

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2182
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.08.2026**

ESIC MEDICAL COLLEGE AND HOSPITAL, ASANSOL

2182. SHRI SAMIK BHATTACHARYA:

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

- (a) whether ESI Hospital, Asansol has been formally handed over by the Government of West Bengal to ESIC for upgradation into an ESIC Medical College and Hospital and if so, the date of MoU exchanged to this effect;**
- (b) the proposed number of MBBS seats, timeline for construction and completion of infrastructure and the target academic session for commencement of admissions; and**
- (c) the steps being taken to ensure that insured workers and their dependents in the Asansol-Durgapur industrial belt benefit from the proposed institution?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the handing over of Employees' State Insurance (ESI) Hospital, Asansol, by the Government of West Bengal to the Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) for its upgradation into an ESIC Medical College and Hospital was signed on 14.07.2026.

An application has been submitted to the National Medical Commission (NMC) for grant of a Letter of Permission (LoP) to commence 50 MBBS admissions from the Academic Year 2026–27 with existing infrastructure, available with Employees' State Insurance (ESI) Hospital, Asansol.

The establishment of the ESIC Medical College aims to provide opportunity to wards of Insured Persons (IPs) to secure admission under the ward of Insured Persons quota, in accordance with the prevailing admission policy. Further, the institution will significantly enhance access to quality tertiary healthcare for insured workers and their dependents in the Asansol–Durgapur industrial belt, strengthen the availability of skilled medical professionals, improve healthcare infrastructure, and support better health outcomes through medical education, research, and advanced patient care.
