

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4284
ANSWERED ON:20.04.2015
MEDICAL COLLEGE UNDER ESIC
Singh Shri Bharat

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

- (a) the number of medical colleges under Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) in the country and the number of such medical colleges out of them functioning, not in function and under construction at present, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government is likely to formulate of any policy to make the medical colleges under ESIC well-equipped in view of the huge shortage of doctors and para-medical staff members in comparison to the population of the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government has taken decision to reopen the closed medical colleges and also to complete the under-construction medical colleges of ESIC; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

- (a):-The number and status of medical colleges under Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) in the Country is at Annex.
- (b) to (e): Medical Education is not the core function of ESIC. The focus of ESIC has to be on providing medical services to its members. Therefore, it has been decided that ESIC will not set up any new medical college or new medical institution. However, the ESIC will continue to run 03 Medical Colleges at Rajajinagar, Bangalore (Karnataka), K.K. Nagar, Chennai (Tamil Nadu), Joka, Kolkata (West Bengal) & one Dental College at Rohini, New Delhi. Ongoing PG courses would also continue on similar lines.
- Concerned State Governments have been requested to take over other under construction medical college projects. In the interim, ESIC will complete under construction medical college projects through its own resources.