

Regarding Need for a 100-bedded ESI Hospital in Karur district, Tamil Nadu-laid

SUSHRI S. JOTHIMANI (KARUR): I wish to highlight an urgent issue concerning the welfare of Employees' State Insurance (ESI) beneficiaries in Karur district. As the fourth largest exporter of textiles in the country, Karur plays a vital role in India's economy, with around 65,000 ESI beneficiaries in the region. Currently, Karur only has an ESI dispensary, not a hospital. Beneficiaries are forced to travel to neighbouring districts like Trichy and Salem for ESI medical services. This is a hassle since most of the labour force consists of women and economically disadvantaged individuals. After my repeated efforts, the Ministry of Labour and Employment approved a 30-bed ESI hospital in Karur based on an initial estimate of around 30,000 beneficiaries. However, this number has significantly increased over time. As it stands, we have the eligibility for a 100-bed ESI hospital. I urge the Honourable Minister of Labour and Employment to approve the establishment of a 100-bed ESI hospital in Karur. This will provide much-needed healthcare access to the local workforce, reduce travel-related hardships, and improve the overall well-being of the community.