

Stoppage of cashless treatment under ESIC

3132. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has taken a decision to stop the cashless treatment of ESIC employees;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to alleviate problems of ESIC employees in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) The Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) employees are eligible for medical treatment under Central Services (Medical Attendance) Rules, 1944. The employees, who intend to avail facilities in ESIC hospitals, need to contribute at the rates prescribed for CGHS subscribers. Necessary guidelines have been issued from time to time to alleviate problems faced by ESIC employees.

Modernisation of ESIC hospitals

3133. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of the number of ESIC hospitals in the country;

(b) the details of the steps being taken by Government to modernise and improve the condition of these hospitals; and

(c) the details of the hospitals that have been modernised and the hospitals that are in the process of modernisation along with completion timelines for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA): (a) to (c) The State-wise details of Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) hospitals is given in the Statement (*See below*). Modernization of ESIC hospitals is a continuous process and is being carried out in all ESIC hospitals. Under its reform agenda ESIC 2.0, ESIC has taken a number of reform initiatives to modernize and improve the condition of Employees' State Insurance (ESI) hospitals, which are to be implemented throughout the country. The details are as under:

- To make available electronic health records of patients.
- Up-gradation of dispensaries to 6 bedded hospitals.