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PRESS RELEASE

- (i) Formation of Employees' State Insurance Society in States,**
- (ii) Upgradation of ESI Dispensaries into 6 bedded Units in phased manner,**
- (iii) Approval of its Annual Report and Annual Accounts for the F.Y. 2016-17**

The ESI Corporation during its 172nd meeting held on 06.12.17 under the Chairmanship of **Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar, Hon'ble Minister of State for Labour & Employment (Independent Charge), Govt. of India** has taken some very important decisions towards improvements in its service delivery mechanism. The other dignitaries participating in the meeting were Smt. M. Sathiyavathy, IAS, Secretary, Labour & Employment, Govt. of India, Sh. Raj Kumar, IAS, Director General, ESIC and Smt. Sandhya Shukla IA & AS, Financial Commissioner, ESIC., representatives of Employees and Employers and Hon'ble ESI Corporation members, representatives of State Governments and officers of MoL&E and ESIC. Following important decisions were taken during the meeting:

1. To improve its services delivery machinery, ESI Corporation had earlier taken decision to form Subsidiary Corporation/Society at State Level. Based on the feedback and suggestions received from State Governments, it has been decided to revise the Memorandum of Association of the Employees' State Insurance Society in the States who opt for it. The society thus formed will serve as a managerial and health care body for administration & management of medical benefits and medical establishments in the state, besides operating and maintaining ESIS dispensaries run by State Governments.
2. In order to strengthen the primary care services and decongest the Hospitals, earlier ESI Corporation had decided in-principal for up-gradation of upto 1/3rd of ESI Dispensaries into six-bedded hospitals. Now norms have been devised for such up-gradation.
3. In the meeting, the ESI Corporation approved its Annual Report and Annual Accounts for the year 2016-17 for laying it in the Parliament. The Hon'ble Minister announced that the ESI Scheme is on the path of

sustained growth with its presence now in over 461 districts of the country providing benefit to around 10% of India's population.

4. ESIC in the meeting has approved starting of 50 bedded Medical facilities/Hospital at Alwar, Rajasthan and 100 bedded Medical facilities/Hospital at Bihta, Patna, Bihar.
5. A policy for utilizing the services of UG/PG Pass-outs from ESI Medical Colleges/ESI-PGIMSRs in ESI Hospitals/Dispensaries has been approved.
6. To meet the shortage of Specialist Doctors in ESI Hospitals/Dispensaries, ESI Corporation has approved the policy for promotion of in-house PG qualified Insurance Medical Officers (IMOs) to the Cadre of Specialists.
7. Besides above, around 30 other Agenda items pertaining to improvement in services/benefits to Insured Persons and other administrative matters were deliberated upon and approved during the meeting.

ESI Scheme in India

The Employees' State Insurance Corporation is a pioneer Social Security organization providing comprehensive social security benefits like reasonable Medical Care and a range of Cash Benefits in times of need such as employment injury, sickness, death etc. The ESI Act applies to premises/precincts where 10 or more persons are employed. The employees drawing wages up to Rs.21,000/- a month are entitled to health insurance cover and other benefits, under the ESI Act. The Act now applies to over 8.98 lakh factories and establishments across the country, benefiting about 3.19 crores family units of workers. As of now, the total beneficiary population of ESI Scheme stands over 12.40 crores. Ever since its inception in 1952, the ESI Corporation has, so far, set up 151 Hospitals, 1489/174 Dispensaries / ISM Units, 815 Branch/Pay Offices and 62 Regional & Sub-Regional/Divisional Offices.
