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LOK SABHA**

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SHORTAGE OF TECHNICAL STAFF IN ESI HOSPITALS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Employees State Insurance (ESI) Corporation is facing acute shortage of technical staff in various ESI hospitals across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH)

- (a) Yes Madam, there are some vacancies of technical staff in various ESI Hospitals across the Country.
- (b) The details are at Annex.

The vacancy of technical staff is due to frequent turnover of medical manpower, non-availability of technical staff and non-filling up of vacancies by State Governments, etc.

- (c) Filling up of vacancies is an ongoing process. Steps taken by ESI Corporation for filling up of these vacancies are as under:-

(A) Hospitals run by State Governments

The Vacancies in State-run ESI Hospitals are to be filled up by the State Governments themselves. To encourage State Governments to fill up vacancies, the following steps have been taken:-

1. ESIC has increased the ceiling on re-imbursment of expenditure on medical care from Rs.1200/- to 1500/- Per Insured Person (IP) family unit per annum with effect from 01.04.2012. In addition, Rs. 200/- per IP family unit per annum is also available with the State Governments, if the bed occupancy of the hospitals in the State is more than 70% during the last completed year.
2. To overcome shortage of Specialists/Super Specialists in State ESI Hospitals, ESI Corporation is appointing part-time Specialists /Super Specialists directly, till the State Governments make regular appointments.

B. Hospitals run by ESI Corporation directly:-

ESI Corporation is recruiting Doctors and other technical staff on continuous basis. Last recruitment drive for doctors was done in July, 2012 and Para-medical staff in December, 2012/January, 2013.