

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Number of ESI Hospitals/dispensaries is adequate in the country for treatment of workers;
- (b) if not, whether the Government is likely to consider opening of more hospitals/dispensaries;
- (c) the number of ESI hospitals/dispensaries available at present, State-wise;
- (d) whether they are functioning properly and suitable arrangements have been made for their maintenance;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNILALL)

(a) to (c): There are 138 ESI hospitals and 1452 ESI dispensaries working in the country. A statement showing number of these hospitals/dispensaries Statewise is annexed. These hospitals/dispensaries are considered adequate to meet medical care requirements of the insured persons covered under the ESI Scheme. New ESI hospitals/dispensaries are sanctioned/ opened as and when a proposal in this regard is submitted by the State Government and the same is found acceptable as per the norms prescribed by the ESI Corporation.

(d) to (f): The responsibility for administration of medical care under the ESI Scheme vests in the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations except in Delhi & NOIDA where it is being administered by the ESIC direct. Functioning of ESI hospitals/dispensaries is generally satisfactory. However, there have been sporadic complaints about shortage of doctors, nurses, medicines, dressings, equipments etc. in ESI hospitals/dispensaries. Such Complaints as and when received are forwarded to the concerned State Governments for taking appropriate remedial action. Necessary arrangement with the CPWD, PWD etc. has been made by the ESI Corporation and the State Governments for proper maintenance of ESI hospitals/dispensaries.