

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1130
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.07.2024**

FUNCTIONING OF ESIC HOSPITALS AND DISPENSARIES

1130. SHRI KAMAKHYA PRASAD TASA:

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

- (a) the details of the Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) hospitals and dispensaries functioning in the North-Eastern Region, along with the number of doctors deployed to provide proper health facilities therein, State-wise;**
- (b) the steps taken/being taken for improving the doctor-patient ratio in the ESIC hospitals and dispensaries in North-Eastern Region; and**
- (c) the details of hospitals empanelled with ESIC in North Eastern Region and their validity?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SUSHRI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE)**

(a): There are 2 Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) run hospitals, one at Beltola (Guwahati) and the other at Tinsukia in the state of Assam, where total 41 doctors have been deployed. In addition, there are 3 ESIC run Dispensary-cum-Branch Offices (DCBOs) in the North Eastern region, one each at Papumpare (Arunachal Pradesh), Darrang (Assam) and Imphal West (Manipur), where one doctor at each location has been deployed.

In addition, there are 41 ESI dispensaries which are run by the states under the ESI Scheme (ESIS).

(b): ESIC has taken steps for expansion of medical services and infrastructure in North Eastern region. It has issued necessary instructions in this regard on 24.06.2024 for upgrading all the ESIC run one doctor dispensaries to two doctor dispensaries with a view to strengthen the primary care services and designate these dispensaries as hub facilities to provide medical services. It also includes reducing the threshold limit of Insured Persons due to low population density in order to improve the doctor-patient ratio.

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(c): The empanelment of hospitals/health facilities for providing super speciality medical services to ESI beneficiaries is done by the ESIC for two years. This includes 29 hospitals/ health facilities in Assam and 1 (one) each in Manipur, Meghalaya and Tripura.
