

is poised to become the largest employer by 2022, adding additional skilled workers over the next 10 years.

■ **Employees State Insurance (ESI) Scheme to Cover Entire Country by 2022 End**

The government has decided that the Employees' State Insurance, ESI, will be implemented in the entire country by the end of this year. Presently, ESI Scheme is fully implemented in 443 districts and partially implemented in 153 districts, whereas 148 districts are not covered under ESI Scheme. The medical care services will be provided through establishing new Dispensary cum Branch Office in collaboration with Hospitals of Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana. The decision was taken during the 188th meeting of ESI Corporation under the Chairmanship of Labour and Employment Minister Bhupender Yadav on 19th June. ESI Corporation has decided to set up 23 new 100 bedded hospitals across the country. Besides these hospitals, five doctors' dispensaries at 62 places will also be opened.