

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3269
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.12.2024**

**DELAY IN COMPLETION OF ESIC HOSPITAL, SHIVAMOGGA IN
KARNATAKA**

3269. SHRI B Y RAGHAVENDRA:

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

- (a) the reasons for the delay in completing the ESIC hospital in Shivamogga, which was sanctioned in 2019 and began construction in April 2021 with a 15-month timeline;**
- (b) the details of steps being taken by the Government to expedite the completion of said hospital to ensure timely healthcare access for workers and residents in the region;**
- (c) whether the Government has set a revised timeline for the completion of said hospital and any measures taken to avoid further delays so that the hospital can become operational for the benefit of the people of Shivamogga and surrounding areas; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): The construction of Employees' State Insurance (ESI) Hospital in Shivamogga was delayed mainly because of Covid pandemic restrictions, hard rock strata on the site which needs to be removed by controlled blasting, delay in obtaining No Objection Certificate from the local authorities for conducting "Controlled Blasting Operations", etc.

The construction work has been assigned to Central Public Works Department (CPWD) on deposit work basis. The physical progress is 52%. ESIC has been conducting periodical meetings with CPWD for speedy execution of works.
