

in November, 2011. Investments of ₹ 45,000 crore have already been made so far on manufacturing and infrastructure development. Indian Oil Corporation's 15 MMTPA Refinery at Paradip has been commissioned in February, 2016. IOCL has commissioned 730 KTA Polypropylene Unit in 2019, which will provide feedstock to the Plastic Park and other industries in the PCPIR region. Besides this, IOCL has plans to set up Mono-Ethylene Glycol, Paraxylene-PTA & Petcoke gasification units for availability of other raw materials in time bound as well as cost effective manner for the units in PCPIR Paradip.

Shortage of medical staff in ESIC

1895. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of shortage of doctors, nurses and other paramedical staff in hospitals being run by Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) have come to the notice of Government;

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

(c) whether Government has taken any steps to remove any such shortage with a view to providing timely and quality medical services to beneficiaries under ESIC; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR) : (a) Yes, Sir. There is a shortage of doctors, nurses and para-medical staff in ESIC hospitals.

(b) Details of shortage of doctors, nurses and paramedical staff are as under:

Sl. No.	The details in r/o Medical Officers	Nos.	As on
1.	Specialists/Super specialist	404	21.11.2019
2.	General Duty Medical Officers (GDMO)	499	21.11.2019
3.	Teaching faculty	366	21.11.2019
4.	Para-Medical/Nursing Staff	6761	31.03.2019

Shortage of doctors, nurses and other paramedical staff are due to expansion of the ESI scheme across the country leading to opening of new hospitals, taking over of ESIS hospitals for better medical services, retirement, attrition, etc.

(c) and (d) The ESIC has taken the following steps to fill up the vacancies and remove the shortage:

- (i) Regular recruitment of GDMO, Specialist, Super Specialist, Teaching Faculty and Nursing & Paramedical Staff has already been initiated and advertisements for filling up 2254 Paramedical & Nursing Cadre Posts in 23 States, 771 posts of Insurance Medical Officer Grade-II, 257 posts of Specialist Gr. II (Junior Scale) and 72 posts of Specialist Gr. II (Senior Scale- Super Specialties) in 19 States released.
- (ii) Field units have been delegated the authority to engage GDMOs, Specialists and Teaching faculties on contractual basis to tide over the crisis of deficit in Medical Officers' cadres.

Field Units have also been authorized to engage nursing and paramedical staff through outsourcing as per instructions issued from time to time as per actual requirement.

LPG connections to every household

1896. SHRI KAMAKHYA PRASAD TASA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has set a target of providing LPG connection to every household in the country in the next three years;
- (b) if so, the details of the scheme and the status of implementation of the same;
- (c) the amount of funds earmarked for the purpose and the amount spent so far; and
- (d) the details of implementation of the scheme in North-Eastern India and the number of households yet to be provided LPG connections, State-wise, including Assam thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN) : (a) to (c) Providing LPG connections is a continuous process. The target of