# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1163 TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.12.2023

### MODERNISATION AND UPGRADATION OF ESIC HOSPITALS AT EZHUKONE, KERALA

#### 1163. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:

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

- (a)whether the Government has proposed to modernize and upgrade the ESIC hospitals in the country, including ESIC hospital at Ezhukone, Kerala;
- (b)if so, the details of funds allocated for the same during the last three financial years and current financial year;
- (c)whether the Government has received any proposal from State Government of Kerala to include Ayurveda outpatient treatment facilities in the ESIC Hospital, Ezhukone, Kerala and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d)whether the Government allocate funds for expansion of the Ezhukone ESIC hospital in Kerala State with outpatient system modernization and advanced surgical intervention infrastructure; and

(e)if so, the details thereof?

#### **ANSWER**

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

(a) to (e): Yes, Sir. The Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) has accorded approval, inter-alia, to modernize, upgrade ESI hospitals in the country, including ESIC hospital at Ezhukone, Kerala.

The ESIC has also approved various works including construction of new out patient department (OPD) and administrative block, overall renovation of building, etc. for the ESIC hospital at Ezhukone. Recently, newly made Operation Theater(OT) complex with 4 functional OTs for Opthalmology; Orthopedics; General Surgery; Ear, Nose and Throat(ENT); Obstetrics and Gynecology and Emergency has become operational.

The details of funds allocated for special repair works for the ESIC hospital at Ezhukone (Kerala) during the years 2021-22 to 2023-24 are the following:

2021-22 - Rs 2.50 crore

2022-23 - Rs. 6.50 crore, and

2023-24 - Rs. 7.15 crore

The Ayurveda, Panchakarma, Homoeopathy and Yoga facilities with 5 beds for Ayurveda indoor treatment are already available in the ESIC hospital at Ezhukone.

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