

# E-Governance in ESIC - recent e-filing & e-payment initiatives of ESIC

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# Profile

- Worked as Audit Officer in CAG for 9 years
  - Audit of Oil marketing companies, petroleum refineries & general insurance companies.
  - Nominated for audit of World Health Organisation, Geneva
  - Was visiting faculty to the International Centre of Information Systems Audit (iCISA), NOIDA
- Joined ESIC as Deputy Director through UPSC in 2010
- Member of the Drafting Committee of the Accounting Policy of ESIC, when it switched to accrual system of accounting in 2011-12
- Implementation of ERP in ESIC in Karnataka Region
- Enforcement of ESI Scheme in Karnataka through new coverage and inspection
- Liaison with State Government as regards extension of ESI Scheme to new areas

# Agenda

- Brief introduction about ESI Scheme
- e-Filing & payment
  - Remittance of monthly contribution
  - Filing of various returns
  - Self declaration vs CA's certificate
- e-Kranti Shram Suvidha Portal
  - Labour Identification Number (LIN)
  - Selection of units for inspection system driven
  - Access to inspection report by employer
  - Sharing of inspection reports among enforcement agencies
  - Grievance redressal
- 'Pehchan' card smart card issued to covered employees
- Q & A

## About ESIC

- One of the social security schemes
- vide ESIC Act, 1948 -mandatory
- Implemented in consultation with State govts.
- Applicable to factories & establishments in covered area
- Funded thru contributions from employers & employees NO BUDGETARY SUPPORT
- Provides medical & cash benefits

#### About ESIC — units coverable ....contd...

- All factories other than seasonal covered
- All employees whose income not more than Rs.15,000 (Rs.25,000 in case of disabled emp)
- Min. reqd. strength of employees 10
- Contract / casual / temporary labourers also covered
- Applicability of Act to a specific revenue area through govt. notification

## About ESIC – funding

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- Employer's share 4.75% of wages
- Employee's share 1.75%
- Employee need not contribute if his / her average daily wage < Rs.137</li>
- Handicapped employees Govt. pays on behalf of employer for 3 yrs

## About ESIC ..medical benefit...

- Available from day one
- For employee and his family members
- Treatment in ESI hospitals / tie-up hospitals
- Super specialty treatment also available
- Retired employee & their spouse can continue to be benefitted by paying Rs.120 p.a.
- Quantum of medical benefit in 2014-15 (RE)
  - Rs.6189 crore

#### ESI scheme Vs Mediclaim insurance

#### **Mediclaim insurance**

- Profit motive
- Premium based on sum insured-increases with age
- Medical check up reqd. for certain persons
- Ceiling on benefit
- Extra premium for covering family of insured person (IP)
- Only medical benefit

#### **ESIC Scheme**

- Welfare motive
- Uniform rate of contribution for all age groups
- No medical checkup required
- No limit where CGHS rates are prescribed, else Rs.10 lakh / beneficiary / year
- Family members of IP automatically covered
- Provides many benefits in addition to medical benefit

### About ESIC ...cash benefits...

- Sickness benefit
- Disability benefit
- Maternity benefit
- Dependant benefit
- Miscellaneous benefits:
  - Unemployment benefit
  - Funeral expenses
  - Rehabilitation allowance
- Quantum of cash benefits paid 2014-15 (RE) – Rs.979 crore

# e-Filing & payment

- Payment of contribution online from 1-4-15 through payment gateway
- Filing of Return of contribution (Regulation 26(1)) has been done away with
- Compliance under Regulation 26(1-A):
  - Self certification where no. of employees < 40</li>
    - Maintenance of records & registers (eg. Regn.32(1))
    - Distribution of temporary identity cards / pehchan cards
    - Wages considered for payment of contribution & wages excluded
  - Certificate by CA where no. of employees 40 or more

#### E-Kranti – Shram Suvidha Portal

- Initiative by Min. of Labour & Employment,
  Govt. of India, thru NIC
- Unified Web Portal, for compliance under 16 labour laws, on pilot basis – including ESIC
- Unification of compliance thru Labour Identification Number (LIN)
- Envisaged to provide single harmonized return by employers

### Shram Suvidha Portal .. contd..

- online reporting of harmonized inspection report - by inspecting officials
- Selection of units for inspection on an automated manner based on pre-defined criteria / algorithm NO DISCRETION TO Inspectors
- Inspection reports shared among all labour enforcement agencies – avoid multiple inspections

#### Shram Suvidha Portal .. contd..

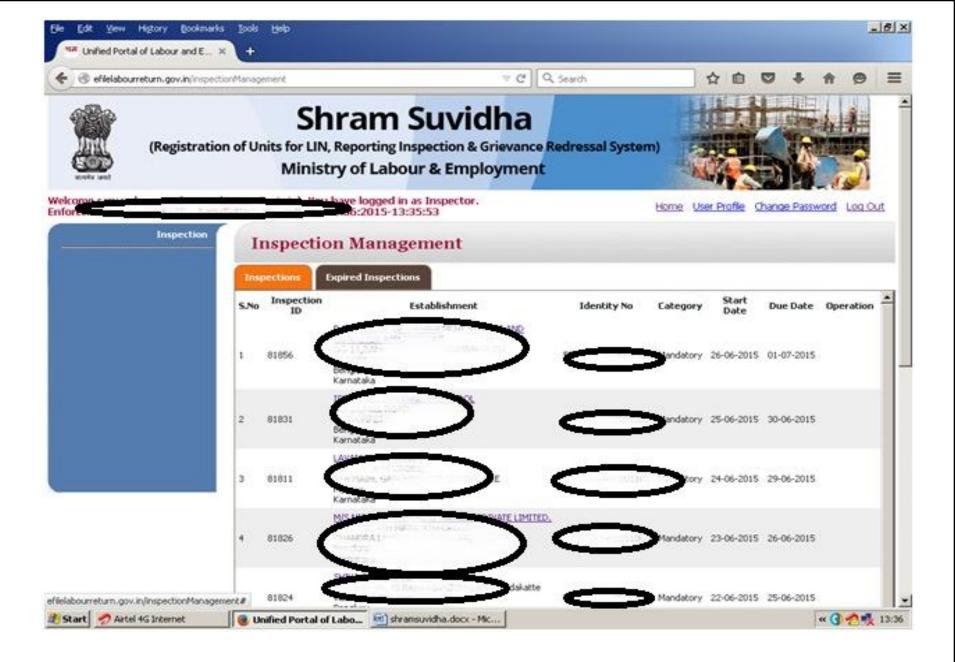
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#### Shram Suvidha Portal – inspection .. contd...

#### Criteria for selection of units for inspection:

- Newly covered units
- Units in default for 6 months
- Units who applied for closure request
- Units not inspected for 3 years or more
- Some units where there is 30% fall in contribution/no. of employees
- Units which supply manpower with > 250 emp





## Pehchan card

#### Why Pehchan ??

- Employees can derive benefit out of contribution paid in earlier employments also.
- Dependants of employees staying away from employee can get medical treatment in their place of residence from ESI Dispensaries.
- Enrolment for pehchan
  - One card and one insurance number for life
  - Two cards for each employee
  - Enrolment of employee and family members not necessarily on the same day
  - Anywhere enrolment
- Enrollment at employer's premises subject to certain conditions
- Automatic de-duplication of duplicate registrations of employees
- Prosecution action against defaulting employers (Regn. 16 read with sec.85(g))

# Any Questions ??

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