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Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Labour & Employment announces Rs. 10 lakh compensation to kins of victims of ESIC Hospital, Mumbai fire accident

Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Labour & Employment, Santosh Kumar Gangwar announced compensation of Rs. 10 lakh each to the families of those who lost their lives in the accident, Rs. 2 lakh each for those who have serious injuries and Rs. 1 lakh each for those with minor injuries.

The cause of fire is being ascertained. As per preliminary report, the building material lying at the ground floor of hospital for renovation work caught fire which led to generation of smoke. 5 persons are reported to have died due to suffocation in this tragic accident. The admitted patients and their attendants were rescued and shifted to nearby hospitals with the help of firefighters, doctors & staff of hospital. Deputy Medical Superintendent, Dr. Reshma Verma was also taken to nearby hospital as she fainted due to suffocation while rescuing the admitted patients. The detailed report is awaited.

Labour Minister held a meeting with officials of Labour Ministry and ESIC at Delhi and directed to extend all the possible help to the kins of deceased persons and injured persons . A team of doctors from ESIC Delhi has also been rushed to Mumbai for this purpose.

The Union Labour Minister alongwith Secretary, Ministry of Labour & Employment and Director General, ESIC would be visiting the hospital tomorrow to oversee the relief work and to meet the injured persons and kins of deceased.
