7152 respectively. This new building is constructed with a total project cost of Rs 5.48 crores.

**C.) ESI Dispensary at Asramam, Kollam (Kerala):**

ESIC has also constructed well-equipped building for a 4 Doctor ESI Dispensary at Asramam, Kollam with project cost of Rs. 3.27 crores. The building has been built in accordance with the norms of Medical Council of India.

The function had the gracious presence of Shri. K.N. Balagopal, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha, Smt. Prasanna Earnest, Worshipful Mayor (Kollam), Shri. P.K. Gurudasan, Hon'ble Member, Legislative Assembly, Kerala, Shri S. Jayamohan, Hon'ble President, District Panchayath, Smt. P. Sreekumari, Hon'ble Councillor, Corporation of Kollam, Shri K. Suresh Babu, Hon'ble Member, ESIC, Shri S.K.G. Rahate, Financial Commissioner, ESIC and Shri S.C. Chakraborty, Commissioner, ESIC.

**ESI Scheme in Kerala**

The ESI Scheme in Kerala was first implemented in September, 1956 and as on today, a total of 29000 factories and establishments involving 6.70 lakhs employees are covered under the ESI Act. The total number of beneficiaries in this State is about 33 lakhs. The employees of these units and their families are provided full medical care including Super-Speciality treatment. Kerala Region is administratively set up of one Regional Office at Trichur, two Sub-Region Offices at Ernakulum & Kollam and one Divisional Office at Kozhikode. Cash Benefits are disbursed through 52 Branch Offices.

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 (Ernakulam). The ESIC Hospital at Asramam is a Model and Super Speciality Hospital. For providing Super-speciality treatment to Insured Persons, the Corporation has entered into tie up arrangements for providing cashless treatment with around 70 Hospitals.

Besides this, a huge network of State run 9 ESI Hospitals and 138 ESI Dispensaries are providing medical care in Kerala. In addition to these, the construction of an ESIC Medical College at Parippally is in full swing. Besides this, newly constructed ESI Dispensary at Perinad, Poruvazhy and ESI Dispensary & Branch Office, Kottarakkara, Branch Office at Ernakulam, Directorate of Insurance Medical Services(DIMS), Kerala & ESIC Branch Office/Liaison Office building at Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala have been inaugurated and functioning. The foundation stones of ESI Dispensary at Vilakudy and Kadampanad. Kunnathur, Kollam have already been laid. There is other project which is under the pipeline in Kerala is Dispensary & Branch Office Bulding at Kulasekharapuram, Kollam with an estimated cost of Rs.3.25 crores.