

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

RAJYA SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 265
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.02.2022**

CONSTRUCTION OF NEW ESIC HOSPITAL BUILDING IN ODISHA

265. SHRI MUZIBULLA KHAN:

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

- (a) the time by when Government's land will be provided for construction of a new hospital building of ESIC Hospital at Choudwar, Odisha;**
- (b) the present status of the existing ESIC Hospital building at Choudwar, Odisha; and**
- (c) the date by which ESI Corporation is to take over the closed ESIC Hospital at Brajarajnagar, Odisha?**

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Based on structural audit, dismantling of the existing ESI hospital building was recommended. However, Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has denied to issue No Objection Certificate for carrying out renovations as the hospital is within the protected monuments zone.

Alternative site consisting of 5 acres of land for construction of new hospital has been offered by the Government of Odisha at Village Kanheipur, Tehsil Tangi-Choudwar. Though this site is outside the ASI protected monuments zone, but it is situated at a distance of 11 km. from the existing hospital. Therefore, the Government of Odisha has been requested to provide 5 acres of land just outside the ASI protected area and closer to the existing ESI Hospital, Choudwar, as most of the Insured Persons reside in the vicinity of the existing hospital.

(c): No proposal has been received from State Government of Odisha regarding taking over of closed ESI hospital, Brajarajnagar.
