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Press Release

- **Approval of Revised Estimates for the year 2019-20 and Budget Estimates for year 2020-21 of ESIC.**
- **Enhancement of confinement expenses for taking place outside ESI Dispensary / Hospital from Rs. 5000/- to Rs. 7500/-**
- **Operationalization of EWS Quota & Admission to ESIC Medical Education Institutions.**

The ESI Corporation during its 181ST meeting held on 13.02.2020 under the Chairmanship of **Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar, Hon'ble Minister of State for Labour & Employment (Independent Charge), Govt. of India** has taken some very important decisions towards improvements in its functioning and service delivery mechanism.

Following important decisions were taken during the meeting:

1. The Revised Estimates for the current year (i.e. 2019-20) and Budget Estimates for the following year (i.e. 2020-21) have been adopted and approved during the meeting of ESIC.
2. Keeping in view the rise in the cost of living index resulting increase in expenditure related to confinement, existing amount of confinement expenses has been increased from Rs. 5000/- to Rs. 7500/-.
3. ESI Corporation has approved the operationalization of Economically Weaker Section (EWS) Quota & Admissions to ESIC Medical Institutions from Academic year 2020-21. Besides this, provisional Admission Policy -2020 for Admission to MBBS/BDS Seats under Insured Persons' (IPs) Quota in ESIC Medical Colleges has also been approved.

During the meeting, Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar, Hon'ble Minister of State for Labour & Employment (Independent Charge), Govt. of India and Chairman, ESIC informed about the new initiatives of ESIC for making the lives of IPs easy. He also deliberated upon his recent visit to many ESIC Hospitals for assessing the real time difficulties of IPs and steps taken towards improving the medical and other related services.

Besides above, around 19 other agenda/reporting items pertaining to improvement in services/benefits to Insured Persons & their beneficiaries and other administrative matters were deliberated upon and approved during the meeting.

The other dignitaries participating in the meeting were Shri Heera Lal Samaria, IAS, Secretary, Labour & Employment, Govt. of India, Sh. Raj Kumar, IAS, Director General, ESIC, Ms. Anuradha Prasad, Addl. Secretary, Labour & Employment, Govt. of India, Smt. Sibani Swain, Addl. Secretary/Financial Advisor, Labour & Employment, Govt. of India, Ms. Vibha Bhalla, Jt. Secretary, Labour & Employment, Govt. of India and Ms. Garima Bhagat, IRS, CVO, ESIC, Hon'ble MPs, Representatives of Employees & Employers and Hon'ble ESI Corporation Members, representatives of State Govts. and Officers of MoL&E and ESIC.

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 12.11 lakh factories and establishments across the country, benefiting about 3.49 crores family units of workers. As of now, the total beneficiary population of ESI Scheme stands over 13.56 crores. Ever since its inception in 1952, the ESI Corporation has, so far, set up 159 Hospitals, 1500/148 Dispensaries / ISM Units, 793 Branch/Pay Offices, 43 DCBOs and 63 Regional & Sub-Regional Offices.
