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"Launching of One IP-Two Dispensaries Scheme" of ESIC – Celebration of International Labour Day on 01.05.2017

Shri Bandaru Dattatreya, Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Labour & Employment, Govt. of India launched new scheme **"One IP-Two Dispensaries"** for the benefit of migrant workers in New Delhi, on 01.05.2017 on the occasion of International Labour Day ceremony.

Till now Insured Persons (IPs) have an option of choosing one dispensary for self and family. Now with the launch of above scheme, Insured Persons can choose two dispensaries, one for self another for family through an employer. This would benefit all IPs but especially migrant workers who are working in other than home State, while their families are living in their native States.

While addressing the gathering, Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Labour & Employment, Govt. of India briefed about the 2nd Generation Health Reforms Agenda of ESIC and expansion of ESI Schemed all over the country.

He also informed that wage ceiling for coverage of employees under ESI Scheme has been enhanced from Rs.15,000/- per month to Rs.21,000/-. ESIC has also enhanced period of unemployment allowance from 12 months to 24 months. The duration of maternity Benefit in confinement has been also enhanced from 12 weeks to 26 weeks. Construction workers are now covered under ESI Scheme for availing the benefits.

Hon'ble Minister applauded ESIC for adding huge no. of employees and beneficiaries under SPREE scheme. He also announced that ESI Corporation will provide all medical facilities to working class in the organized sector as well as for the un-organized sectors like Aganwadi workers, Asha workers, mid-day meal workers, and many more. Hon'ble Minister also informed about the last three years achievements and proposed new initiatives of MoL&E.

Shri Deepak Kumar, DG ESIC briefed the gathering about the achievement of ESIC in last three years. He also stressed upon expansion and improvement of medical services for insured persons and their beneficiaries besides expansion of ESI scheme in the new areas.

Besides above, **Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Labour & Employment**, launched Online Payment Scheme of EPFO and released publications of V.V.Giri National Labour Institute (VVGNI) on the occasion.

The other dignitaries to grace the occasion were **Smt. M. Sathiyavathi, Secretary MoL&E, Dr. V.P.Joy, CPFC, EPFO, Shri Rajeev Arora, Jt. Secy., MoL&E**, Govt. of India, **Mr. Sher Verick**, Deputy Director, ILO, **Shri B.S.Bhatti**, Employees' representative, **Dr. U.D.Choubey**, Employers' representative, other senior officers of MoL&E, ESIC & EPFO and representatives of Employers' and Employees' Association.

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 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.
