

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT**

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 158  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.07.2016**

**CASUAL WORKERS IN ESI ACT**

**158. DR. P. VENUGOPAL:**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to cover casual workers under the Employees State Insurance Act;**
- (b if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government also proposes to expand the facilities at ESI hospitals in view of increase in the number of beneficiaries reaching the ESI hospitals every day; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken in this regard?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT  
(SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)**

**(a): The Employees' State Insurance (ESI) Act, 1948 does not differentiate between regular and casual workers. Casual workers employed in a covered factory/establishment are eligible for all the benefits under the ESI Act, 1948.**

**(b): Does not arise, in view of reply to part (a) of the question above.**

**(c) & (d): Under its Agenda-ESIC 2.0, ESI Corporation has taken a number of measures for accommodating the new entrants in the system by expanding the hospital facilities in the country which, inter-alia includes following:-**

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- **To enhance the hospital bed strength by 50% where bed occupancy is more than 70% during last 3 consecutive years and increasing sanctioned staff strength of ESIC hospitals accordingly.**
- **Setting up of ESI one doctor dispensary.**
- **Tie up with Insured Medical Practitioner and Govt./Private Hospitals and Nursing homes for primary and secondary medical care**
- **To make available electronic health record of patients.**
- **Evening OPD for senior Citizen & differently abled patients.**
- **Cancer detection/treatment facilities.**
- **Cardiology treatment facilities.**
- **Dialysis facilities.**
- **Complete immunization facilities.**
- **Telemedicine facilities.**
- **Ayush facilities.**

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