

ESIC Hospital at Kalaburgi (Gulbarga) Karnataka

*103. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the intake capacity of Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) Hospital, Kalaburgi (Gulbarga), Karnataka for labourers and how much of it is utilised;

(b) what is the present treatment status;

(c) whether permanent staff is available to discharge duties at Dental and Medical College; and

(d) whether it works at full capacity and is being used for labourers, if not, what steps Government proposes to take to improve its utilisation for labourers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) Intake capacity of ESIC Hospital, Gulbarga (Karnataka) is 470 beds. Average daily OPD attendance is 430 and around 130 beds are utilized on daily basis.

(b) Medical Services in all medical/surgical broad specialities and all pathological and radiological services are provided to patients including labourers.

(c) Yes, Sir. The permanent staff like doctors, nurses and other paramedical staff are posted in the hospital. Further, nurses and paramedical staff are also hired through outsource agencies on need basis.

(d) The hospital can work at full capacity for providing services to patients including labourers. Further, ESIC expansion programme will increase the number of Insured Persons in the catchment area and will improve bed utilization.

Sale of ONGC's stake in hydrocarbon blocks

*104. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether ONGC Association of Scientific and Technical Officers (ASTO) has sought Government's intervention to stall the plans to sell 60 per cent stake in 15 hydrocarbon blocks as part of a plan to increase output;

(b) whether production has declined by close to 60 per cent in Panna-Mukta field over the past seven years;