

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

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1298  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.12.2021**

**ESI HOSPITAL AT CHOUDWAR**

**1298. SHRI MAHESH SAHOO:**

**Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No.4370 dated 22.03.2021 and state:**

- (a) the current status of upgradation of the ESI Hospital at Choudwar;**
- (b) whether the Government proposes to consider providing Government land just outside the restricted zone for the hospital; and**
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) to (c): Based on structural audit, dismantling of the existing ESI hospital building was recommended. However, Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has denied to issue No Objection Certificate for carrying out renovations as the hospital is within the protected monuments zone.**

**Alternative site consisting of 5 acres of land for construction of new hospital has been offered by the Government of Odisha at Village Kanheipur, Tehsil Tangi-Choudwar. Though this site is outside the ASI protected monuments zone, but it is situated at a distance of 11 km. from the existing hospital. Therefore, the Government of Odisha has been requested to provide 5 acres of land just outside the ASI protected area and closer to the existing ESI Hospital, Choudwar, as most of the Insured Persons reside in the vicinity of the existing hospital.**

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