

Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya Announces Expansion of ESIC Coverage in Uttar Pradesh; 15 More Districts Notified

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Union Minister of Labour & Employment and Youth Affairs & Sports, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya today announced that the Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) has expanded its coverage in Uttar Pradesh by notifying 15 additional districts under the Employees' State Insurance (ESI) Scheme. This marks a significant step towards strengthening social security for workers in the state.

He mentioned that with this notification, a total of **74 out of 75 districts in Uttar Pradesh** are now fully covered under the ESI Scheme, benefiting **30.08 lakh Insured Persons (IPs) and 1.16 crore beneficiaries**. The newly notified districts namely, **Ambedkar Nagar, Auraiya, Bahraich, Gonda, Hamirpur, Jalaun, Kannauj, Maharajganj, Mahoba, Pilibhit, Siddharthnagar, Shamli, Pratapgarh, Kasganj, and Shravasti**, add **53,987 new Insured Persons** to the ESIC network.

Revised Implementation Status Nationwide

Following this expansion, the national implementation status of the ESI Scheme stands as follows:

- **Total Districts Covered (Fully + Partially): 689**
 - **Fully Notified Districts: 586**
 - **Partially Notified Districts: 103**
 - **Non-Notified Districts: 89**
 - **Total Districts in India: 778**
- Measures for Further Expansion**

To ensure comprehensive coverage across all remaining uncovered areas, ESIC has been actively working on the following initiatives:

- Coordination with the **State Government** to arrange medical care facilities in non-implemented areas.
 - Utilizing **Community Health Centers (CHCs) and Primary Health Centers (PHCs)** to extend medical care in uncovered districts.
 - Integration with **Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY)** to provide cashless medical care for ESIC beneficiaries without any expenditure cap.
- Benefits under the ESIC Scheme**

The ESIC provides a **comprehensive social security net** for workers, including:

- **Medical Benefits:** Primary, secondary, and tertiary healthcare.
- **Cash Benefits:** Sickness, temporary/permanent disablement, maternity benefits (26 weeks), dependent benefits, and funeral expenses.
- **Unemployment Allowance:** Under the **Rajiv Gandhi Shramik Kalyan Yojana (RGSKY)** and **Atal Beemit Vyakti Kalyan Yojana (ABVKY)** for workers facing job loss.

The notification of these 15 districts reaffirms the Government's commitment to **extending social security coverage** to every eligible worker in the country. Efforts are underway to bring the **remaining non-notified districts under ESIC**, ensuring that no worker is left out of this vital safety net.

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