

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3845
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.03.2026**

CANCELLATION OF NEW ESIC CLINICS IN KERALA

3845. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:

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

- (a) whether any permission or approval granted for establishment of new Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) clinics/dispensaries in Kerala have been cancelled, withdrawn or kept pending during the last five years and the current year;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the location, date of approval, date of cancellation/withholding and the specific reasons therefor;**
- (c) whether any proposal for setting up of new ESIC clinics, hospitals or medical/AYUSH institutions, ayurveda medical colleges have been received from the State Government of Kerala or any Member of Parliament;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with present status of such proposals, location-wise; and**
- (e) the details of the steps taken/being taken by the Government to expedite approval and ensure expansion of ESIC medical facilities in Kerala?**

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): The in-principle approvals, granted earlier, for establishment of 08 ESI dispensaries in Kerala have been withdrawn on 20.02.2026. These dispensaries could not be operationalized for more than three years from the date of approval due to non-availability of suitable land/premises and non-sanction of required manpower by the State Government of Kerala. The details are at Annexure-I.

(c) & (d): No proposal has been received from the Government of Kerala for setting up of new ESIC clinics, hospitals or medical/AYUSH institutions, ayurveda medical colleges. However two proposals have been received from Members of Parliament. Details are at Annexure-II

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(e): At present, ESIC medical services in Kerala are being provided through 9 ESIS Hospitals, 3 ESIC Hospitals, 147 ESIS Dispensaries and 2 Diagnostic Centres (DCBOs). In addition, 54 private hospitals are empanelled for providing super-speciality treatment and 46 hospitals for speciality treatment to ESI beneficiaries in the State.

ESIC has already accorded establishment of a 100-bedded ESIC Hospital in Idukki district of Kerala, which will further strengthen and expand ESIC medical facilities in the State.

ANNEXURE-I**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3845 FOR 16.03.2026 BY SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH REGARDING CANCELLATION OF NEW ESIC CLINICS IN KERALA.**

Sl. No.	State	District	Location	Date of approval	Date of withdrawal
1.	Kerala	Wayanad	Sulthan Bethary	18.02.2019	20.02.2026
2.	Kerala	Wayanad	Mananthavady	18.02.2019	20.02.2026
3.	Kerala	Kozhikode	Balusseri	02.06.2021	20.02.2026
4.	Kerala	Pathanamthitta	Ranni	02.06.2021	20.02.2026
5.	Kerala	Palakkad	Kottaanad	02.06.2021	20.02.2026
6.	Kerala	Kozhikode	Thamarasseri	02.06.2021	20.02.2026
7.	Kerala	Ernakulam	Koothattukulam	02.06.2021	20.02.2026
8.	Kerala	Thiruvananthapuram	Venjaramoodu	02.06.2021	20.02.2026

Source: ESIC HQ.

ANNEXURE-II

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (c) & (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3845 FOR 16.03.2026 BY SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH REGARDING CANCELLATION OF NEW ESIC CLINICS IN KERALA.

Name of Hon'ble Member of Parliament	Proposals received by ESIC	Remarks
Shri N.K. Premachandran, Hon'ble Member of Parliaments, Lok Sabha	Upgradation of ESIC Model & Super Speciality Hospital, Asramam, Kollam into a Medical College.	The proposal for establishment of ESIC Medical College at Kollam has been approved in the 196 th meeting of the ESIC Corporation.
Shri Kodikunnil Suresh, Hon'ble Member of Parliaments, Lok Sabha	Establishment of a full-fledged Ayurveda Medical College at ESIC Hospital, Ezhukone, Kollam, Kerala	The existing ESIC AYUSH Policy does not provide for establishment of AYUSH Medical Colleges. The policy, however, provides for establishment of a 50-bedded ESIC AYUSH Hospital within an existing 500-bedded ESIC Allopathic Hospital on co-location basis.

Source: ESIC HQ.
