

ESI Hospitals for Kanyakumari and Tuticorin Districts

1497. SHRIMATI KANIMIOZHI : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal to start Employees' State Insurance (ESI) hospitals for the workers of Kanyakumari and Tuticorin districts;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the works of ESI hospital in Tirunelveli would be completed at the earliest; and

(d) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH) : (a) Yes, Sir. Employees' State Insurance Coorporation (ESIC) has approved setting up of a 100 Bedded ESI Hospital each at Kanyakumari and Tuticorin.

(c) and (d) Laboratories, Intensive Care Unit, Outdoor Patient Department and wards at Employees' State Insurance Corporation Hospital at Tirunelveli are already functioning. Construction Agency has been directed to complete the work of operation theatre at the earliest.

Revision of pension for EPF pensioners

1498. SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN SINGH :

SHRI SALIM ANSARI :

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

(a) whether it is a fact that since last many years, the pension of Employees' Provident Fund Scheme (EPFS) pensioners has not been revised;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government has been receiving representations from all over the country from the affected pensioners as well as MPs and others;

(d) whether the EPF organisation has ever considered this matter; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and If not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Revision of pension under the Employees' Pension Scheme, 1995 is effected on the basis of surplus in actuarial evaluation of the Pension Fund. There is continuous deficit in the actuarial valuation of Employees' Pension Fund since 2001. Therefore, pension under EPS, 1995 has not been revised since 2001.

(c) to (e) Representations have been received by the Government for revision of pension under Employees' Pension Scheme, 1995. These were considered by the Expert Committee constituted to review the Employees' Pension Scheme, 1995. The Report of the Expert Committee was examined by Pension Implementation Committee (PIC) which *inter-alia* recommended that the minimum pension be increased to Rs. 1000/- per month as an interim measure by enhancing the rate of contribution into EPS, 1995 by 0.63%.

A proposal for providing a minimum pension of Rs. 1000/- to Member Pensioners of EPS, 1995 is under consideration of the Government.

ESI Hospitals and dispensaries in Odisha

1499. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the steps taken by the Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) to immediately complete the contractual work of ESI Medical College, Bhubaneswar and hospitals at Angul, Jharsuguda, Jajpur and Baleswar;

(b) whether it is a fact that ESIC has spent the lowest amount to develop the infrastructure; in Odisha in comparison to other States; and

(c) the number of hospitals and ESI dispensaries working in Odisha and the total funds spent for developing the infrastructure in Odisha in last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH) : (a) All necessary steps are being taken to complete the Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) medical college at Bhubaneswar and ESIC Hospitals at Angul and Dulburi, Jajpur. Employees' State Insurance Scheme (ESIS) Hospital at Brajrajnagar, Jharsuguda is already functional. No proposal has, been approved by ESI Corporation to set-up any hospital at Baleswar.