



COVID - 19: DAILY UPDATE

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SETTING UP OF CONTROL ROOMS FOR ADDRESSING WAGE RELATED GRIEVANCES

The Ministry of Labour & Employment via Press Release ID: 1614222, dated 14.04.2020 has set up 20 Control Rooms under the Office of Chief Labour Commissioner (CLC) due to issues arising owing to Pandemic COVID-19 in the Country.

“Ministry of Labour and Employment has set up 20 control rooms under the Office of Chief Labour Commissioner (CLC) (C) on pan India basis due to issues arising in the backdrop of Covid-19.”

The Control Rooms so set up by the Ministry have been set up for the following purposes:

- For addressing the wage related grievance of workers employed in the Central Sphere.
- For mitigating the problems of migrant workers through co-ordination with State Governments.

These control rooms can be accessed by the aggrieved workers via Phone numbers, Whatsapp and emails and all the officers of Control Rooms are directed to adhere to humane approach in assistance and resolving the grievances of the needy ones.

The region wise details of the Control Rooms along with helpline numbers, email ids and details of officials are duly annexed with the Press Release.

The aforesaid Press Release of Ministry of Labour and Employment has come into force in order to provide adequate relief to the workers facing difficulties and hardship owing to complete lockdown and pandemic COVID-19 in the Country.



ESIC FURTHER EXTENDS PERIOD FOR FILING ESI CONTRIBUTION

The Ministry of Labour and Employment via Press Release ID: 1614362, dated 14.04.2020 has granted following reliefs for its stakeholders especially the employers and insured person, besides strengthening its medical resources to fight COVID-19:

- The period for filing ESI contribution for the month of February and March to 15.05.2020. Further, no penalty, interest or damage will be levied during the said period.
- ESI beneficiaries have been permitted to purchase medicines from private chemists and its reimbursement by ESIC has also been permitted.
- Medical benefit under Rule 60 & 61 of ESI (Central Rules) is still available till 30.06.2020 for such beneficiaries whose medical benefit cards have become invalid and are unable to pay the advance annual lump sum contribution owing to lockdown.

“As a relief measure, the period for filing ESI contribution for the month of February and March was earlier extended to 15th April and 15th May, respectively. Now, considering the hardship being faced by employers, the period for filing ESI contribution for the month of February has been further extended from earlier extended period i.e. 15th April to 15th May, 2020. The period for filing contribution for the month of March 2020 is also 15th May, 2020. No penalty or interest or damage will be levied on establishments during the extended period. 3.49 crore Insured Persons (IPs) and 12,11,174 employers will get relief with the extension of period for filing the return.”



The said press release has come into force as a relief to those who have not been able to make the ESI Contribution or those who could not pay advance annual lump-sum contribution due to complete lockdown in the Country and this being the genuine hardship the Ministry has waived off the penalty along with the extension of due date.

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