

(ii) Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) which is a newly launched (in August, 2008) credit linked subsidy programme for generation of employment opportunities through establishment of micro enterprises in rural as well as urban areas.

Pathetic condition of ESI hospitals

†1054.SHRI BHARATSINH PRABHATSINH PARMAR:

SHRI PARSHOTTAM KHODABHAI RUPALA:

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

(a) whether his Ministry is aware that the medical stores and hospitals being run by the Employees State Insurance Scheme (ESI) are in a pathetic condition due to which the workers are not getting appropriate benefit of this scheme;

(b) the details of the necessary steps taken by Government to address the aforesaid problem in Gujarat; and

(c) the details of the steps taken by Government to overcome the shortage of the doctors and medicines in the hospitals being run by the Employees State Insurance Scheme (ESI)?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE): (a) The condition of Employees State Insurance (ESI) Hospitals and their working in the country is generally satisfactory.

(b) Steps taken by ESI Corporation for streamlining the functioning of the hospitals in Gujarat State are as under:

1. ESI Corporation has increased the ceiling on reimbursement of expenditure on medical care from Rs. 1000/- to Rs. 1200/- per Insured Person family unit per annum w.e.f 01.04.2009.
2. In addition, ESI Corporation has also decided to reimburse the full administrative expenditure incurred by the State Govt, towards Medical Scheme on actual basis subject to fulfilment of certain conditions.
3. Hospital Development Committee has been constituted in all ESI Hospitals "including Gujarat" and has been given adequate financial & administrative powers for taking decisions for improvement in medical care facilities.

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4. Three hospitals at Babu Nagar, Naroda & Vapi are being run by the ESI Corporation directly. ESIC Hospital, Babu Nagar has been recently upgraded. Up-gradation of ESI hospitals at Naroda and Vapi is under process.
5. To facilitate early sanction of equipments for hospitals, Medical Superintendent/ State Medical Commissioners, ESIC at State level have been delegated powers to sanction equipments up to Rs. 25 lakh per unit.
6. The expenditure on super-specialty treatment is being totally borne by ESI Corporation outside the ceiling since 01.08.2008. ESI Corporation has also entered into tie-up arrangement with reputed Government/Private hospitals for super-speciality services and is providing cashless and hassle free services to the ESI Beneficiaries.

(c) To overcome shortage of specialists in State ESI Hospitals, ESI Corporation is appointing part-time specialists/super specialists directly in State ESI Hospitals to ensure that proper services are available to ESI beneficiaries. The total expenditure on this account is borne by ESI Corporation.

For ensuring regular supply of medicine, ESIC formulates and regularly upgrades rate contracts for Allopathic and Ayurvedic drugs. The same are sent to all the State Governments for procurement of medicines.

Cheating of unemployed youths by misleading advertisements

†1055.SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:

SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

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

(a) whether Government is aware that several placement agencies are cheating unemployed youths by publishing misleading advertisements;

(b) whether Parliamentary Standing Committee on Labour has recommended to put a check on these dubious private placement agencies and fix accountability on publishers and propagators for publication and propagation of such fake advertisements;

(c) if so, whether Government proposes to formulate a comprehensive national employment policy in this regard;

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