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**Only the 'Swasth and Samridh' workforce will make a 'Samridh Rashtra' says -
Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister while inaugurating the newly
constructed Building of ESIC Medical College & Hospital at Coimbatore and
handing over it to the Govt. of Tamil Nadu on 02.02.2016 (Tuesday)**

While addressing the gathering on the occasion of inauguration of newly constructed building of ESIC Medical College & Hospital, Hon'ble Prime Minister reiterated the belief of his Government in co-operative federalism. Shri Modi handed over the newly constructed Medical College building to the Govt. of Tamil Nadu and stressed on the centre-state relationship.

The Hon'ble Prime Minister also applauded ESI Corporation for initiating workers/employers friendly initiatives under 2nd Generation Health Reform Agenda called ESIC-2.0 - which are extension of ESI Scheme in the remaining North East States of Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Manipur and UT of Andaman & Nicobar Islands; extension of ESI coverage to construction workers; online availability of Electronic Health Record of Insured Persons and their family members; under 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan' – change of bedsheets on VIBGYOR pattern; starting of Medical Helpline No. 1800 11 38 39 for emergency and seeking guidance; special OPD for Sr. Citizens and differently abled persons in ESIC Hospitals.

He also said that the ESI Scheme is based on the **Gandhian principle of "contributions as per their ability and benefits as per the requirement"**. This principle entitles an insured person or their family members who are from the lower wage bracket of the society to uniform benefits by paying the contribution in proportion to the wage he is earning. He also said that workers are the real '**Rashtra Nirmatas**' and the central government has taken a number of path breaking steps for the welfare of these 'Rashtra Nirmatas' such as Minimum Pension of Rs. 1,000/- per month for EPFO Pensioners; starting of EPFO Mobile app; integration of ESIC and EPFO with e-Biz portal; amendments to Child Labour(Prohibition and Regulation) Amendment Bill, Simplification of 44 labour laws in 4 labour codes, dedicated Shram Suvidha Portal for online compliance for 16 labour laws and in order to ease of doing business, a computer based Inspection Scheme has also been initiated in order to bring transparency and accountability.

Hon'ble Prime Minister also informed the gathering about the immense contribution made by Bharat Ratna Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar to the labour laws of our country. He assured that the Govt. is fully committed to work collectively and collaboratively to realize

the vision of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar for labour welfare. In his conclusive words, Hon'ble Prime Minister assured the Govt. of Tamil Nadu to provide all the co-operation from the Central Govt. in all its endeavours.

Shri Bandaru Dattatreya, Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Labour & Employment, Govt of India thanked the Hon'ble Prime Minister for gracing the occasion and assured the Hon'ble Prime Minister that Ministry of Labour & Employment is making all its efforts to fulfill the commitments of central govt. for the welfare of workers and improvement in their quality of life by implementing so many labour friendly schemes. He also informed that ESIC has become one of the largest social security organizations offering a better and brighter tomorrow for all the ESIC beneficiaries making **every Insured person feel like a VIP.**

The other dignitaries presented on the dais were Dr. K. Rosaiah, Hon'ble Governor, Tamil Nadu, Shri Pon Radhakrishanan, Hon'ble Minister of State for Road Transport and Highways, Govt. of India, Shri P. Mohan, Hon'ble Labour Minister, Govt of Tamil Nadu, Shri S.P. Velumani, Hon'ble Minister of Municipal Admn., Rural Development, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Dr.C. Vijaya Baskar, Hon'ble Minister for Health, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Shri P. Nagarajan, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Shri Shankar Aggarwal, Secretary, Union Ministry of Labour & Employment and Shri Deepak Kumar, Director General, ESIC.

Newly constructed Building of ESIC Medical College & Hospital at Coimbatore and handing over to the State Govt. of Tamil Nadu

This ESIC Medical College has been constructed with a project cost of Rs. 580 crores with a built up area of 1.33 lakh sq. mtr. in a sprawling plot are of 36 acre. As per memorandum of understanding (MoU) signed between ESIC and State Government of Tamil Nadu, the main facilities/buildings consisting of the College, a teaching Hospital (24 x 7), OPD/Emergency Block, an auditorium, separate Boys & Girls Hostels and staff quarters shall be handed over to the State Government by ESI Corporation. The Hospital would be exclusively run for the benefit of insured persons and their family members under the ESI Scheme. The total intake of students in this medical college will be 100 seats for the undergraduate course from ensuing academic session 2016-17 out of which 20 seats will be reserved for the children of insured persons of ESI Scheme. The ESI Corporation has taken the decision with mutual consent to handover the college to the State Government of Tamil Nadu.
