GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1728
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.07.2023

PATHETIC CONDITION OF ESIC HOSPITALS IN ERNAKULAM

1728. SHRI HIBI EDEN:

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

(a) whether the Government is aware of the pathetic condition of Employees State Insurance (ESI) hospitals in Ernakulam and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has received requests for increasing number of beds in the ESI hospitals in Ernakulam and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps to be taken by the Government to improve the existing facilities in ESI hospitals in Ernakulam and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether there are also complaints about shortage of doctors, nurses and technical staffs in the ESI hospitals in Ernakulam and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): The Employees' State Insurance (ESI) hospital at Ernakulam is presently operational with a capacity of 65 beds. ESIC has decided to increase the bed capacity to 100 beds to enhance the delivery of medical services to ESI beneficiaries in the region. The construction of the project has been assigned to the Central Public Works Department (CPWD).

The ESIC hospital at Udyogmandal (Earnakulam) is presently operational with a capacity of 100 beds. ESIC decided to upgrade it to 150 beds. Special repair works have also been started to renovate the existing hospital facilities.

Further, the ESIC has requested all state governments, including the Government of Kerala, to provide consent for the takeover of state-run ESI Scheme (ESIS) hospitals by it to ensure adequate and efficient medical services to the ESI beneficiaries.

There are vacancies in some departments of the ESI hospital in Ernakulam. Pending regular recruitment, shortage of doctors and other staff, if any, the requirement is met through contractual engagement of doctors. Services of Junior Residents and Senior Residents are also utilised for smooth functioning of the services.

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