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Press Release

1. **Opening of (DCBO) in each district of the country in phased manner**
2. **ESIC "Chinta Se Mukti" mobile app now on UMANG platform**

Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar, Hon'ble Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Labour & Employment, Govt. of India during Vishwakarma Rashtriya Puraswar and National Security Award distribution ceremony at Ambedkar International Center, Delhi on 17.09.18 announced about the opening of **Dispensary cum-Branch Office (DCBO)** in each district of the country in a phased manner. Besides, he also announced the availability of **ESIC "Chinta Se Mukti"** mobile app on UMANG platform of Govt. of India. Two Audio-Visuals (AVs) and a film on ESIC Chinta Se Mukti Mobile app and DCBO were also exhibited during the program.

The other dignitaries to grace the occasion were Shri Heeralal Samariya, Secretary, Labour & Employment, Govt. of India, Mrs. Anuradha Prasad, Addl. Secretary, Labour & Employment, Govt. of India, Shri Raj Kumar, Director General ESIC, Mrs. Sandhya Shukla, Financial Commissioner, ESIC and Dr. Avnessh Singh, DG, FASLI.

While addressing the gathering Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar, Hon'ble Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Labour and Employment informed that DCBO is being started in 29 districts. Gradually, it will be extended in the entire country. The DCBOs will be set up in every district to make presence of primary care services, irrespective of whether a district has been partially or fully implemented or there is already a State run Dispensary in that area.

He further informed that DCBO will perform the functions of both dispensary and branch office. Generally these are two separate units but in case of a DCBO, these will act as single unit providing Out Patient Services and cash benefit payments under one roof besides providing medicines to patient attending DCBO. DCBO will also distribute medicines to (Insurance Medical Practitioner) IMP/Mod-IMP/Mod- Employer Utility Dispensary (EUD) referred patients and will make referrals for secondary care, payment of bills of empaneled chemist/diagnostic center and to provide IT help care services to IPs/employers. It will reimburse the medical reimbursement claim bills of beneficiaries of medicines and lab bills outside the approved list of medicines and lab tests prescribed by the modified EUD and modified IMP/IMP. 100% of the establishment and operational cost of DCBO would be borne by ESIC and the concerned State would not be bearing any expenditure under this head.

Hon'ble Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Labour & Employment, Govt. also announced the availability of ESIC "Chinta Se Mukti" mobile app on UMANG platform of Govt. of India. With this app, the Insured Persons can view their contribution history, personal profile, claim status and also their entitlement to benefits. Grievances can also be lodged through this app. Besides, Insured Persons can also view knowledge bank on health topics and audio-visuals on benefits under ESI Scheme.

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.
