

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT**

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1853
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.08.2021**

DETAILS OF ESIC CORPUS

1853. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY:

Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of ESIC corpus and reserve fund;**
- (b) the details of fund invested in Government securities, debt-related instruments, fixed deposits, etc.;**
- (c) whether there is a proposal to invest in mutual funds and equities;**
- (d) if so, whether the said investments are annual accruals or entire corpus;**
- (e) whether investment patterns would be on the basis of ESIC Board's decision or as per the instructions issued by Ministry of Finance; and**
- (f) what the Labour Code says on investment in mutual funds and equities?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)**

(a): Employees' State Insurance Fund is maintained as per provision of section 26 of the Employees' State Insurance (ESI) Act, 1948 by the Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC). The reserve funds are classified as under: -

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Sl. No.	Name of the fund	Amount in crore (As on 31.03.2021)
1.	Earmarked Reserve Fund (Permanent Disablement Benefit Reserve Fund, Dependent's Benefit Reserve Fund, Employee Benefit Reserve Fund (For Pension, Gratuity etc.), ESIC Provident Fund and other Reserve Fund including Repair & Maintenance (R&M) and Depreciation Reserve Fund for office & hospital/ dispensary building.	28,836.45
2.	Non-earmarked Reserve Fund (ESI General Reserve Fund, Contingency Reserve Fund & Capital Construction Reserve Fund)	87,416.87
	Total	1,16,253.32

**(b): The investment position of Reserve Fund as on 31.03.2021
is as under: -**

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Instruments	Total investment (Amount in crore) (As on 31.03.2021)
Government Securities (G-Sec.), State Development Loan, Government of India Guaranteed / Serviced bonds	72,610.24
Debt related instruments – Fixed deposits, AAA rated Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) Bonds	19,667.35
Money market instruments – Tri-Party Repo (TREPS), Treasury Bills (T-Bills)	5,793.60
Special Deposit Account (SDA) maintained by Govt. of India	18,182.13
Total Investment	1,16,253.32

(c) to (f): ESIC invests its funds as per the investment policy approved by ESI Corporation.

Section 25(4) of Code on Social Security, 2020 stipulates that “The Employees State Insurance Fund or any other money which is held by the Corporation shall be deposited or invested in the manner prescribed by the Central Government”.
