

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 573  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.07.2025**

**FACULTY SHORTAGE AND EXPANSION PLANS AT ESI MEDICAL  
COLLEGE, JOKA**

**573. SHRI SAMIK BHATTACHARYA:**

**Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Government is aware of the acute shortage of faculty members at ESI Medical College, Joka, affecting academic activities and patient services for over a year;**
- (b) the current status of the faculty recruitment drive and the number of positions expected to be filled by the end of this financial year;**
- (c) whether there are immediate plans to increase MBBS seats from 125 to 150 to meet the growing demand for medical education; and**
- (d) the manner in which the faculty shortage will impact its role as a regional centre for medical education and plans to ensure smooth functioning?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT  
(SUSHRI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE)**

**(a) to (d): Recruitment of doctors, including Teaching Faculty, in Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) Hospitals and Medical Colleges is a continuous process. ESIC has recently issued offer of appointment to 1323 candidates selected for various posts, including Insurance Medical Officer (IMO) Grade-II, Specialist Grade-II (Senior Scale/Junior Scale), and Teaching Faculty. Out of these, 39 candidates have been appointed as Assistant Professors and 3 candidates as Associate Professors in ESIC Medical College, Joka. Besides, interviews of 1659 eligible candidates for the post of Assistant Professor in different ESI medical colleges have also been conducted during May - June 2025.**

**ESIC has submitted application to National Medical Commission (NMC) for increase in the number of MBBS seats from 125 to 150 at ESI Medical College, Joka. NMC has already conducted the inspection.**

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