

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3382
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.12.2024**

UPGRADATION OF ESIC FACILITIES

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

- (a) whether the existing ESIC facilities being provided to the beneficiaries of the scheme have been upgraded, if so, the details thereof and the estimated impact thereon;**
(b) whether the Government has approved new ESIC projects; and
(c) if so, the number of new Jobs are expected to be created?

ANSWER

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

(a): The major steps taken by Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) to upgrade and improve the facilities provided to its beneficiaries are as under:

i) ESIC has collaborated with Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojna (PMJAY) to provide secondary and tertiary care medical services to ESI beneficiaries through PMJAY empanelled hospitals in the country at places where ESI medical services are not adequately available.

ii) Rates of benefits have been enhanced for Permanent Disablement Benefit (PDB) / Dependents' Benefits (DB) Beneficiaries.

iii) A new scheme has been approved to cater medical care [including Super Specialty Treatment (SST)] for superannuated beneficiaries who have contributed in ESIC but went out of coverage before superannuation.

iv) Online module has been launched for updation / editing the particulars of Insured Persons (IPs) and their family details.

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v) Aadhar based authentication of Insured Persons & their family members on voluntary basis has been adopted for providing social security benefits, including medical and cash benefits to beneficiaries.

vi) For providing hassle-free services to Insured Persons (IPs)/Insured Women (IW), an online portal/facility has been started for submission of cash benefit claim under ESI scheme.

The above upgradation will help to cater medical needs of ESI beneficiaries more effectively and efficiently.

(b) & (c): Setting up of ESI hospitals / dispensaries is a continuous process. ESI Corporation accords approval for setting up of new ESI Hospitals / dispensaries based on certain norms / Insured Person (IP) population criteria within a particular area. In ESIC hospitals, vacancies are created as per HR Norms based on the bed strength of the hospital.
