GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1163 TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.12.2025

BENEFICIARIES UNDER ESIC SCHEME

1163. SHRI NAVASKANI K: SHRI SELVAM G: SHRI C N ANNADURAI:

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

- (a) the details of the total number of employees and their dependents covered under the Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) scheme in the country particularly in Tamil Nadu, during the last three years;
- (b) the details of the number of insured persons and beneficiaries covered under the ESIC scheme during the last three years and the current year, year and district-wise in Tamil Nadu particularly in Ramanathapuram Lok Sabha Constituency;
- (c)whether the Government has assessed the adequacy of the existing ESIC hospitals, dispensaries and healthcare facilities in the said districts to cater to the need of increasing number of insured persons and beneficiaries;
- (d)if so, the details thereof;
- (e)whether the Government has identified any gaps in medical infrastructure, diagnostic facilities or manpower availability in ESIC institutions, districts-wise in Tamil Nadu; and
- (f) the details of the steps taken by the Government to strengthen and expand ESIC healthcare infrastructure, improve service delivery and enhance access to quality medical care for insured persons district-wise in Tamil Nadu?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): The total number of the beneficiaries covered under the Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) scheme in the country and in Tamil Nadu during 2022-23 to 2024-25 are as under:

Year	No. of beneficiaries in the	No. of Beneficiaries in the
	country	Tamil Nadu
2022-23	13,30,73,951	1,56,03,032
2023-24	14,43,59,629	1,69,83,109
2024-25	14,91,31,214	1,73,73,864

The number of Insured Persons (IPs) and beneficiaries covered under ESIC scheme in Tamil Nadu, district-wise, including Ramanathapuram during calendar year 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 (till 30.11.2025) is annexed.

(c) to (f): Setting up of ESI Corporation hospital by assessing feasibility as per pre-defined norms of ESIC is a continuous process. As per norms, minimum 1,00,000 and 1,50,000 Insured Persons (IPs) are required for setting up of new 150 and 200 bedded ESI Hospital respectively. Also, there should not be any other ESI Hospital within a radius of 50 Kms. The number of IPs in Ramanthapuram district is 7913 only. Hence, the location does not qualify for setting up of hospital.

The total number of IPs in Tamil Nadu is 44,77,800. At present, 11 hospitals and 241 dispensaries are functional in the state and providing healthcare services to IPs. Besides, 4 Insurance Medical Practitioners under the modified Insurance Medical Practitioner (mIMP) scheme are also available in the State. Further, 7 additional hospitals have also been sanctioned.

The major steps taken by ESIC to strengthen and expand ESIC healthcare infrastructure and improve service delivery of medical care for ESI card holders are as under:

- i) Collaboration with Ayushmaan 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) Enhancement of rates of benefits for Permanent Disablement Benefit (PDB) / Dependents' Benefits (DB) Beneficiaries.
- iii) Aadhar based authentication of IPs and their family members on voluntary basis has been adopted for providing social security benefits, including medical and cash benefits to beneficiaries.
- iv) For providing hassle free services to IPs / Insured Women (IW), an online portal / facility has been started for submission of cash benefits claims under ESI scheme.
- v)Upgradation of user-friendly app for insured persons and beneficiaries to self-register for OPD appointments in order to streamline registration, reduce waiting time, and enhance patient convenience.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1163 FOR 08.12.2025 BY SHRI NAVASKANI K & 02 OTHERS REGARDING BENEFICIARIES UNDER ESIC SCHEME.

