

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2964
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.08.2026**

AFFAIRS OF ESIC MEDICAL COLLEGE, JOKA

2964. SHRI SAMIK BHATTACHARYA:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that the auditorium at ESIC Medical College, Joka has remained incomplete for several years due to pending audit clearance, the reasons for such delay and the timeline for making it operational;**
- (b) whether it is a fact that student library has not received updated textbooks during the last three years and the steps proposed to address this deficiency;**
- (c) the sanctioned strength, working strength and vacancies of superspecialist doctors at the institution; and**
- (d) whether the proposal to extend paid study leave for ESIC doctors from three to six years is under consideration and if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): The auditorium is a part of the original Medical College project which remained incomplete after the initial phase of the project. Subsequently, the balance work for completion of the auditorium was entrusted to the Central Public Works Department (CPWD). CPWD has informed that the stipulated date for completion of the auditorium is 21.12.2026.

Books procurement for the library is an ongoing exercise. The students' library has recently added approximately 820 new books to its collection.

There are 27 sanctioned posts of super-specialist doctors at Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) Medical College, Joka, against which all 27 posts are presently vacant. However, teaching in Broad Specialities is being managed through 61 regular as well as 35 contractual faculty members. Further, the Deans of all ESIC Medical Colleges and Hospitals have been authorized to engage super-specialist doctors and teaching faculty on a contractual basis, depending upon functional requirements.

Study leave and Extraordinary Leave (EOL) for study purposes are granted to ESIC doctors in accordance with the Central Civil Services (Leave) Rules.
