

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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MEDICAL COLLEGES UNDER ESI
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of medical colleges opened by Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) during the last three years in the country including Gujarat with the number of Under/Post Graduates seats;
- (b) whether the colleges have started functioning with adequate teachers, staff and infrastructure;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether ESI has any plan to reserve 50 percent UG seats for the workers wards covered under ESI scheme and if so, the details procedure to select them;
- (e) whether lots of sophisticated machines and instruments purchased by ESI hospitals remain underutilised;and
- (f) if so, the measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a): No Medical College has been opened by the ESI Corporation for Under Graduate (UG) teaching in the country including Gujarat during the last three years.

However, 06 Post Graduate Institutes of Medical Sciences and Research (PGIMSR) have been started in the last two years with a total of 57 Post Graduate (PG) seats for the academic year 2011-12.

(b) & (c): Yes, Sir. The Post Graduate Institutes have started functioning with adequate teachers, staff and infrastructure.

(d): There is no plan to reserve 50 per cent seats for wards of workers covered under the ESI Scheme in Under Graduate courses.

(e): In some of the ESI Hospitals, infrastructure including machines and instruments remain underutilised.

(f): Consequent upon ESI (Amendment) Act, 2010, the ESI Corporation has taken steps to put the infrastructure including machines and instruments to optimal use by opening the spare capacity to non-Insured Persons on payment of user charges.