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**Foundation stone laying of 100 bedded ESI Hospital, Vizianagaram, Andhra Pradesh on 19.12.2019**

**Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar, Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Labour & Employment, Govt. of India** laid the foundation stone of ESI Hospital, Vizianagaram, Andhra Pradesh on **Thursday, the 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2019**. **Smt Pamula Pushpa Sreevani, Hon'ble Dy. Chief Minister & Minister for Tribal Welfare, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh** was the **Chief Guest** of this function.

The other dignitaries to grace the occasion were **Shri Gummanur Jayaram**, Hon'ble Minister for Labour & Employment, Training & Factories, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, **Shri Botcha Satyanarayana**, Hon'ble Minister for Municipal Administration & Urban Development, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, **Shri Bellana Chandrasekhar**, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Vizianagaram, **Shri Kolagatla Veerabhadra Swamy**, Hon'ble Member of Legislative Assembly, Vizianagaram, **Shri B. Appala Naidu**, Member of Legislative Assembly, Vizianagaram and **Dr. R. K. Kataria**, Medical Commissioner, ESIC.

During the event, Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar, Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Labour & Employment, Govt. of India informed about the various initiatives taken by the government to provide better care and services to the worker force of India. He further informed about Reduction in contribution rates under ESI Scheme, implementation of Atal Bimit Vyakti Kalyan Yojana etc.

Shri Gummanur Jayaram, Hon'ble Minister for Labour & Employment, Training & Factories, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh thanked the Central Govt. and assured full cooperation of State Govt. in running the upcoming hospital. The other dignitaries present during the event acknowledged the efforts of central govt. and assured the state government cooperation. The project is expected to be completed in two years. After construction of this hospital of ESIC, the same will be handed over to State Govt. for running it.

**ESI Hospital at Vizianagaram, Andhra Pradesh**

The 100 bedded ESI Hospital in Vizianagaram will be built over 5 acres area, surrounded by lush greenery, with an estimated cost of Rs. 75.26 Crores. The hospital will consist of G+2 levels, including residential campus and will be equipped with all modern medical facilities like OPD, Wards, Labs and Emergency Facility. This hospital will help in catering the needs of two north-eastern districts of Andhra Pradesh viz. Srikakulam and Vizianagaram, that currently has over 1 lakh IPs and 3.88 lakh beneficiaries who are taking secondary care treatment at Vishakhapatnam.

**ESI Scheme in Andhra Pradesh**

In Andhra Pradesh, initially, the ESI Scheme was implemented centre wise with just 4 centres viz. Vijayawada, Guntur, Eluru and Vishakhapatnam w.e.f. 09.10.1955. The scheme was gradually extended to 136 centres. Presently, the scheme is in force in 663 mandals of Andhra Pradesh with over 42,880 Employers, 12,90,051 IPs and 43,39,208 Beneficiaries. The ESI Scheme is administered in Andhra Pradesh through 1 Regional Office, 2 Sub-Regional Offices and 22 Branch Offices. Medical services to the beneficiaries are being provided through 4 ESIS Hospitals, 3 Diagnostic Centres, 78 ESIS Dispensaries, 79 Panel Clinics and mobile dispensaries in 34 centres.

For providing secondary care and super speciality treatment, tie-up arrangements have been made with 38 private hospitals in all districts and at important centres.

### **ESI Scheme in India**

The Employees' State Insurance Corporation is a pioneer Social Security organization providing comprehensive social security benefits like reasonable Medical Care and a range of Cash Benefits in times of need such as employment injury, sickness, death etc. The ESI Act applies to premises/precincts where 10 or more persons are employed. The employees drawing wages up to Rs.21,000/- a month are entitled to health insurance cover and other benefits, under the ESI Act. The Act now applies to over 10.33 lakh factories and establishments across the country, benefiting about 3.43 crores family units of workers. As of now, the total beneficiary population of ESI Scheme stands over 13.32 crores. Ever since its inception in 1952, the ESI Corporation has, so far, set up 154 Hospitals, 1500/148 Dispensaries / ISM Units, 815 Branch/Pay Offices and 63 Regional & Sub-Regional Offices.

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