

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 580
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.07.2025**

**STEPS TAKEN TO IMPROVE THE FUNCTIONING OF ESIC HOSPITAL
IN SURAT, GUJARAT**

580. # SHRI GOVINDBHAI LALJIBHAI DHOLAKIA:

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

- (a) the steps taken by the Ministry in collaboration with the State Government for healthcare facilities, adequate and sufficient supply of medicines and availability of required space for healthcare workers at the ESIC Hospital in Surat, Gujarat; and**
- (b) the number of dispensaries and hospitals being operated by the Ministry in Gujarat, and the measures taken in collaboration with the State Government to ensure the benefits of ESIC schemes to the maximum number of workers and to improve medical facilities in the State?**

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): In order to provide good quality medical services to its beneficiaries, Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) is continuously making efforts to develop in-house specialty and super-specialty services by incorporating modern technologies in ESI hospitals itself. In Gujarat, as on 30.06.2025, 11 ESI hospitals and 102 ESI dispensaries and 03 Dispensary-cum-Branch Offices (DCBOs) are functional. Out of 11 ESI hospitals, 04 hospitals (Ankleshwar, Bapunagar, Naroda, and Vapi) are directly run by ESIC and remaining 07 hospitals and 102 dispensaries are run by the State Government under the ESI Scheme.

ESIC follows a structured and decentralized process to ensure adequate and sufficient supply of medicines at ESIC hospitals including Surat, Gujarat. The key steps include:

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(i) Centralised Drug Procurement through Rate Contracts (RCs) formulated by ESIC Hqrs via open e-tender on the Central Public Procurement Portal. Currently, 16 DG ESIC Rate Contracts covering 995 drugs are operational.

(ii) Procurement from CPSEs through the Government e-Marketplace (GeM) under the Pharmaceutical Purchase Policy (approx. 140 drugs). Drugs which are not available on GeM are procured through Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI) authorized Jan Aushadhi Kendras.

ESIC has sanctioned 03 new hospitals in Gujarat i.e. Sanand (Ahmedabad district), Halol (Panchmahal district) and Savli (Vadodara district) and 17 new dispensaries in order to enhance the medical infrastructure and maximize coverage of medical facilities across the State keeping in view increasing number of Insured Persons and beneficiaries.
