

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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CASH LESS HEALTH CARE UNDER ESIC
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to fine-tune the Employees` State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) for comprehensive cash less advanced health care benefits; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The ESIC is providing cashless comprehensive health care services including advance super speciality and tertiary care benefits to ESI beneficiaries. To further fine tune delivery of advance health benefits i.e. super speciality and tertiary care, ESIC has taken the following steps:-

1. ESI Corporation is bearing the total expenditure on provisions of super speciality services including diagnostic services directly w.e.f. 01.08.2008.
2. Tie up arrangements for super speciality and advanced tertiary care services are made directly by ESI Corporation in the States with reputed Government and private medical institutions.
3. While making tie up arrangement, it is ensured that all areas where Insured Persons (IPs) are concentrated are covered and they are not required to travel long distances and advanced health facilities are available at the nearest possible location.
4. ESIC has been developing advanced health facilities in its own hospitals as per requirement.