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The ESI Corporation during its **174th Meeting** held on **29.05.18** 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 service delivery mechanism. The other dignitaries participating in the meeting were Sh. Heera Lal Samariya, IAS, Secretary, Labour & Employment, Govt. of India, Sh. Raj Kumar, IAS, Director General, ESIC, Additional Secretary, Sh. Manish Kumar Gupta, IAS, Jt. Secretary and Smt. Sandhya Shukla, IA & AS, Financial Commissioner, ESIC, Hon'ble ESI Corporation Members representing Hon'ble Members of Parliament, Employees' & Employers' Federation/Association representatives of State Governments and officers of MoL&E & ESIC.

Following important decisions were taken during the Meeting:

Opening of Dispensary cum Branch Office in all the districts of the country :

To strengthen medical services in all the districts of the country, the decision for opening of one ESIC Dispensary cum Branch Office (DCBO) in every district of the country was taken in the meeting. The DCBO will provide primary medical care, referrals for secondary medical care, scrutiny of bills of secondary care referrals, etc. besides distribution of drugs to Modified Employer Utilization Dispensary, IMPs in the district, payment of cash benefits, survey work for coverage in the district. The ESIC will bear the establishment and operational cost of DCBO, without sharing, in the similar manner of expenditure of ESIC Hospitals.

Nursing Internship Program in ESIC Hospitals :

During the meeting, the decision for starting a Nursing Internship program in ESIC Hospitals was taken. The program would be open to duly registered fresh graduate Nurses who are looking to hone their skill in real work setting under supervision of regular staff. ESIC would offer practical work experience to graduate Nursing pass outs, focusing on application of Nursing theory and knowledge to actual Nursing tasks in medical settings. A stipend (consolidated) of Rs.22,000/- could be provided for duration of the internship. The selection would be based on merit and no. of positions for internship could be around 20% of the sanctioned strength of Staff Nurses for the ESIC hospital.

Modified Insurance Medical Practitioner (IMP) Scheme, 2018 :

ESI Corporation has given in principal approval to **Modified Insurance Medical Practitioner (IMP) Scheme, 2018** to make IMP Scheme more attractive on pilot basis. This Scheme may further be expanded in the new areas as well as existing areas as per need.

In an area, where ESI does not have its medical establishment, or in newly implemented area, Primary Medical Care is provided cash less through tie up arrangement, with Insurance Medical Practitioner (IMP). ESIC shall utilize the services of private practitioners (as IMPs) for delivery of primary care services (except for lab tests & medicines) to IPS.

Construction & upgradation of ESIC Hospitals and developing of Super Speciality Treatment :

To strengthen medical care services, approval of Hon'ble LEM and Chairman, ESIC for **100 bedded ESIC Hospital in Bahadurgarh, Haryana; 50 bedded additional facilities for Super Speciality treatment at ESIC Hospital, Varanasi, UP; and starting of 100 beds medical facilities in ESIC Medical Hospital, Bihta, Patna, Bihar** were reported upon in the meeting.

Besides this, the proposal for upgradation of existing ESIC Hospital at **Bibvewadi, Pune from 50 to 200 beds (upgradable to 500 beds)** and enhancement of bed strength of **ESIC Hospital, Namkum, Ranchi** from 75 to 200 beds and construction thereby of **200 bedded ESIC Hospital at Ranchi, Jharkhand** were approved.

Further about **20 other Agenda Items** pertaining to improvement in services/benefits to Insured Persons and other administrative matters were deliberated upon and approved during the meeting.

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 8.98 lakh factories and establishments across the country, benefiting about 3.19 crores family units of workers. As of now, the total beneficiary population of ESI Scheme stands over 12.40 crores. Ever since its inception in 1952, the ESI Corporation has, so far, set up 154 Hospitals, 1489/174 Dispensaries / ISM Units, 815 Branch/Pay Offices and 63 Regional & Sub-Regional Offices.

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