

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:250

ANSWERED ON:15.03.2010

ESI HOSPITALS DISPENSARIES

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

- (a) the number of Employees State Insurance (ESI) hospitals/dispensaries functioning at present in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) prepares a scheme every year to expand the existing infrastructure and the coverage of maximum number of eligible beneficiaries;
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of new hospitals/dispensaries opened in the country during the last three years and the number of such hospitals/dispensaries to be opened in the uncovered areas of the country, State-wise;
- (d) the funds sanctioned, released and incurred for the purpose during the said period; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to fill up the vacant posts of doctors, nurses and other para-medical staff in ESI hospitals/dispensaries?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION No. 250 FOR 15.03.2010 REGARDING ESI HOSPITALS/DISPENSARIES

The Number of Employees State Insurance Hospitals / Dispensaries functioning at present in the Country State-wise is enclosed at Annexure – I. In order to bring more workers under coverage of the scheme, the ESI Corporation prepares a phased programme every year in consultation with the State Governments.

The ESI Corporation has opened the following new ESI Hospitals/Dispensaries during the last three years:-

- (a) ESI Hospital Bibwewadi, Maharashtra
- (b) ESI Hospital, Mandi Govindgarh, Punjab
- (c) Super Speciality Wing, ESIC Hospital. Kollam, Kerala

No Hospitals/dispensaries are opened in the uncovered areas.

The details of fund sanctioned, released and incurred for the purpose during the last three years is given in Annexure –II.ESI Corporation has taken several steps for filling up of the vacancies in the ESI Hospitals and dispensaries directly run by the Corporation and also taken several steps to encourage State Government to fill up the vacancies at the earliest.

Hospitals / dispensaries run by ESIC directly.

(i) For filling up the post of Medical Officers and Specialists, in ESIC run hospitals, recruitments have been undertaken by ESI Corporation on zonal basis and appointment letters have already been issued. A total of 753 Medical Officers, 158 specialists, 12 Dental Surgeons and 11 Ayurvedic Physicians have been issued Offer of Appointment.

(ii) For recruitment of Para-medical staff, powers have been delegated to respective Medical Superintendents and they are doing the recruitments directly to fill up the vacancies.

Hospitals / dispensaries run by State Govts.

The vacancies are to be filled up by the State Govt. itself. To encourage the State Govt. for filling up the vacancies, ESIC has taken following steps:-

(a) ESIC has increased the ceiling on reimbursement of expenditure on medical care from Rs.1000/- to Rs.1200/- per IP family unit per annum w.e.f. 01.04.2009.

(b) In addition, ESI Corporation has also decided to reimburse the administrative expenditure incurred by the State Govt. towards Medical Scheme on actual basis subject to fulfilment of certain conditions.