

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1554
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.02.2026**

ESIC HOSPITAL IN NASHIK

1554. SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:

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

- (a) the details of the number of powerloom labourers from Malegaon and whether around six Lakhs, availed Medical or Health Services from any of the Employee's State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) Hospitals in Nashik;**
- (b) the reasons for the non-establishment of an ESIC Hospital in Malegaon despite an abundant Labour Population which contributes a significant amount to ESIC premiums; and**
- (c) the details of the steps taken by the Government to create awareness about ESIC facilities among Labour Population in Malegaon?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): The present Insured Persons (IP) population in the catchment area of Malegaon (within a radius of 25 km) is 4,186 including IP population in the textile sector at Malegaon.

Medical facilities to ESI beneficiaries in Nashik are being provided through the ESI Scheme State Hospital at Satpur. In addition, secondary and tertiary healthcare services are provided through 20 empaneled secondary care hospitals and 11 empaneled tertiary care hospitals in the district.

However, no separate statistical data is maintained regarding the number of powerloom labourers from Malegaon who have availed medical or health services from the said hospital.

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As per the existing norms for establishment of a 100 bedded ESI Hospital, a minimum of 50,000 Insured Persons (IPs) within the radius of 25 Km of the proposed location is required. Since the available IP population at Malegon is substantially below the prescribed norm, establishment of an ESIC Hospital at Malegaon is not feasible, at present.

The ESIC continuously undertakes measures to create awareness about the benefits available under the ESI Scheme, At the local level, regular outreach activities are conducted to directly engage employers and workers. In addition, ESIC carries out nationwide awareness campaigns through a comprehensive media mix approach, including print and outdoor publicity, radio jingles and digital and social media platforms to disseminate information on ESI benefits, initiatives and claim procedures.
