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SMART CARD TO ESI BENEFICIARIES
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to issue Smart Cards to Employees State Insurance (ESI) beneficiaries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether such beneficiaries likely to avail the benefit of ESI hospitals in all parts of the country by using Smart Cards;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which the above facility is likely to be extended throughout the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) & (b): The ESI Corporation has embarked upon the IT-enablement Project "Panchdeep" which has five main components. The component 'Pehchan' covers issue of Smart Cards. All service-related issues pertaining to identification, authentication and verification of Insured Persons are covered under 'Pehchan'.

(c) to (d): Under the component of 'Pehchan', the ESI Corporation is going to issue two cards to Employees' State Insurance (ESI) Beneficiaries, one for the Insured Person and the other for the family of the beneficiaries. These cards will be accepted in all ESI Institutions including hospitals across the country.

(e): The facility is likely to be extended through out the country by September, 2010.