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**Press Release**

**Inauguration of modernized 50 bedded ESI Hospitals, Hubli and Davanagere(Karnataka) on 28.04.2017**

**Shri Bandaru Dattatreya, Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Labour & Employment, Govt. of India** inaugurated Modernized 50 bedded ESI Hospitals, Hubli and Davanagere(Karnataka) at Hubli in the august presence of **Shri Pralhad Joshi**, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Dharwad.

The other dignitaries to grace the occasion were **Shri Vinay R. Kulkarni**, Hon'ble Minister of Mines & Geology & District In-charge Minister Dharwad District, Govt. of Karnataka, **Shri Jagadish Shettar**, Hon'ble Leader of Opposition, Legislative Assembly, Karnataka, **Shri D.K. Chavhan**, Hon'ble Mayor, Hubli-Dharwad Municipal Corporation, Hubli, **Shri Laxman Malleshappa Gandagalekar**, Hon'ble Corporator and Shri K.V. Shekhar Raju, Member, ESIC.

While addressing the gathering, Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Labour & Employment, Govt. of India informed that modernized Hospitals, Hubli and Davanagere will have the facilities such as OPD, Wards, emergency, diagnostic services, OT, Wards, ICU and many more for the Insured Persons and their dependants. These Hospitals would be exclusively run for the benefit of insured persons and their family members under ESI Scheme. Both the hospitals will further be upgraded from 50 bedded to 100 bedded with super speciality facilities. Both hospitals will give a big boost to the cause of medical facilities in the area and the country.

During the function Hon'ble Minister informed that under 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation Health Reforms Agenda of ESIC, ESI Scheme is being extended all over the country, bedsheets are being changed in all ESI hospitals under VIBGYOR pattern. Construction workers are now covered under ESI Scheme for availing the benefits.

He also informed that wage ceiling for coverage of employees under ESI Scheme has been enhanced from Rs.15,000/- per month to Rs.21,000/-. ESIC has also enhanced period of unemployment allowance from 12 months to 24 months. The duration of maternity Benefit in confinement has been also enhanced from 12 weeks to 26 weeks. ESI Corporation has increased per capita ceiling of sharing expenditure with State Govts. from Rs.215/- to Rs.3000/- for improving the medical services under State run ESI facilities, State Governments are now further equipped to better their medical services to ESI beneficiaries in its ESI medical institutions.

Hon'ble Minister also announced that ESI Corporation will provide all medical facilities to working class in the organized sector as well as for the un-organized sectors like Aganwadi workers, Asha workers, and many more. Beedi workers will be covered under ESI Scheme and medical facilities will also be provided to them through all ESI Hospitals.

Hon'ble Minister also interacted with Insured Persons present during his visit in the hospital. He listened their grievances and resolved those grievances.

**Shri Pralhad Joshi**, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Dharwad and **Shri Jagadish Shettar**, Hon'ble Leader of Opposition, Legislative Assembly, Karnataka thanked Shri Bandaru Dattatreya, Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Labour & Employment, Govt. of India for starting of the ESI Hospitals, Hubli and Davanagere and also requested that both hospitals be upgraded from 50 to 100 bedded.

**ESI Scheme in Karnataka**

The ESI Scheme was implemented in the State of Karnataka in July 1958 covering about 48,000 workers in Bangalore. Now, the Scheme has been extended to the entire Karnataka State covering

more than 23 lakh employees working in about 81,285 factories / establishment, thereby catering to the needs of more than 95 lakh beneficiaries. For administration of the Scheme, E.S.I. Corporation is having One Regional Office, Six Sub-Regional Offices and 43 Branch Offices.

For delivery of Medical Benefit in the state of Karnataka, three Hospitals are being run by ESI Corporation. ESI scheme (Medical Services), Government of Karnataka is running 7 Hospitals, 110 Dispensaries and one Diagnostic Centre. Apart from this, ESIC is having tie up arrangement with reputed private hospitals / diagnostic centres for providing Super Specialty Treatment to the beneficiaries.

ESIC in Karnataka is also running two Medical Colleges, one in Bengaluru and the other one in Gulbarga, having intake capacity of 100 seats in Under Graduate (MBBS) course, 45% of the seats in these colleges are reserved for wards of ESI registered employees (insured persons). ESI Medical College, Rajajinagar is also a Post Graduate Education centre. ESIC has two Nursing Colleges, one at Indiranagar, Bangalore and the other at Gulbarga. Dental College is also being run by ESIC at Gulbarga.

### **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, 1467/159 Dispensaries / ISM Units, 813 Branch/Pay Offices and 62 Regional & Sub-Regional/Divisional Offices.

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