

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3937  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.08.2025**

**COVERAGE OF INFORMAL WORKERS UNDER ESIC AND EPFO IN  
ODISHA**

**3937. SMT. SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has undertaken any review to assess the coverage gap of Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) and Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) among informal workers in Odisha, especially in districts like Balangir, Bargarh, and Subarnapur;**
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to increase awareness, simplify enrollment procedure and improve accessibility in semi-urban and rural industrial areas;**
- (c) whether the Government plans to expand the ESIC dispensary or hospital network in labour-intensive zones of Western Odisha and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) if not, whether the Government proposes a targeted campaign in the said areas for ESIC and EPFO onboarding through digital and grassroots channels?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) to (d): Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) and Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) provide social security coverage to organized sector workers across various sectors through statutory schemes. As such, informal workers do not come under the purview of ESIC and EPFO.**

**Presently, medical services to ESI beneficiaries in Odisha are provided through 06 ESI hospitals and 53 ESI dispensaries including 03 hospitals and 18 dispensaries in Western Odisha. Besides, ESI Corporation has also sanctioned 100 bedded hospital in Jharsuguda and one 5 doctors dispensary in Sambalpur in Western Odisha, in order to expand hospital / dispensary network and improve accessibility in Odisha.**

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