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Shri Bandaru Dattatreya, Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Labour & Employment, Govt. of India inaugurated the 100 bedded ESIC Hospital at Ankleshwar, Gujarat on 13.02.2017. Shri Vijaybhai R. Rupani, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Gujarat was the Chief Guest of the function.

While addressing the gathering, Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Labour & Employment, Govt. of India informed that this Hospital will provide 24x7 medical services for the Insured Persons in the exigencies of employment injury. This 100 bedded hospital is spread across an area of 19626.28 sq mt. and built at a cost of Rs 90 crore. The ESIC Hospital will have Emergency and Casualty Services, Indoor admission facilities, Radiology Services like X-ray, Ultrasound etc., various OPDs, Operation Theatres & Labour Rooms, In-Patients Services, Intensive Care Unit, full-fledged Laboratory etc. Besides this, this hospital is having centralized air conditioning. It will give a big boost to the cause of medical facilities in the area and the country. He also informed that this Hospital will further be upgraded from 100 bedded to 200 bedded.

Hon'ble Union Labour Minister told that ESI Corporation is committed for providing all possible social security benefits inclusive of best medical services to the working class. Hon'ble Minister also said that ESIC has become one of the largest social security Organisations, offering better and brighter service for all the ESI Beneficiaries making every Insured Person (IP) feel like a VIP.

Shri Dattatreya also said that if the Government of Gujarat provides land to ESI Corporation, one third of total functional 103 ESI Dispensaries of the Gujarat State will be converted into 6 bedded/30 bedded ESIC Hospital; as per requirement, for which an expenditure of approx. 200 crores Rupees will be incurred. Hon'ble Minister also informed that ESIC is going to initiate opening of 4 ESIC Hospitals at Valsad, Anand, Hazira and Halol-Panchmahal in the State of Gujarat.

Shri Vijaybhai R. Rupani, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Gujarat who was the Chief Guest of the function thanked Shri Bandaru Dattatreya, Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Labour & Employment, Govt. of India for starting of this state-of-the-art ESIC Hospital at Ankleshwar and also bringing other ESIC projects in Gujarat State. He also informed about the serious of labour reforms started by the Govt. of Gujarat, in the line of the vision and initiatives of Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi.

ESI Scheme in Gujarat

The ESI Corporation is committed to work for the welfare of workers and improvement in their quality of life and for providing all possible social security to them. ESI Scheme was introduced in the State of Gujarat on 04th October, 1964. The Scheme was made applicable to Ahmedabad city and its suburbs in first phase and was later on extended to most of the industrial centers such as Baroda, Surat, Rajkot, Jamnagar, Ankleshwar, etc. As on date, the scheme stands implemented in 43 Centers. The total number of Insured Persons covered under the scheme is 10,30,090 as on 31st March, 2016.

In the State of Gujarat, the ESI services are provided through Regional Office Ahmedabad, 2 Sub-regional Offices Vadodara & Surat, 34 Branch Offices / Pay offices, 11 ESI Hospitals (03 run by ESIC directly), 104 ESI Dispensaries and 12 Panel Clinics. Medical Services are also provided to insured persons through 43 tie up hospitals.

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 factories/establishments where 10 or more persons are employed. The employees drawing wages up to Rs.21,000/- a month are entitled to health insurance cover and other benefits, under the ESI Act. The Act now applies to over 7.83 lakh factories and establishments across the country, benefiting about 2.13 crores family units of workers. As of now, the total beneficiary population of ESI Scheme stands over 8.28 crores. Ever since its inception in 1952, the ESI Corporation has, so far, set up 151 Hospitals, 1467/159 Dispensaries / ISM Units, 813 Branch/Pay Offices and 62 Regional & Sub-Regional/Divisional Offices.

The other prominent Dignitaries who graced the occasion were Shri Ishwarsinh Thakorbbhai Patel, Hon'ble Minister of State for Cooperation (Independent Charge), Govt. of Gujarat, Shri Chhatrasinhji Pujabhai Mori, Hon'ble Member of Legislative Assembly, Shri Arunsinh Ajitsinh Rana, Hon'ble Member of Legislative Assembly and Shri Dushyantbhai Rajnikant Patel, Hon'ble Member of Legislative Assembly, Shri Deepak Kumar, Director General, ESIC and Dr. R.K. Kataria, Medical Commissioner, ESIC.
