

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3618
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.08.2026**

ESIC COVERAGE AND HEALTHCARE FACILITIES FOR WORKERS

3618. SHRI PARIMAL SUKLABAIDYA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of employees and establishments registered under the Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) in Assam, district-wise, particularly for Cachar district;**
- (b) the details of steps taken by the Government to extend ESIC coverage to workers employed in tea gardens, small industries, plantations, construction and other unorganised sectors in Cachar district;**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to establish or upgrade ESIC hospitals, dispensaries and diagnostic facilities in Cachar district to improve access to quality healthcare for insured workers and their families and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) the details of measures taken by the Government to strengthen awareness, social security benefits, cashless treatment, maternity benefits, disability support and digital ESIC services for workers in Cachar district, especially those residing in rural and remote areas?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SUSHRI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE)**

(a) to (d): The district-wise details of employees and establishments registered under the Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) in Assam is placed at Annexure.

The provisions of the Employees' State Insurance Act, 1948 have been subsumed under the Code on Social Security, 2020, which came into force with effect from 21st November 2025. As per the First Schedule to the Code, Chapter IV relating to the Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) applies to every establishment employing ten or more persons, other than a seasonal factory. It is further provided that an employer of a plantation, may opt the application of Chapter IV in respect of the plantation by giving willingness to the corporation, where the benefits available to the employees under that Chapter are better than what the employer is providing to them.

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At present, unorganised workers are not covered under the ESIC framework. However, Section 45 of the Code on Social Security, 2020 empowers the Central Government to frame a scheme for extending ESIC benefits to unorganised workers, gig workers and platform workers.

Currently, there is one ESI Dispensary at Silchar, Cachar District for providing healthcare services to the Insured Persons and their families. At present, there is no proposal under consideration to establish any ESI Hospital, dispensary, diagnostic centre or upgrade exiting dispensary in that district.

ESIC has conducted 103 awareness camps in the Cachar district for awareness on various social security benefits including disability support under ESI Act. Also, a total amount of Rs. 19,91,814/- has been disbursed as Cash Benefit out of which Rs. 8,57,948/- was disbursed as Maternity Benefit during the Financial Year 2025-26 in the Cachar District. ESIC provides digital services in the form of Insured Person (IP) Portal which can be accessed by the IP from any location to submit his online claims of Cash Benefits and also to generate requests to change his particulars in the e-Pehchan card.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3618 FOR 10.08.2026 BY SHRI PARIMAL SUKLABAIDYA REGARDING ESIC COVERAGE AND HEALTHCARE FACILITIES FOR WORKERS.

District-wise number of establishments and employees registered under ESIC in Assam:

S. No.	Name of the District	No. of Establishments	No. of Employees
1.	Baksa	70	302
2.	Barpeta	1,307	2,981
3.	Biswanath	46	288
4.	Bongaigaon	1,210	8,017
5.	Cachar	1,760	7,512
6.	Charaideo	45	93
7.	Chirang	249	1,262
8.	Darrang	721	3,712
9.	Dhemaji	241	625
10.	Dhubri	844	2009
11.	Dibrugarh	2,224	12,754
12.	Dima Hasao	73	422
13.	Goalpara	459	2,787
14.	Golaghat	1,089	14,766
15.	Hailakandi	355	1,245
16.	Hojai	39	610
17.	Jorhat	1,820	11,143
18.	Kamrup	4,085	38,056
19.	Kamrup Metropolitan	9,259	93,371
20.	Karbi Anglong	353	1,184
21.	Karimganj	237	1,092
22.	Kokrajhar	508	1,151
23.	Lakhimpur	641	1,511
24.	Majuli	5	13
25.	Marigaon	264	858
26.	Morigaon	85	346
27.	Nagaon	1,717	10,564

28.	Nalbari	686	2,859
29.	Sibsagar	1,038	3,285
30.	Sonitpur	1452	10,188
31.	South Salmara	3	41
32.	Tinsukia	5105	84,900
33.	Udalguri	377	644
34.	West Karbi Anglong	7	39
Total		38,374	3,20,630

(Source: ESIC Hqrs.)
