

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

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 176  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.11.2021**

**CONSTRUCTION OF ESIC HOSPITALS**

**†176. SHRI GOPAL JEE THAKUR:**

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

- (a) whether the ESIC hospitals are constructed by the Ministry and if so, the complete details of the construction of these hospitals; and**  
**(b) whether the Government proposes to construct an ESIC hospital of 500 beds in view of the population of Darbhanga which is the centre of the Mithila and if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a): The Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) has constructed 160 hospitals which are being run either by ESIC or by the State Governments.**

**(b): ESIC hospitals are constructed on the basis of the number of insured persons covered under the ESI Act, 1948 in a catchment area of 25 km radius from the location of the hospital. As per norms, 50,000 insured persons are required for setting up of a 100 bed ESI hospital. Since Darbhanga has 6932 insured persons, it does not qualify the norm for setting up of an ESI hospital. At present, primary care services at Darbhanga are being provided through Insurance Medical Practitioner (IMP) and secondary care services are being provided through tie-up hospital.**

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