

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:264

ANSWERED ON:10.02.2014

ESIC HOSPITALS

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

(a)whether the service rendered by the Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) hospitals to its beneficiaries/patients is not satisfactory due to the shortage of doctors/nurses in the hospitals;

(b)if so, the details thereof along with the number of vacant posts of doctors and nurses in these hospitals, State-wise including Mangalore and Koppal hospitals;

(c)the steps taken/being taken by the Government for filling up the said vacancies along with the time by which they are likely to be filled up;

(d)whether the Government proposes or has any proposal to increase the number of posts of doctors/nurses for the hospitals; and

(e)if so, the details thereof, state-wise and hospital-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 264 TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.02.2014 BY SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL AND SHRI SHIVARAMA GOUDA REGARDING EMPLOYEES' STATE INSURANCE CORPORATION HOSPITALS.

(a): The services rendered by the Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) hospitals to its beneficiaries/patients are generally satisfactory. However, there is some shortage of doctors/ nurses in the ESIC hospitals.

(b): State-wise details of vacant posts of doctors and nurses in Employees' State Insurance Corporation Hospitals is at Annex-I. ESI Hospital, Mangalore and ESI Dispensary, Koppal are run by States Government and the details of vacant posts of doctors and nurses at these institutions are at Annex-II.

(c): Filling up of vacant posts of doctors and nurses is an ongoing process-Steps taken/being taken for filling-up the said vacancies at ESIC hospitals are as follows:-

Written test for filling up 122 posts of Insurance Medical Officers was conducted in January-2014.

Applications for filling up 13 posts of Ayurvedic Physician have been invited vide advertisement issued in January-2014.

Applications for filling up 131 posts of Specialist have been invited vide advertisement issued in August-2013.

The selection process in respect of above three posts is likely to be completed within six months. Nurses are being engaged on outsourcing basis as a stop-gap arrangement pending regular recruitment.

(d) & (e): Post of doctors and nurses for the hospitals are sanctioned from time to time based upon the ESIC norms approved by ESI Corporation.