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**Press Release**

- Foundation Stone of 100 bedded ESI Hospital, Udaipur(Rajasthan) laid
- Hon'ble Union Labour & Employment Minister gifts new ESI Hospitals for the State of Rajasthan

Shri Bandaru Dattatreya, Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Labour & Employment, Govt. of India laid the Foundation Stone of 100 bedded ESI Hospital, Chitrakoot Nagar, Udaipur(Rajasthan) today i.e. 09.05.2017.

The 100 Bedded ESI Hospital, at Udaipur will be constructed with a project cost of Rs. 77.79 crores in a sprawling plot area of 26000 sq. metres. The hospital will have facilities such as OPD, IPD,ICU, NICU, 24X7 hours emergency services with dedicated OT, Modern Path Laboratories & Diagnostic facilities i.e. CT scan, MRI, 03 nos. of Modular Operation Theatres and many more for the benefits of Insured Persons and their dependants of the area.

During the function, the Hon'ble Minister made some major announcements for the State of Rajasthan in the form of construction of New ESIC Hospitals and upgradation of existing one, as under

1. Two New 100 Bedded ESI Hospital will come up at Bikaner & Nimrana
2. Three existing 50 Bedded ESI Hospital located at Kota, Jodhpur and Bhilwara will be upgraded to 100 Bedded.
3. 25 Dispensaries (1/3 of 74 Dispensaries of the State) will be converted into 06 Bedded ESI Hospitals at the cost of about Rs.100 crores, provided State Govt. gives the land for this purpose.

Hon'ble Minister informed the gathering about the pro-poor and pro-labour initiatives of the Govt. and spoke about various initiatives and reforms made in ESIC and Labour Acts, such as Minimum Wages Act, Maternity Act etc. and also minimum pensionary benefits ensured to the workforce of the country.

Shri **Shri Gulab Chand Kataria**, Hon'ble Minister of State for Home & Justice, Home Guard & Civil Defence, Prison, Diaster Management and Relief, Govt. of Rajasthan spoke during the occasion. He appreciated the efforts of Hon'ble Union Labour and Employment Minister and was full of praise for the reforms undertaken by the present Govt.

**Dr. Jaswant Singh Yadav**, Hon'ble Minister of Labour & Employment, Factory & Boilers Inspection, Govt. of Rajasthan assured Hon'ble Union Minister of all the support of Govt. of Rajasthan in this regard. **Shri Arjunlal Meena**, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha & **Shri Phool Singh Meena**, Hon'ble MLA also spoke during the function.

The other Dignitaries to grace the occasion were **Sh. Shantilal Meghwal**, Hon'ble Zila Pramukh, **Shri Dali Chand Dangi**, Hon'ble MLA, **Shri Chandra Singh Kothari**, Hon'ble Mayor, Udaipur Municipal Corporation , **Shri Khubilal Paliwal**, Hon'ble Pradhan, Budgaon, Panchayat Samiti, **Smt. Sangita Chittora**, Sarpanch, Bhuwana, Gram Panchayat, , **Shri Chunnilal Garasia**, State Vice-President ( BJP ), **Sh. Dinesh Bhatt**, Distt President(BJP) & **Sh. Jagdish Srimali**, Hon'ble Member(Regional Board, ESIC). **Smt. Sandhya Shukla**, Financial Commissioner, **Dr. R.K. Kataria**, Medical Commissioner & **Sh.A.K. Sinha**, Insurance Commissioner and other Senior Officers of ESIC attended this function.

### **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.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 3.10 crores family units of workers. As of now, the total beneficiary population of ESI Scheme stands over 12.02 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.

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