

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

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 163
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.02.2019**

**OPENING OF EMPLOYEES' INSURANCE CORPORATION HOSPITALS
FOR GENERAL PUBLIC**

163. SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI LEKHI:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to open the hospitals under the Employees' State Insurance Corporation for general public and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether all the hospitals are sufficiently staffed to take on the additional patient load and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) whether any generic medicine shops under Pradhan Mantri Jan-Aushadhi Yojana have been set up near such hospitals to help the general public to avail affordable medicines and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): The primary mandate of Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) is to provide social security benefits, including medical benefits to the Insured Persons covered under the ESIC Schemes. The ESI Corporation in its 175th /176th meeting held on 18.09.2018/05.12.2018 has taken a decision for providing access to Non-Insured Persons for medical services in its under-utilized ESIC Hospitals at Alwar (Rajasthan), Bihta (Bihar), Gulbarga (Karnataka), Bareilly and Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh), on user charge basis.

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The facility of medical service to General Public (Non Insured Persons) are being extended only in hospitals where medical services are under-utilized.

(c): The ESI beneficiaries are provided cashless services, therefore, no generic medicine shops have been set up under Pradhan Mantri Jan-Aushadhi Yojana in the ESIC Hospitals/Dispensaries.

However, as informed by Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, following 3 Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) Kendras are functional near ESIC Hospitals:-

- 1. KOTHAYALASA, VIZAG Road, Vizianagaram, Andhra Pradesh**
- 2. Mettur Dam, Salem, Tamil Nadu**
- 3. Mettur, Salem, Tamil Nadu.**
