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## Press Release

Shri Pranab Mukherjee, Hon'ble President laid the foundation stone of 100 bedded ESI Hospital at Karon, Deoghar (Jharkhand) alongwith inauguration/foundation of projects of Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship in the gracious presence of Smt. Droupadi Murmu, Hon'ble Governor, Jharkhand, Shri Bandaru Dattatreya, Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Labour & Employment, Govt. of India, Shri Rajiv Pratap Rudy, Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Govt. of India, Shri P.P. Chaudhary, Hon'ble Minister of State for Electronic IT and Law & Justice, Govt. of India, Shri Raj Paliwar, Hon'ble Minister of Parliament (Lok Sabha) on 02.04.2017 at Deoghar, Jharkhand.

While addressing the gathering, Hon'ble President appreciated the decision of construction of ESI Hospital and said that this state-of-the-art hospital will be beneficial for workforce of Jharkhand State.

During the function, Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge), Shri Bandaru Dattatreya thanked Hon'ble President of India, Shri Pranab Mukherjee for laying the foundation stone of 100 bedded ESI Hospital, Karon, Deoghar, Jharkhand. He also announced that the 50 bedded ESI Hospital at Bokaro will be upgraded to 100 bedded. Besides it, he announced the construction of ESI hospitals at Dumka, Gumla, Godda, Pakur and Hazaribagh and construction of 30 new dispensaries in Jharkhand. He further added that the proposed hospital at Deoghar will have facilities such as OPD, IPD, ICU, NICU, PICU, modern Path Laboratories and diagnostic facilities, etc. non-Medical & Medical equipment & furniture including three modular Operation Theater and will provide 24x7 emergency services etc. to the 23000 Insured Persons and 01 lakh ESI Beneficiaries of the area. The project cost of this construction is Rs. 90 crores and will be spread over in a sprawling plot area of 10 acre wherein total built up area will be 14666 sq. meters.

Shri Nishikant Dubey, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha also appreciated the decision of constructing of ESI Hospital at Deoghar and called it to be boon for workforce of Deoghar & Santhal Pargana area.

## 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 7.83 lakh factories and establishments across the country, benefiting about 2.13 crores family units of workers. As of now, the total beneficiary population of ESI Scheme stands over 8.28 crores. Ever since its inception in 1952, the ESI Corporation has, so far, set up 151 Hospitals, 1459/188 Dispensaries / ISM Units, 813 Branch/Pay Offices and 62 Regional & Sub-Regional/Divisional Offices.

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