

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1640
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.02.2023**

NIRMAN SE SHAKTI

1640. DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:

SHRI RAJVEER SINGH (RAJU BHAIYA):

SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:

SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:

SHRI BHOLA SINGH:

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

- (a) whether the ESIC is upgrading and modernising its infrastructure under 'Nirman Se Shakti' initiative, if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the ESIC has proposed to set up new 100 bedded ESIC Hospitals at Shyamlibazar, Agartala, Tripura and at Idukki, Kerala, if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the ESIC has proposed to increase the number of seats for Ward of Insured Persons at ESIC Nursing Colleges and also to start Ph.D., MDS, Nursing and Paramedical Courses from coming sessions, if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) whether the Approval accorded for investments of surplus ESIC funds in equity, is restricted to Exchanged Traded Funds only; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the other steps being taken in this regard?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)**

(a): During the meeting of the Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) held on 3-4 December, 2022, an initiative named as 'Nirman Se Shakti' was presented by the ESIC to modernize infrastructure. The initiative includes, upgradation/modernization of ESI Scheme (ESIS) hospitals and dispensaries in a phased manner, formulation of standard design for 100/200/500 bedded hospitals with better modern facilities, online

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real-time dashboard for project monitoring/supervision, adoption of new building technologies to ensure quality of construction, elimination of delays, cost overrun, etc., digitalization of land/property documents etc.

(b): The ESI Corporation, in its meeting on 3-4, December, 2022, accorded in-principle approval for setting up of new 100 bedded ESIC hospital at Shyamlibazaar, Agartala (Tripura) and Idukki (Kerala).

(c): The ESIC has planned to increase the number of seats for wards of Insured Persons (IPs) at ESIC Nursing colleges as well as to start Ph.D, Master of Dental Surgery (MDS) and Nursing and Paramedical courses in a phased manner subject to statutory approval / permission.

(d) & (e): The ESI Corporation, in its meeting held on 03-04th December, 2022, has accorded in-principle approval for investments of a portion of surplus funds in equity, restricted to Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs).
