

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

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Expansion of ESIC Purview

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

- (a)the number of beneficiaries of the Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) in the country during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (b)whether ESIC proposes to extend its health services to the workers in organised as well as unorganised sectors including domestic helps and if so, the details thereof;
- (c)the number of workers likely to be benefited therefrom, State/UT-wise;
- (d)whether the Government also proposes to upgrade its dispensaries into six bedded hospitals in a phased manner; and
- (e)if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be done?

**Answer**

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

(a): The State/UT-wise number of beneficiaries of Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) during the years 2013-14, 2014-2015 & 2015-2016 is at Annexure-I.

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(b) & (c): For the organised sector, the ESIC has decided to fully cover 393 partially implemented districts. It has also decided to extend the coverage to remaining non-implemented districts by 31.03.2017. As regards, un-organised sector, the ESIC has already launched/approved two separate schemes to provide medical facilities to selected category of self-employed workers like Auto-rickshaw drivers and Domestic Workers and their family members on pilot basis at Delhi & Hyderabad. A Committee, under the chairpersonship of Secretary (Labour & Employment) has also been set up to bring various Scheme workers like Anganwadi, ASHA and Mid-day Meal workers under Social Security net through ESIC/EPFO.

For extending the coverage, the survey has already been started and final estimates are not available.

(d) & (e): Yes, Madam. The ESIC has decided to upgrade its dispensaries into six bedded hospitals in a phased manner. For Uttar Pradesh and Delhi, approval already given as per details in Annexure-II.

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