

**Need to upgrade and modernize the ESI hospital at Joda in  
Keonjhar, Odisha.-laid**

**SHRI ANANTA NAYAK (KEONJHAR):** I wish to draw the attention towards the inadequate facilities at ESI Hospital, Joda, Keonjhar, Odisha. With the rapid increase in mining activities and the growing number of workers as well as industries, the existing medical infrastructure is insufficient to cater to their healthcare needs. Many workers are suffering from chronic diseases due to occupational hazards, and the lack of modern medical equipment and specialized treatment facilities is a major concern. I urge the Hon?ble Minister to upgrade the ESI Hospital with advanced medical equipment, specialist doctors, and enhanced infrastructure to ensure quality healthcare for the labour force. Strengthening this hospital will not only improve workers' health but also enhance productivity in the mining sector.