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**Achievements/Initiatives of ESIC during Past Two Years**

ESIC has been providing health care and other social security benefits to the workers of specified wage group over the past 65 years as a labour welfare measure.

During the last two years, under the guidance and leadership of Shri Bandaru Dattatreya, Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Labour & Employment, Govt. of India, ESIC has taken a number of new initiatives in order to extend the social security coverage of ESI Scheme and to improve the medical care being provided under the ESI Scheme as under:-

**(1) Extending coverage of ESI Scheme for extending its social security net to the whole country**

- Extending the social security benefits of ESI Scheme in the remaining **North-East States** Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Manipur and Andaman & Nicobar Island. It has been implemented in Mizoram w.e.f. 1.12.2015 and in Port Blair w.e.f. 01.01.2016.
- At present, ESI Scheme is being implemented in industrial/commercial clusters within districts. The target was to cover all 393 districts, where these clusters are located. In this regard, Now, the further target is to cover **all 681 districts** of the country by end of this year.
- Opening Health Scheme for **selected group of unorganized workers** like rickshaw pullers/auto rickshaw drivers in selected urban/metropolitan areas, on pilot basis.
- **ESI Coverage has been extended to Construction workers** in the implemented area. Construction site Workers has been covered to avail benefits under the ESI Scheme w.e.f. 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2015.

**(2) New Initiatives under Health Reforms Agenda of ESIC 2.0, for improving the medical care**

Aimed at providing better health services, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India had launched a series of Health Reforms Agenda of ESIC on 20.07.2015 which includes-

- Online availability of **Electronic Health Record** of ESI Beneficiaries (Insured Persons and their family members).
- **Abhiyan Indradhanush** : Ensuring the change of bedsheet according to VIBGYOR pattern during the week i.e. to be changed everyday
- **Medical Helpline No.** 1800 11 3839 for emergency and seeking guidance from casualty/emergency of ESIC Hospitals.
- **Special OPD** for Sr. Citizens and differently-abled persons in ESIC hospitals.

**(3) Other initiatives for Improving Patients/Attendant Care**

- (i) The ESI Corporation has launched a pilot project of **Tele-medicine Services** at 11 ESI locations in co-ordination with Health Informatics and Electronics Division (HIED), C-DAC, Mohali under '**Digital India**' programme of Government of India.

- (ii) In order to improve the health care facilities for the beneficiaries, ESI Corporation has decided to open 6 bedded **Day Care Centres** in various ESI Dispensaries, all over the country. To begin with, 1st Day Care Centre at ESIC Dispensary at Factory Road, Sarojini Nagar, New Delhi has been started from 10.06.2016.
- (iii) ESIC has introduced a landmark health initiative to keep Insured Persons (IPs) healthy and aware about their health by starting of **Annual Preventive Health Check-up for Insured Persons (IPs)** of age 40 years and above in all ESIC/ESIS Hospital and equipped ESI Dispensary.
- (iv) Providing appropriate cancer detection/treatment facilities, cardiology treatment facilities, dialysis facilities on PPP Model at different levels of hospitals.
- (v) **Pathological & X-ray facilities will be provided on PPP model** in all the dispensaries in phases. Pathological services and ECG Services in all dispensaries of Delhi have been started.
- (vi) **Quality Control on Medicine & Drugs:-**ESIC has made testing of drugs more stringent. Now, all batches of Drugs/Medicines supplied are subjected to quality testing through Govt. approved laboratories at the time of supply or at any time during the shelf life.
- (vii) Queue Management System in hospitals.
- (viii) Behavioral training to doctors, paramedics and other staffs is being given in most of the hospitals.
- (ix) May I Help You Desk facility is available in all hospitals.
- (x) Pilot project for tracking of pregnant mothers and newborns.
- (xi) Special mother and child care hospital.
- (xii) AYUSH facilities to be extended to all dispensaries in phases.
- (xiii) Yoga facilities in all the ESIC hospitals.
- (xiv) In order to **promote Khadi**, ESIC proposes to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between KVIC and ESIC for supply of bedsheets and pillow covers in ESI Hospitals and Dispensaries.

#### Other Initiatives

- (i) ESIC has decided to **enhance period of unemployment allowance under RGSKY from 12 months to 24 months** along with the medical benefit to Insured Person/Insured woman and his/her family. The **eligibility of contribution condition** has also been **reduced from three years to two years** for getting the benefits under RGSKY.
- (ii) ESI Corporation has also decided to **enhance wage ceiling** for coverage of employees under the ESI Act from **Rs.15,000/- to Rs.21,000/-** .
- (iii) The duration of **Maternity Benefit in confinement** has been **increased from 12 weeks to 26 weeks**.

#### ESI Scheme in India:

The Employees' State Insurance Corporation is a pioneer Social Security organization providing comprehensive social security benefits like reasonable Medical Care and a range of Cash Benefits in times of need such as employment injury, sickness, death etc. The ESI Act applies to premises/precincts where 10 or more persons are employed. The employees drawing wages up to Rs. 15,000/- a month are entitled to health insurance cover and other benefits, under the ESI Act. The Act now applies to over 7.23 lakh factories and establishments across the country, benefiting about 2.03 crores family units of workers. As of now, the total beneficiary population of ESI Scheme stands over 7.89 crores. Ever since its inception in 1952, the ESI Corporation has, so far, set up 151 Hospitals, 1459/188 Dispensaries / ISM Units, 812 Branch/Pay Offices and 61 Regional & Sub-Regional/Divisional Offices.

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