

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3921  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.03.2022**

**ESIC HOSPITAL IN KASARAGOD, KERALA**

**3921. SHRI RAJMOHAN UNNITHAN:**

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

- (a) whether ESIC is planning to establish fifty-bedded speciality hospitals for areas devoid of ESIC hospitals as Kasaragod, Kerala has neither an ESIC hospital nor a tie-up with empanelled hospital under the ESIC Scheme;**
- (b) whether the Government has noticed that thousands of ESIC beneficiaries are unaware of the facilities provided under ESIC schemes and paying huge money for their treatment in other Health Care providers if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) whether the Government will consider Kasaragod to be included in the list for an ESIC hospital as per this scheme, if not, the reasons therefor?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) to (c): Setting up of an Employees' State Insurance (ESI) hospital is based on the Insured Person (IP) population in a peripheral area. In the Kasaragod district of Kerala, IP population is 9388 against the norm of 20,000 IP population within a radius of 25 kms. for setting up of a 30 bedded ESI hospital. However, in such areas including Kasaragod (Kerala), where there is no ESI hospital, the ESI beneficiaries are provided primary, secondary and tertiary care medical services through tie-up arrangements with public and private hospitals.**

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**In Kasaragod district (Kerala), tie-up arrangement has already been made with M/s. Aramana Hospital and Heart Centre for providing medical services to ESI beneficiaries.**

**ESI Scheme, framed under the ESI Act 1948, is one of the oldest schemes in the country and all the workers are generally aware of the scheme. However, the ESIC has taken various steps to reach out to the workers to make them aware of the facilities under the ESI Schemes, including the following:-**

- i. Media publicity through advertisements, press releases, social media, interactions on television, etc. for dissemination of information on new initiatives by the ESIC.**
- ii. Organising meetings, seminars, outreach programmes, health check-up camps/melas, awareness drives, etc.**
- iii. Collecting feedback from targeted audience for timely corrective action, clarifications etc.**
- iv. Publications of brochures, booklets etc. as well as regular updation of information on ESIC's website.**

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