S. Name o		20	22	2023		2024		2025*	
No	District	No. of	No. of	No. of	No. of	No. of	No. of	No. of	No. of
		Insured	Benefici	Insured	Benefici	Insured	Beneficiar	Insured	Beneficiar
		Persons	aries	Persons	aries	Persons	ies	Persons	ies
1.	Chengalpattu	2,00,182	7,76,705	2,22,559	8,63,527	2,43,547	9,44,961	2,39,698	9,30,028
2.	Chennai	8,75,370	33,96,435	9,56,317	37,10,508	10,33,800	40,11,143	10,21,962	39,65,212
3.	Cuddalore	24,573	95,344	28,150	1,09,223	31,828	1,23,494	38,000	1,47,440
4.	Kanchipuram	1,58,947	6,16,716	2,07,733	8,06,003	2,35,326	9,13,065	2,66,434	10,33,764
5.	Thiruvallur	2,79,690	10,85,197	3,13,930	12,18,049	3,40,770	13,22,187	3,57,730	13,87,992
6.	Tiruvannamal ai	2,154	8,357	3,110	12,067	6,287	24,394	7,916	30,714
7.	Vellore	1,72,200	6,68,136	1,91,428	7,42,741	1,89,599	7,35,643	1,80,881	7,01,818
8.	Villupuram	5,160	20,022	6,669	25,876	12,698	49,270	17,750	68,870
9.	Coimbatore	3,74,946	14,54,793	4,34,645	16,86,421	4,53,585	17,59,910	4,54,416	17,63,134
10.	Erode	1,06,086	4,11,613	1,23,232	4,78,141	1,31,871	5,11,661	1,28,583	4,98,902
11.	The Nilgiris	4,836	18,764	5,437	21,097	5,449	21,143	6,770	26,268
12.	Tiruppur	3,11,687	12,09,345	3,57,319	13,86,397	3,89,042	15,09,482	3,72,451	14,45,110
13.	Dindigul	91,898	3,56,564	1,00,480	3,89,862	1,10,007	4,26,828	1,09,736	4,25,776
14.	Madurai	1,42,255	5,51,949	1,51,370	5,87,314	1,60,931	6,24,413	1,68,268	6,52,880
15.	Pudukkottai	15,946	61,869	17,659	68,517	19,999	77,597	24,920	96,690
16.	Ramanathapur am	758	2,940	3,089	11,986	6,890	26,732	7,737	30,020
17.	Sivagangai	24,194	93,874	26,787	10,3935	28,688	1,11,309	26,449	1,02,622
18.	Theni	22,316	86,587	23,438	90,938	24,631	95,567	25,472	98,831
19.	Virudhu Nagar	1,40,967	5,46,950	1,31,698	5,10,988	1,45,370	5,64,034	1,41,511	5,49,063
20.	Ariyalur	4,524	17,554	5,713	22,167	6,653	25,814	6,896	26,756
21.	Dharmapuri	3,673	14,250	5,785	22,445	7,776	30,172	9,117	35,374
22.	Karur	36,840	1,42,940	44,622	1,73,133	49,572	1,92,340	53,888	2,09,085
23.	krishnagiri	1,27,180	4,93,460	1,62,976	6,32,346	1,91,785	7,44,125	2,15,661	8,36,765
24.	Mayiladuthura i	101	392	143	553	521	2,023	1,135	4,404
25.	Nagapattinam	1,966	7,627	3,030	11,757	3,703	14,367	4,752	18,438
26.	Namakkal	38,150	1,48,021	46,992	1,82,328	52,525	2,03,797	53,780	2,08,666
27.	Salem	96,211	3,73,300	1,11,107	4,31,093	1,18,289	4,58,961	1,28,800	4,99,744
28.	Thanjavur	26,410	1,02,469	30,459	1,18,182	32,374	1,25,611	35,748	1,38,702
29.	Thiruvarur	4,859	18,851	5,714	22,170	6,187	24,004	6,655	25,821
30.	Tiruchirappall i	80,887	3,13,841	98,356	3,81,621	1,08,532	4,21,104	1,22,434	4,75,044
31.	Kanyakumari	47,240	1,83,290	45,454	1,76,360	51,295	1,99,026	53,193	2,06,389
32.	Tenkasi	11,421	44,314	10,126	39,288	13,224	51,308	14,111	54,751
33.	Thoothukudi	60,129	2,33,299	65,257	2,53,197	72,263	2,80,381	72,600	2,81,688
34.	Tirupattur	162	630	986	3,826	3,773	14,641	4,975	19,303
35.	Ranipet	410	1,592	727	2,821	0	0	0	0
36.	Tirunelveli	64,793	2,51,396	73,932	2,86,856	78,856	3,05,961	85,928	3,33,401
37.	South Andaman	1,190	4,617	3,706	14,379	5,610	21,767	6,325	24,541
38.	Perambalur	0	0	1,268	4,920	3,834	14,874	5,118	19,858

^{*} Till 30.11.2025