

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4001
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.08.2025**

UPGRADATION OF ESI HOSPITALS

4001. SHRI Y S AVINASH REDDY:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any plans to upgrade ESI hospitals into multi-speciality facilities to reduce dependence on private empanelled hospitals and enhance healthcare access for the workers and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) the manner in which the Government plans to utilise unused land adjoining ESI hospital buildings for infrastructural development in the country, State/UT-wise, particularly in Andhra Pradesh;**
- (c) the details of the measures taken by the Government to ensure adequate qualified staff and state-of-the-art facilities in ESI hospitals for specialised care;**
- (d) the manner in which the Government plans to ease the burden on general hospitals by expanding ESI hospital services and capacities; and**
- (e) the details of the steps taken by the Government to simplify the process of accessing medical care for ESI cardholders?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SUSHRI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE)**

(a) to (e): In order to provide good quality medical services to its beneficiaries, Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) is continuously making efforts to develop in - house specialty and super-specialty services by incorporating modern technologies in ESI hospitals itself. Some of the measures taken are: enhancement of bed strength, procurement of advanced medical equipment, establishing the intensive care unit (ICU) / high dependency unit (HDU) facilities as per ESIC guidelines, establishing new hospitals, use of unused land for upgradation and expansion of hospital infrastructure as per needs and demands, upgradation of user-friendly app for OPD appointments in order to streamline registration, reduce waiting time and enhance patient convenience etc.

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The major steps taken by ESIC to simplify the access of medical care for ESI card holders are as under:

- i) Collaboration with Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojna (PMJAY) to provide secondary and tertiary care medical services to ESI beneficiaries through PMJAY empanelled hospitals in the country at places where ESI medical services are not adequately available.**
- ii) Enhancement of rates of benefits for Permanent Disablement Benefit (PDB) / Dependents' Benefits (DB) Beneficiaries.**
- iii) Aadhar based authentication of Insured Persons & their family members on voluntary basis has been adopted for providing social security benefits, including medical and cash benefits to beneficiaries.**
- iv) For providing hassle - free services to Insured Persons (IPs) / Insured Women (IW), an online portal / facility has been started for submission of cash benefits claims under ESI scheme.**

Recruitment of doctors and staff in ESI hospitals is a continuous process. ESIC has recently issued offer of appointment to 1323 candidates, selected for the post of Insurance Medical Officer (IMO) Grade II, Specialist Gr II (Senior Scale / Junior Scale) and Teaching Faculty for posting in different ESIC Hospitals and Medical Colleges. ESIC has also recruited 2458 number of Nursing Officers. Further, ESIC has also taken necessary steps to fill up 832 vacancies of Nursing Officers, 243 vacancies of Assistant Professor and 11 vacancies of Dean. All Deans/Medical Superintendents of ESIC Medical Institutions have been authorized to hire the contractual Specialists/Teaching Faculty and Nursing & Paramedical Staff to address the shortage, if any, as per requirement.
