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Inauguration of Pilot Project of Mobile based video - Tele consultation for ESIC Beneficiaries in the States of Himachal Pradesh and Bihar.

Employees' State Insurance Corporation has completed 65 years in the field of social security providing cash and health care benefits in the country. ESIC has over 1500 dispensaries /hospitals across the country through which rendering health care services to its beneficiaries covering population of over 10 crores.

ESIC has come out with mobile medical enabled video consultation services by the name of '**Paramarsh**' for ESIC Beneficiaries in the States of Bihar and Himachal Pradesh as Pilot Project. For launch of this service, ESIC has collaborated with MTL, wholly owned subsidiary of MTNL to roll out Paramarsh a state of art, low cost mobile base video solution that would enable doctors at ESIC dispensaries to directly call Specialists at ESIC Hospitals enabling Insured Persons / beneficiaries to get on the spot consultation for non emergency cases without travelling to concerned hospital. This project is expected to bring immense benefits in terms of cheap and quality health care for our beneficiaries resulting in saving their time, money and effort.

Shri R.K. Bhardwaj, Hon'ble Member of ESI Corporation (Employers' representative) inaugurated the Mobile Video Consultation at ESI Hospital Baddi, Himachal Pradesh whereas Shri C.P. Singh, Hon'ble Member of ESI Corporation (Employees' representative) inaugurated it from ESI Hospital, Phulwarishariff, Patna, Bihar. This whole programme was monitored by Shri Deepak Kumar, IAS, Director General, ESIC and Shri Sunil Kumar, CMD, MTL from Hqrs. Office, New Delhi. Shri S.K. Garg, Insurance Commissioner (ICT) and Dr. Abhimanyu Panda, DMC supervised these launches from Baddi , Himachal Pradesh and Patna, Bihar respectively.

While speaking on this occasion, Shri Deepak Kumar, DG, ESIC stated that today's launch of this mobile video is a pilot project which may further be expanded throughout India in its second phase and also later on Insured Persons may directly connect through video call to specialist doctors in its third phase. The other senior officers of ESIC & MOL&E present during this occasion were Shri Rajeev Arora, IAS, Jt. Secretary, MOL&E, Shri U. Venkateswarlu, Financial Commissioner, Dr. S.L. Vig, Medical Commissioner, Dr. P.L. Choudhary, Medical Commissioner, Shri Arun Kumar, Insurance Commissioner and Shri Sanjay Kumar Sinha, Director (ICT).

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.
