

## CHAPTER XV : MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

### 15.1 Failure to monitor unauthorised occupation of government accommodation

**Employees State Insurance Corporation failed to monitor the unauthorised occupation of its residential accommodation resulting in non-recovery of license fee and damages charges of ₹ 0.42 crore.**

Ten employees of the Punjab Government, who were on deputation to the Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) hospital, Ludhiana were repatriated to their parent department with effect from 28 February 2010. Under the rules, the repatriated employees were required to vacate the ESIC accommodation which they were occupying, within two months of their relief. Audit observed (May 2016), that five of these employees vacated their accommodation with delays ranging between 56 to 73 months. The remaining five employees had not vacated their accommodation even after more than six years of overstay. Throughout the entire period, ESIC failed to take any action to issue notice or vacate the unauthorised occupants. The unpaid license fee and damage rent amounted to ₹ 0.42 crore (as on November 2016).

In reply, the ESIC hospital, Ludhiana stated (December 2016) that eviction orders were issued (November 2016) to all five unauthorised occupants, and that recovery proceedings will be initiated.

The matter was reported to the Ministry of Labour and Employment, Government of India and Director General, ESIC New Delhi in September 2016; their reply was awaited as of January 2017.