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Press Release

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- **Reimbursement on actual basis to employers for Aadhar seeding of their Insured Persons**
- **Relaxation in the eligibility conditions for availing Super Specialty treatment**
- **Enhancement in Funeral Expenses**

The ESI Corporation during its **175th Meeting held on 18.09.18** 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 services and benefits being provided to Insured Persons and their dependants.

The other dignitaries participating in the meeting were Sh. Heera Lal Samariya, Secretary, Labour & Employment, Govt. of India, Mrs. Anuradha Prasad, Additional Secretary, Labour & Employment, Govt. of India, Sh. Raj Kumar, IAS, Director General, ESIC, Shri Manish Gupta, Jt. Secretary, Ministry of Labour & Employment, Govt. of India and Mrs. 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:

- **“ATAL BIMIT VYAKTI KALYAN YOJNA” rolled out**

Considering the change in employment pattern and the current scenario of employment in India which has transformed from a long term employment to fixed short term engagement in the form of contract and temping, the ESI Corporation has approved a Scheme named **“ATAL BIMIT VYAKTI KALYAN YOJNA”** for Insured Persons (IP) covered under the Employees' State Insurance Act, 1948. This scheme is a relief payable in cash directly to their Bank Account in case of unemployment and while they search for new engagement. Detailed instructions including eligibility conditions, application format, etc. will be issued separately.

➤ **Reimbursement on actual basis to employers for Aadhar seeding of their Insured Persons:**

ESI Corporation has approved the proposal for reimbursement @ Rs. 10/- per person to the employers to encourage the seeding of Aadhar (UID) in ESIC database of their workers and their family members. It will curtail the multiple registrations of same Insured Persons and thus enable them to avail the benefits requiring longer contributory conditions.

➤ **Relaxation in the eligibility conditions for availing Super Specialty treatment**

ESI Corporation has approved the proposal for relaxing the eligibility conditions for availing Super Specialty treatment has now been relaxed from earlier insurable employment of 2 years to 06 months with contribution requirement of only 78 days. Besides, the eligibility for availing Super Specialty treatment for dependents of Insured Person has now been relaxed to insurable employment of 1 year with 156 days of contributions. This relaxation will immensely help the Insured Persons and their beneficiaries to avail Super Specialty treatment free of cost as per revised eligibility.

➤ **Enhancement in Funeral Expenses:**

ESI Corporation has approved the proposal for increasing the Funeral Expenses from existing Rs. 10,000/- to Rs. 15,000/- being paid on the death of Insured Person.

Besides these, about 35 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 3.43 crores family units of workers. As of now, the total beneficiaries population under 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.
