

Need for establishment of an ESI hospital at Ongole in Andhra Pradesh.-laid

SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY (ONGOLE): I would like to highlight a pressing issue faced by workers in Andhra Pradesh. My state has 26 districts but only 12 districts have ESI hospitals covering thereby leaving workers in the remaining districts without proper access to medical facilities. My Parliamentary Constituency, Ongole which is the district headquarters of Prakasam also lacks an ESI hospital, despite it being a home to 3003 small, medium, and major factories, employing over 86,000 workers. It is very concerning that in spite of having such a large workforce, the district lacks adequate medical facilities for these workers, who are unable to afford treatment at private hospitals. In view of this, public representatives, workers, and organizations like CITU (Centre of Indian Trade Unions) have repeatedly requested the establishment of an ESI Hospital in Ongole. This would not only provide much-needed healthcare to the workers but also serve the broader community. Given the district's size and the large number of industrial workers, I urge the Government to consider this request favorably. The establishment of an ESI hospital at Ongole would help enhance the welfare of the workers and their families and ensure they have access to proper medical care.