

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
LABOUR  
LOK SABHA**

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INDUSTRIAL WORKERS UNDER E.S.I. IN MADHYA PRADESH

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**Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of industrial workers covered under the Employees State Insurance Scheme (E.S.I.) in each state and the percentage of workers covered under the said scheme during each of the last two years, State-wise;
- (b) the number of hospitals and dispensaries run under ESI in each State as on date and the number of hospitals and dispensaries to be opened in States during the current financial year, State-wise;
- (c) whether some State Governments have asked to upgrade ESI hospitals in their States;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF LABOUR ( DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA

(a): A Statement showing number of industrial workers covered under the ESI Scheme during the last two years is at Annexure-I. There has been a marginal decline of 2.75% in coverage of the ESI during the last two years mainly due to general increase in wages enabling the employees to cross the wage limit prescribed for coverage under the ESI Scheme.

(b): A Statement showing the number of ESI hospitals and dispensaries, State-wise is at Annexure-II. New ESI hospitals and dispensaries are set up on need-basis keeping in view the norms/guidelines prescribed in this regard from time to time. During 2000-2001 the ESIC has sanctioned establishment of 19 dispensaries.

(c) to (e): The ESI Corporation has formulated an Action Plan to upgrade/modernise existing ESI hospitals and dispensaries in consultation with the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. In pursuance of the Action Plan and based on the proposals received from various State Governments/Union Territories the ESI Corporation has sanctioned medical equipments worth Rs. 42.00 Crore approximately so as to modernize/upgrade medical facilities in various ESI hospitals.