

**MEMORANDUM for
Establishment of ESIC Medical College and Hospital at
Rourkela**

To

Dr. Manmohan Singh , Honorable Prime Minister of India, New Delhi

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Honorable Minister for Labour and Employment , Government of India, New Delhi**

Sri Naveen Patnaik , Honorable Chief Minister of Odisha , Bhubaneswar

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**Sri Sarada Prasad Nayak , Honorable Minister for Food and Civil Supplies and
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**Sri Pyarimohan Mohapatra , Honorable Member of Rajyasabha and Leader of
BJD , Rajyasabha**

Sri Mangala Kishan , Honorable Member of Rajyasabha

**Sri Rama Chandra Khuntia , Honorable Member of Rajyasabha and
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**Sri Arjun Charan Sethy , Honorable Member of Loksabha and Leader of BJD
parliamentary Party , Loksabha**

The Regional Director , ESIC , Odisha , Bhubaneswar

We the citizens of Rourkela sincerely urges you for the establishment of proposed ESI Medical College and Hospital for the development of tribal dominated and boarder district of Sundargarh in general .

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Rourkela the mini India Town of Orissa has its own importance in many fields like establishment of first public sector integrated steel plant in the late 50's. With the population of more than 6 lakhs in Greater Rourkela alone as well as another many lakhs in the near by area surrounding of border districts like undivided Sambalpur (which consists of four Districts namely Jharsuguda , Deogarh , Bargarh and Sambalpur itself) along with Keonjhar is one of the largest conglomerate of Industrial and mines worker of the State of Orissa. This area is became the largest industrial hub of our state. Other than that all weather road connectivity along with Rail connectivity to most of the important part of India as well as neighboring states like Jharkhand and Chhatisgarh it is one of the central place for the establishment of ESI Medical college and Hospital to cater the bare need of the majority of ESI coverage workers .

Recently through a joint meeting of most of major political parties , central trade unions , Civil Society Organisations , Social organizations , number of workers unions and intellectuals of in and around Rourkela raised the following points in support and justification of establishment of ESI Medical College and Hospital at Rourkela by which our stands are specific .

- 1) Out of Total 2.40 lakhs ESI insured persons registered in the state of Orissa , 1.40 lakhs are from Western Orissa comprising Sundargarh District and Jharsuguda , Sambalpur Districts along with Keonjhar and. Out of which about 70,000 members are only from in and around Rourkela .
- 2) This area is always lack of Medical and Health facility since independence . The one and only Medical College and Hospital owned by state government is at Burla (Sambalpur) is quite insufficient for the large requirement of Medical and Health requirement particularly for the majority of industrial workers of this area.
- 3) As the western Odisha does not have any super specialty medical and health care facility , there is an urgent need of ultra modern health care and medical facility particularly for the tribal dominated Sundargarh District and also for industrial workers dominated in and around Rourkela City.
- 4) Almost all the political parties along with all the trade unions are supporting the issue of establishment of medical college and hospital at Rourkela for the greater interest of poor , unprivileged , uncared , suffered tribals and low income group of industrial workers.

- 5) The establishment of ESI Medical College and Hospital at Rourkela will take care of the deprived health and medical facility of tribal dominated Sundargarh District as well as helps for the better infrastructural development of the region . This will indirectly help for the generation of thousands of more employment as well as livelihood generation which directly boost the business and economy of the region.
- 6) As Rourkela is well connected with rail and road network , the establishment of ESI medical college Hospital would also help the flow of patients from neighboring districts particularly low income group of industrial workers..
- 7) With the establishment of Hospital along with medical college , the low income group worker's meritorious ward's can get a chance to study in the said medical college by paying much less amount than in a private medical college . This will boost the educational development of the region and particularly poor people.
- 8) The local committee of ESI of Kalunga and Kuarmunda also favors for the said establishment by a resolution which is the primary body for the development of industrial workers.
- 9) With the said establishment , the scope of equitable distribution of developmental activities among the different parts of state of Odisha will also take place which is good for the greater interest of the state's development as well which will take care of the long prevalent discontent of the said area.
- 10)The said establishment will also help more and more industrial workers for the up coming industrial establishments in and around Rourkela in near future.
- 11)The NROs who were living in different parts of the globe also support the cause through various means like signature and email campaign.
- 12)As per the conditions of ESIC organization the said Hospital and Medical College would be established in the place where there is more conglomeration of ESI insured persons which is best and only fitted for Rourkela , other than any place of Odisha.
- 13)With the help of Steel Authority of India Limited , Airport authority of India and Civil Aviation Department the Air strip at Rourkela can be upgraded as full fledged and all time Airport for air communication which is earlier under Central Government establishment.

Today Odisha Health System is driven by people who are good as human beings but may not have that exposure and strategic thinking which many Odias who work outside .