

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2176
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.12.2023**

**MISERABLE CONDITION OF STRUCTURE OF ESIC HOSPITALS IN TAMIL
NADU**

2176. SHRI R. DHARMAR:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware about the shortage of staff for a long time and about the very miserable condition of the old structures of ESIC hospital, in Tamil Nadu;**
- (b) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard;**
- (c) whether Government has proposed to set up a divisional level fully equipped hospital in Tamil Nadu for the proper treatment of people insured under ESIC and their dependents;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) the time by which it is likely to be set up?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e): There are two Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) hospitals in the state of Tamil Nadu, at KK Nagar, Chennai and Tirunelveli. There are vacancies of medical officers and staff in these hospitals. The vacancies are created due to retirement on superannuation, voluntary retirement, resignation, death etc. Recruitment of doctors and other staff is an ongoing process and necessary action has been taken by the ESIC to fill up vacant positions.

Pending regular appointment, requirement of doctors and other staff, if any, is also met through contractual engagement.

ESIC has approved demolition and reconstruction of a 200 bedded ESI hospital at Madurai and the work has been assigned to Central Public Works Department (CPWD). The project is at concept plan stage. In addition, the ESIC has given in principle approval for establishment of new 100 bedded hospitals in 8 districts in Tamil Nadu, one each at Tirupur, Sriperumbudur, Dindigul, Vaniyamvadi, Thoothukudi, Kanyakumari, Chengalpattu and Erode. The normal time of the completion of a 100 bedded ESI hospital is three years from the date of the start of work.
