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**Press Release**

**Inauguration of newly renovated building of ESIC Regional Office, Puducherry**  
**on 27.09.2018**

**Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar, Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Labour & Employment, Govt. of India** inaugurated newly renovated building of ESIC Regional Office in the august presence of Shri M. Kandawamy, Hon'ble Minister for Labour & Employment, Govt. of Puducherry on 27.09.2018.

The other Dignitaries to grace the occasion were Shri R. Radhakrishnan, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) and Shri A. Baskar, Hon'ble Member of Legislative Assembly, Mudaliarpet Constituency, Puducherry, Shri Raj Kumar, IAS, Director General, ESIC, Dr. S. Sundara Vadivelu, IAS, Secretary, Labour, Govt. of Puducherry, Shri P.B. Mani, Additional Commissioner, ESIC, Shri S.V. Kishnakumar, Addl. Commissioner & Regional Director, ESIC, Tamil Nadu, Shri V Dasu, Regional Director, ESIC, Puducherry and other Officers from Hqrs., ESIC and Govt. of Puducherry.

**Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar, Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Labour & Employment, Govt. of India** in his address informed the gathering that new building of ESIC Regional Office, Puducherry has been renovated and upgraded with project cost of Rs. 6.41 crore. Renovated building of Regional Office consists of Branch Office, four doctor dispensary with 6 beds ward, laboratory, Pharmacy, registration counter, etc. The Regional Office, Branch Office and Dispensary would be exclusively run for the benefit of insured persons and their family members covered under ESI Scheme. He also informed that the ESI Scheme was implemented for the first time in the Union Territory of Puducherry on 02.10.1966. Today, the ESI Scheme is serving more than one lakh insured persons and 3.97 lakhs beneficiaries through a network of Regional Office, one ESI Hospital, 12 ESI Dispensaries, 06 Branch Offices, 2 Pay offices and 2 Inspection Offices spread throughout the districts of Puducherry and Karaikal. He further informed the gathering about the various initiatives and welfare measures taken by his Ministry.

He stated that ESIC has approved a new scheme "**ATAL BIMIT VYAKTI KALYAN YOJNA**" for the insured persons covered under ESI Scheme. This scheme is a relief payable directly to the Bank Account of Insured Persons in case of unemployment and while they search for new engagement. This scheme will benefit more than 3.00 crore Insured Persons covered under ESI scheme.

He also informed that ESIC has taken decision to open Dispensary-cum-Branch Office (DCBO) in every district of the country in phased manner. These DCBOs is being set up in every district of the country to make presence of primary care services, irrespective of whether a district has been partially or fully implemented or there is already a State run Dispensary in that area. The dispensary cum branch office will provide primary medical care, referrals for secondary medical care, scrutiny of bills of secondary care referrals etc. Besides, ESIC has also launched a mobile app 'ESIC Chinta Se Mukti' which is available on Umang Platform of Govt. of India. One can easily visit this App for knowing various services available under ESI Scheme, contribution & claim status etc.

Shri M. Kandawamy, Hon'ble Minister for Labour & Employment, Govt. Puducherry and Shri Malladi Krishna Rao appreciated and thanked the efforts of Hon'ble Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Labour & Employment for inauguration of new building of ESIC Regional Office, Dispensary and Branch Office in one roof and due to which a lot of persons covered under ESI Scheme will be benefitted. He also requested Hon'ble Union Labour Minister to open one more ESI Hospital at Puducherry for the Insured Persons and their family.

On the occasion of "Swachhta Hi Seva Pakhwara", Hon'ble Union Minister and other Dignitaries planted sapling to reiterate the importance of clean environment. He also took round of new building of ESIC Regional Office, Dispensary and Branch Office. A demonstration on good hand hygiene practice was also done by the doctors of ESI Hospital, Puducherry.

### **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 10.33 lakh factories and establishments across the country, benefiting about 3.43 crores family units of workers. As of now, the total beneficiary population of ESI Scheme stands over 13.32 crores. Ever since its inception in 1952, the ESI Corporation has, so far, set up 154 Hospitals, 1489/174 Dispensaries / ISM Units, 815 Branch/Pay Offices and 63 Regional & Sub-Regional Offices.

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