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SETTING UP OF NEW ESI HOSPITALS

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to open new Employees State Insurance (ESI) hospitals/dispensaries in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the location identified for the purpose, State-wise;
- (c) the time by which these are likely to be start functional;
- (d) whether the Government also proposes to increase the coverage of ESI in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT(SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) & (b): Opening of new Hospitals and Dispensaries is an on-going process. ESI Corporation has laid down norms for opening of new hospitals and dispensaries based on the number of insured persons in the region. The new hospitals and dispensaries are approved by ESI Corporation at the request of the State Government and keeping in view the norms of ESI Corporation for the new hospitals and dispensaries as also requirement of area.

ESI Corporation has accorded, in principle, approval for opening up of the following new hospitals:-

1. ESI Hospital, Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu
2. ESI Hospital, Baddi, H.P.
3. ESI Hospital, Bhiwadi, Rajasthan
4. Super speciality Hospital, Sanath Nagar, Hyderabad
5. ESI Hospital, Peenya, Karnataka
6. ESI Hospital, Manesar, Haryana
- 7 ESI Hospital, Gurgaon, Haryana

The list of dispensaries sanctioned by ESI Corporation in various States is placed as Annexure-A.

(c): There is no fixed time frame for the commissioning of the new hospitals. After the allotment of the land by the State Government, construction work starts and once the construction is complete, the hospital is commissioned.

After approval, dispensaries can be started by the State Government from the rented premises.

(d) & (e): Yes,Madam.In order to increase coverage under ESI Scheme in the country, the ESI Corporation prepares a phased programme for implementing the scheme in new areas every year in consultation with the State Governments. During the year 2008-09, the scheme was implemented in 46 areas covering additional 70,427 employees and during the year 2009-10, it is proposed to extend the scheme to 50 new areas to cover 1.16 lakh additional employees.During the year 2009-10, upto 30-11-2009, the ESI scheme has been extended to 33 new areas covering 69,466 additional employees.