

ESIC hospitals in Orissa

†3645. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of hospitals and dispensaries being run by Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) in Orissa;
- (b) whether it is a fact that many of them will be closed now;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether it will cause loss to the workers;
- (e) whether any proposal of opening hospitals and dispensaries at new places is pending; and
- (f) if so, the list of these hospitals and dispensaries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI HARISH RAWAT): (a) Out of six hospitals and 51 dispensaries functioning in Orissa, only one hospital at Rourkela is being run by the Employees' State Insurance Corporation directly.

(b) to (d) No such proposal is before the Employees' State Insurance Corporation.

(e) and (f) There is no proposal pending with the Employees' State Insurance Corporation for opening of hospitals and dispensaries in the State of Orissa.

Report on employment and unemployment rate

3646. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether his Ministry has the latest report of Employment and Unemployment rate and situation in India; and
- (b) how many persons have lost their jobs because of slow down in economy and how many of them have got back the jobs after the position improved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI HARISH RAWAT): (a) Reliable estimates of employment and unemployment are obtained through quinquennial labour force surveys conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation. Last such survey was conducted during 2004-05. The next survey (66th round) is currently in progress from July, 2009 and will be completed in June, 2010. The results of the survey are expected during 2011.

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(a) No comprehensive study/survey has been conducted to evaluate the impact of economic slowdown on employment in India. However, Labour Bureau, an organization under the Ministry of Labour and Employment has conducted quarterly sample surveys in quick succession starting from quarter October-December, 2008 and five surveys have been completed so far. By comparing the results of different quarters of the survey reports, it has been observed that employment declined by 4.91 lakh during the October-December 2008; and then increased by 2.76 lakh during January-March 2009, again declined by 1.31 lakh during April-June 2009, and then increased by 4.97 lakh during the July-September, 2009 quarter and further increased by 6.38 lakh during October-December, 2009 quarter. Thus, even on the basis of this small sample, estimated employment in the selected sectors has experienced a net addition of 7.89 lakh during September, 2008 to December, 2009.

ESIC hospitals in the country

3647. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of ESIC hospitals in the country indicating the details of the annual enrolments in such hospitals for the last three years;
- (b) the total sanctioned strength of doctors and paramedics in such hospitals;
- (c) how many positions remain vacant among doctors and paramedics in these hospitals;
- (d) whether it is a fact that most of the doctors and paramedics are working on contract/*ad-hoc*/temporary basis in ESIC hospitals in Delhi;
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor and what are their service conditions; and
- (f) whether Government proposes to make regular appointments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI HARISH RAWAT): (a) As on 31.03.2010, ESI Corporation is running 23 hospitals in the country. The annual enrolment in the hospitals during the last three years (OPD+Indoor+Casualty) is 39 lakhs, 38.4 lakhs & 48.7 lakhs respectively. Details are given in the enclosed Statement (See below).

(b) The total sanctioned strength of doctors and Para-medical staff as on 31.03.2010 in ESIC hospitals is 2065 and 7524 respectively.

(c) The total vacancies as on 31.03.2010 in respect of doctors and para-medical are 588 and 2126 respectively.