

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 407
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.12.2017**

BED OCCUPANCY IN ESI HOSPITALS

407. SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has increased or proposes to increase and has sanctioned more beds since hospitals such as in Okhla (Delhi) and Noida (UP) remained occupied throughout the year, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (b) the details and the number of cases that the ESIC has referred to private empanelled hospitals for cardiac stents during the last three years and the current year; and**
- (c) whether the Government is aware that patients are reportedly overcharged at these private hospitals for cardiac devices and if so, the measures taken by the Government in this regard?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)**

(a): Yes, Employees State Insurance Corporation in its 167th meeting has granted in-Principle approval for increasing bed strength of ESI Hospitals if the bed occupancy of the concerned hospital has been consistently more than 70% in last three financial years.

In this regard, increased bed strength from 300 to 350 beds for recently renovated ESI Hospital Noida has been sanctioned. However, ESIC hospital Okhla is currently under renovation.

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(b): The number of cases that the ESIC has referred to private empanelled hospitals for cardiac stents during the last three years and the current year:

Year	No. of cases referred
2014-15	5232
2015-16	5602
2016-17	6206
2017	5891

(c): In ESIC, the patients are referred for cashless treatment to empanelled hospitals and the payment is done as per CGHS rates. Utmost care is taken in this regard. However, in case of any complaint, concerned tie up hospital is asked to give explanation, wherever found justified, excess payment was deducted from the tie-up hospital bill and concerned complainant was paid his/her due.
