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Commencement of construction work of additional 50 bedded hospital building at ESI Hospital, Asansol, W.B. on 16.08.2018

The Construction work of additional 50 bedded hospital building at ESI Hospital, Asansol (West Bengal) commenced on 16.08.2018 in the august presence of Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar, Hon'ble Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Labour and Employment, Govt. Of India and Shri Babul Supriyo, Hon'ble Minister of State for Heavy Industries & Public Enterprises, Govt. of India.

The other dignitaries to grace the occasion were Shri Sheo Prasad Tiwari, Hon'ble Member, ESIC, Dr. R.K. Kataria, Medical Commissioner, ESIC, Shri A.K. Yadav, Superintending Engineer, ESIC, Shri Chinmay Bose, Addl. Commissioner & Regional Director, ESIC, Kolkata and Shri Rajesh Goel, CMD, Hindustan Prefabs Ltd.

While addressing the gathering **Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar, Hon'ble Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Labour and Employment** informed that with the construction of additional 50 beds with modern facilities, all the facilities such as emergency, OPD, OTs, ICU, Radiology, Diagnostics, etc, and many more will be provided to about 3.00 lakhs ESI beneficiaries of the area. The proposed addition alongwith staff quarters will be spread in sprawling area of more than 6200 sqm (approx.) and the project cost of this addition is Rs.30.23 Crore. This project is expected to be completed by March 2020.

He further informed that Ministry of Labour & Employment, Govt. of India is taking decisions keeping in view of the principle of the workers' welfare and well being. He said that today about 3.25 crores family units of workers of the country are covered under ESI Scheme and the total beneficiaries is about 12.40 crores. To strengthen medical services in all the districts of the country, ESIC is being implemented in each district of the country in phased manner. Today, over 500 districts of the country have been covered under ESI Scheme.

He also informed that ESI Scheme in West Bengal was implemented in the cities of Kolkata and Howrah of West Bengal on 14th August, 1955. The number of Insured Persons covered under ESI Scheme in West Bengal are about 18.00 lakhs and the beneficiaries population under the scheme is about 70.00 lakhs. Medical facilities are being provided to the Insured Persons and their family members through 44 Service Dispensaries, 13 Hospitals run under ESI Scheme and 1 Model Hospital run directly by ESIC. He further informed about the decisions being taken by Union Govt. to provide medical and social security benefits to the workers of unorganised sector of the country. He also stressed upon the steps being taken by Union Govt. to simplify the rules to doing the business by amalgamating the existing more than 40 labour laws into four labour codes.

Shri Babul Supriyo, Hon'ble Minister of State for Heavy Industries & Public Enterprises, Govt. of India appreciated and thanked the efforts of Hon'ble Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Labour & Employment for commencing the construction work of additional 50 bedded hospital building, and due to which more than one lakh Insured Person and around 3.00 lakhs family members of area will be benefited. Hon'ble Minister also said that this Hospital would be exclusively run for the benefit of insured persons and their family members under ESI Scheme. He also said that Central Govt., State Govt. and local bodies i.e. Municipal Corporation should work in closer coordination for welfare of the population of Asansol 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 8.98 lakh factories and establishments across the country, benefiting about 3.19 crores family units of workers. As of now, the total beneficiaries population under ESI Scheme stands over 12.40 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.
