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ESIC is going to promote Khadi by introducing Khadi Products in ESIC Hospitals & Dispensaries

ESI Corporation 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. As a part of Swachh Bharat initiative launched by the Hon'ble Prime Minister, ESIC has introduced many new initiatives like change of bedsheets every day on VIBGYOR pattern in all ESIC Hospitals & Dispensaries.

In order to promote Khadi, a meeting was held under the chairmanship of **Shri Giriraj Singh, Hon'ble Minister of State for MSME, Govt. of India** with **Shri Deepak Kumar, IAS, Director General, Employees' State Insurance Corporation**. During the meeting, Shri Deepak Kumar, Director General, ESIC informed that ESIC is having network of 151 Hospitals and 1500 Dispensaries across the country and suggested that as part of the 70th year of Independence Day Celebrations, in line with the Hon'ble Prime Minister's clarion call for promoting Khadi, **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) may be signed between KVIC and ESIC for supply of bedsheets and pillow covers in ESI Hospitals and Dispensaries.**

He also suggested that as far as possible the supplies should be made from the locally available Khadi institutions so that there is no additional burden on transportation. It was also suggested by Shri Deepak Kumar that ESIC has recently introduced a system of laying disposable paper rolls on the examination beds while

examining the patients and asked KVIC to manufacture these paper rolls and supply to ESIC. Apart from this, he also mentioned that Coir Board could supply mattresses, medical examination beds and door mats etc. to the 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 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.

(Pranava Kumar)
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