

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1771
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.03.2025**

ESIC HOSPITALS IN BIHAR

†1771. SHRI GOPAL JEE THAKUR:

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

- (a) the details of the Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) Hospitals constructed and proposed to be constructed in the districts of Bihar State;**
- (b) whether the Government proposes to construct an ESIC Hospital in Darbhanga the centre of North Bihar and Mithila district where low income workers and employees are in large numbers; and**
- (c) if so, the time by ESI Hospitals would be constructed and if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): Setting up of ESI hospitals / dispensaries is a continuous process. ESI Corporation accords approval for setting up of new hospitals / dispensaries based on certain norms / Insured Person (IP) population criteria within a particular area. As per norms, minimum 20,000 and 50,000 present Insured Person (IP) population / futuristic number of IP population in upcoming 05 years is required within radius of 25 Kms of proposed location for setting up of 30 bedded and 100 bedded ESI hospital respectively.

ESIC has constructed two hospitals in Bihar i.e. one each at Bihta and Phulwarisharif (Patna). Further, ESIC has also accorded “in principle” approval for setting up of 3 new ESI hospitals in Bihar i.e. one each at Muzaffarpur, Bhagalpur and Begusarai. The present IP population in Darbhanga does not qualify for setting up of ESI hospital in the district.
