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Press Release

- **Shri Bhupender Yadav, Hon'ble Union Minister for Labour & Employment and Environment, Forest & Climate Change felicitated Organizations that have supported ESIC Hospitals during the COVID-19 pandemic.**
- **Government working on three layered approach – Tracking, Testing & Treatment to curb the menace of Covid-19- says Union Minister for Labour & Employment.**
- **The workers from Un-organized and Gig Sectors will now be able to get the social security cover under ESI Scheme through Code on Social Security.**
- **Sh. Rameswar Teli, Hon'ble Minister of State for Labour & Employment and Petroleum & Natural Gas, Govt. of India praised the latest initiative of the ESI Corporation which include "ESIC Covid-19 Relief Scheme".**

The Felicitation Ceremony to acknowledge the support of various organizations, NGOs, private citizens to ESIC Hospitals during the COVID-19 pandemic was held on 15.07.2021 at Shram Shakti Bhawan, MoL&E, New Delhi. **Sh. Bhupender Yadav**, Hon'ble Union Minister for Labour & Employment and Environment, Forest & Climate Change and **Sh. Rameswar Teli**, Hon'ble Minister of State for Labour & Employment and Petroleum & Natural Gas, Govt. of India felicitated the representatives of organization who contributed Oxygen plants, Oxygen Cylinders, disposable kits, etc. to ESIC Hospitals during the Covid-19. More than 100 donors across India have made donations of equipment/kits/disposables etc. to ESIC Hospitals amounting to the sum of more than **Rs. 13 Crore** joined in the ceremony through VC.

In his address, Union Minister for Labour & Employment appreciated and conveyed his gratitude to the Organizations, NGOs, private citizens, etc. who worked for the society during Covid-19. He further said that through the coordinated efforts of Government, the country overcame the health crisis caused by second wave of Covid-19 pandemic.

He mentioned that Government is working on three tier approach that are Tracking, Testing and Treatment to stop the menace of Covid-19. He informed that India is now amongst leading manufacturers of PPE Kit and Masks. Around 40,000 Ventilators and 1,00,000 Oxygen Cylinders had been made available to treat Covid-19 patients. He said around 39 Crore Vaccination has been done till date and by end of this year around 257 Crore vaccination will be completed. He also lauded the work done by ESIC Hospitals during second wave of Covid-19.

He also said that Government is dedicated for welfare of poor and deprived people. Multiple measures including free treatment under PMJAY and Rural Electrification programme has been started for betterment of deprived class. In the same line, Code on Social Security has been enacted. Through this Code, the workers from Un-organised sector and Gig economy will now be able to get the social security cover under ESI Scheme.

India is rich in Human Resource and skill development programme of workforce is a priority for the Government, he further said. He added that Government is promoting innovations through different schemes.

He ended his address by extending his gratitude to the Organizations which supported ESIC during the pandemic and said that this event of felicitation is meant to propagate the idea of collective service towards the nation during the crisis.

Sh. Rameswar Teli, Hon'ble Minister of State for Labour & Employment and Petroleum & Natural Gas, Govt. of India also addressed the gathering. While extending his greetings to the contributors, he spoke about the service delivery mechanism of ESI Corporation across the country and the workforce of the entire country being benefitted out of it.

He praised the latest initiative of the ESI Corporation, the ESIC COVID-19 relief Scheme, wherein, periodic payment @ 90% of average wages of deceased Insured Worker is paid to the eligible dependents of the Insured Worker who died due to COVID-19. Till date, the periodic payment @ 90% of average wages were payable only against the death of Insured Worker due to Employment Injury, but now the death caused by Covid-19 has also been included for payment of relief to eligible dependents. He also stressed upon service to humanity and need of cooperation specially in the crisis situation caused by Covid – 19.

Sh. Apurva Chandra, Secretary, Labour & Employment, Govt. of India and **Shri Mukhmeet S. Bhatia**, Director General, ESIC welcomed the gathering. Sh. Chandra lauded the humanitarian approach and efforts of young entrepreneurs in serving the Society during Covid-19 Pandemic.

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. It is covering about 3.4 Crores of family units of workers and providing matchless cash benefits and reasonable medical care to its 13.24 crore beneficiaries. Today, its infrastructure has increased many folds with 1502 Dispensaries (including mobile dispensaries)/308 ISM Units and 160 ESI Hospitals, 744 Branch/Pay Offices and 64 Regional & Sub-Regional Offices. The ESI Scheme today stands implemented in 566 districts in 34 states and Union Territories of the country.
