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Admission to wards of Insured Persons in MBBS course in ESIC Medical Colleges under 'Insured Persons Quota' -- Extension of Educational facility

In order to overcome the shortage of medical manpower in ESI Hospitals/Dispensaries and in India and also to provide quality medical care to its Insured Persons/Beneficiaries, the ESI Corporation entered into the field of Medical Education by way of setting up of its Medical Colleges, Dental Colleges, Nursing Colleges, Post-Graduate Institutes of Medical Science & Research (PGIMSRs) and Para-Medical Training Institutes all over the country.

ESIC's first Medical College Rajajinagar, Bangalore, Karnataka was started with the admission of first batch of 100 students of MBBS course from academic session 2012-13. Presently, ESIC is running 6 medical colleges as K.K. Nagar, Chennai; Joka, Kolkata; Rajajinagar, Bangalore; Gulbarga, Karnataka; Faridabad, Haryana; and Sanathnagar, Hyderabad, Telangana. The ESIC Medical College & Hospital has been planned and built at par with international standard in terms of infrastructure and other facilities/norms etc. as fixed by Medical Council of India (MCI).

Wards of Insured Persons who are coming from the lower wage bracket of the society are being provided reservation in the ESIC Medical Colleges and have been able to get admissions in the MBBS courses at a subsidized fee structure. The students coming from the lower middle working class are able to secure admission to an MBBS seat due to this vertical reservation provided in the Medical Colleges established by the Employees' State Insurance Corporation.

In one of the historic decisions, an 'Insured Persons Quota' (erstwhile ESIC Management Quota) was carved out with provision of reservation for admission to MBBS seats in ESIC Medical Colleges for wards of Insured Persons. The wards of such Insured Persons having wages upto Rs.15,000/- p.m. are getting preferential admission in the ESIC Medical College & Hospital and thus, are benefitted in terms of quality medical education on the fees/expenses etc. as fixed by the Govt. in this regard. No doubt, this is helping the ESIC, the society and the nation as whole as Wards of low wage bracket persons are being given quality technical education on subsidized fee for making a happy workforce and prosperous India.

The available seats of 'Insured Persons Quota' (erstwhile ESIC Management Quota) are pooled on 'All India basis' and allotted, amongst eligible wards of Insured Persons. The 'Insured Persons Quota' seats is being filled on merit cum preference basis through a centralized counseling based on result of All India Entrance Test e.g. NEET (except ESIC Medical College, Sanathnagar, Telangana). The reservation policy of Central Govt. for SC/ST/OBC/PH etc. is being followed for allotment of seats. Candidates/wards of Insured Persons seeking admission under 'Insured Person Quota' have to fulfill the eligibility criteria for admission as per MCI regulations and as fixed by ESIC in this regard.

For the academic year 2016-17, a total of 700 seats were offered in all the 07 ESIC/ESI Medical Colleges. Admissions were given through NEET exams in 05 ESI Medical Colleges namely ESIC Medical College Joka, Kolkata (WB), Rajajinagar, Bangalore (Karnataka), Gulbarga (Karnataka), K.K. Nagar Chennai (Tamil Nadu) and Faridabad (Haryana). In the ESIC Medical College Coimbatore (Tamil Nadu), admission under ESIC 'Insured Persons Quota' was ensured through agreement made with State Govt. of Tamilnadu. It is well mentioned here that Hon'ble Prime Minister had handed over ESIC Medical College, Coimbatore to State Govt, Tamil Nadu in Feb., 2016. Also, the Govt. of Telangana did not opt for NEET for the year 2016-17, a total of 50 seats for wards of Insured Persons under 'Insured Persons Quota' was made available through entrance exams of Govt. of Telangana. Thus, out of a total of 700 MBBS seats, 267 (38.14%) seats falling under the ESIC 'Insured Persons Quota' have been offered to the wards of Insured Persons.

A complete break-up of these seats is put up here as under: -

Sl. No.	Name of ESIC/ESI Medical College	Total no. of seats	All India Quota	State Govt. Quota	Insured Persons Quota
1.	Joka-Kolkata, West Bengal	100	15	33	52
2.	Rajajinagar, Bangalore, Karnataka	100	15	40	45
3.	Gulbarga, Karnataka	100	15	40	45
4.	K.K. Nagar, Chennai, Tamil Nadu	100	15	65	20
5.	Coimbatore, TN (SC) *Established by State Govt. of Tamilnadu	100	15	65	20
6.	Faridabad, Haryana	100	15	50	35
7.	Sanath Nagar	100	Nil	50	50
	Total	700	90	343	267 (38.14%)

ESIC's foray in medical education is a great milestone for the working class earning wages upto Rs.15,000/- p.m. ESIC, thus, is contributing a lot in taking medical education to a new height by way of highly qualified and experienced teaching faculty, well versed in modern teaching concepts and modules. It is not only educating the wards of Insured Persons but also providing a super speciality medical care to its stakeholders.
