

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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CONDITION OF ESI HOSPITALS  
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**Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the poor condition of E.S.I. Hospitals;
- (b) if so, details thereof;
- (c) whether the plans have been formulated by the Government to improve the condition of E.S.I. Hospitals;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the amount to be allocated for the implementation of these schemes during the current financial year?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO)

- (a) & (b): The condition of ESI Hospitals and their working in the Country is generally satisfactory.
- (c) & (d): The measures being taken to further improve the facilities in various ESI Hospitals in the country interalia include the following:
  - i) Modernization of State Government run ESI Hospitals – Action plans have been drawn up to augment the availability of equipment and for upgrading and modernizing the diagnostic and clinical facilities.
  - ii) Tie up arrangements for speciality/super specialty services: To provide more comprehensive Medical services to Insured Persons and their families, tie-up arrangements with specialized hospitals have been made by various State Governments. Also a Revolving Fund mechanism has been put in place for easily accessing such services.
  - iii) Model Hospital Scheme – One hospital per State has been/is being taken over, with the consent of State Government concerned by ESI Corporation to be run directly so as to give financial relief to the State Governments. These hospitals are better equipped and their scope of services is being widened to provide comprehensive secondary care medical services.
  - iv) Augmenting funds for provision of medical care – The ceiling for reimbursement of expenditure on provision of medical care by State Government has been enhanced from Rs.750/- to Rs. 900/- per Insured Person family unit w.e.f. 1.4.2005.
- (e): In the budget of 2005-06 ESI Corporation has allocated Rs.823.98 crores for providing medical services.