



Ministry of Labour & Employment, Govt. of India
Employees' State Insurance Corporation
Panchdeep Bhawan, CIG Road, New Delhi-110002



No. E-13/12/9/2020-P.R.

Dated: 08.08.2020

Press Release

Inauguration of Plasma Bank at ESIC Medical College and Hospital, Faridabad (Haryana)

Shri Manohar Lal Khattar, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Haryana & **Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar**, Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Labour & Employment, Govt. of India inaugurated **Plasma Bank** at ESIC Medical College and Hospital, Faridabad (Haryana) through video conference from **Haryana Bhawan, New Delhi on 07.08.2020**.

Shri Heera Lal Samariya, Secretary, Govt. of India, **Ms. Anuradha Prasad**, Director General, ESIC and officers of MoLE, ESIC & Govt. of Haryana also graced the occasion.

Shri Manohar Lal Khattar, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Haryana informed about the efforts of Haryana Govt. in combating Covid-19 pandemic. He also briefed about the starting of Plasma Therapy in Haryana in 03 different locations, viz. Panchkula, Rohtak & Gurugram. At the end, while concluding his speech, he made an appeal to the COVID recovered patients to come forward and donate their plasmas to save the lives of others.

During his address, **Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar, Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Labour & Employment, Govt. of India** informed that the ESIC has been working continuously since its inception to provide social security to its insured persons in India. In the last 67 years of journey, today, the services of ESIC have been expanded to about 566 districts out of 722 districts. About 12 crore beneficiaries are receiving ESI facilities.

In this crisis situation, 21 ESIC Hospitals across India have been converted into Dedicated Covid-19 Hospitals. More than 2400 Isolation beds, 550 ICU/HDU beds with 200 ventilators have also been made available in these Hospitals. Quarantine facility (approx. 1300 Beds) has been made functional in 04 ESIC Hospitals at Alwar (Rajasthan), Bihta, Patna (Bihar), Gulbarga (Karnataka) and Korba (Chhattisgarh). Besides, Covid-19 testing facility has been made available at ESIC Hospital, Faridabad(Haryana), Basaidarapur(New Delhi) and Sanathnagar, Hyderabad. Plasma therapy is also being provided at ESIC Hospitals, Faridabad and Sanathnagar, Hyderabad for the treatment of serious patients of COVID-19. Shri Gangwar commended the efforts being made by ESIC, an organisation under his Ministry, to combat COVID-19.

About Plasma Bank and Plasma Therapy Facility at ESIC Medical College & Hospital, Faridabad

Immunohematology and Blood transfusion Department, ESIC Medical College & Hospital, Faridabad had started Convalescent Plasma therapy under **PLACID Trial** with permission from **Indian Council Of Medical Research** on **20th May 2020**. First Plasmapheresis was conducted on **2nd June 2020** and more than **25** procedures have been done till date. Accordingly, first Plasma therapy was done on **8th June 2020** and a total of **35** patients have been given transfusions so far.

Department of Immunohematology and Blood transfusion, ESIC Medical College Faridabad is fully equipped with all the required equipment and manpower with a storage capacity of 400 units at a time and holds a **valid License from Drug Controller General of India** for **Plasmapheresis**. This Hospital is well equipped to conduct **30 plasmapheresis** procedures per day, with 3 Dedicated Apheresis

machines already working round the clock in the facility. The need for Convalescent Plasma is likely to increase in coming days with number of COVID cases rising each day.

ESIC Medical College & Hospital, Faridabad

ESIC Medical College Faridabad is a dedicated 540 bedded COVID Hospital with ICU Beds for the treatment of Covid-19 patients of Haryana. Besides, Covid-19 testing facility has also been made available at ESIC Hospital, Faridabad (Haryana). The medical college is equipped with latest equipments, air conditioned classrooms, labs, etc.

The hospital associated with this medical college is centrally air conditioned with inpatient and outpatient departments and provides treatment facilities through various departments. This hospital is equipped with facilities such as OPD, IPD, Wards, emergency, diagnostic services, Operation Theatres, ICU, CT scan, MRI and many more for the Insured Persons and their dependents. This Hospital is exclusively run for the benefit of insured persons and their family members covered 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. It is covering about 3.49 Crores of family units of workers and providing matchless cash benefits and reasonable medical care to its 13.56 crore beneficiaries. Today, its infrastructure has increased many folds with 1520 Dispensaries (including mobile dispensaries)/307 ISM Units and 159 ESI Hospitals, 793 Branch/Pay Offices and 64 Regional & Sub-Regional Offices. The ESI Scheme today stands implemented in 566 districts in 34 states and Union Territories of the country.
