

ESIC GROUP 'A' OFFICERS' WELFARE ASSOCIATION

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Date: 8th of April, 2020

To,

The Director General, Employees' State Insurance Corporation, Panchdeep Bhawan,CIG Marg, New Delhi.

Sub: Financial support to the insured persons of ESIC amidst unprecedented COVID 19 situation in the country.

Respected Madam,

The outbreak of corona virus in India and the whole world is proving deadly not only for the directly affected persons/families but also to the persons/families which are affected indirectly due to lock down, loss of wages/employment etc. The lockdown to curb the spread of corona pandemic has resulted in extreme penury to the poor and marginalized sections of the society. Our insured persons are also hit badly since the units and establishments including the factories/establishments are also closed.

At this critical hour of hardship being faced by our stakeholders, specifically, the employers, IPs and their families, our responsibility is to come forward to help the insured persons so that at least some succour is given to those for whom this organisation stands for.

In this aberrant situation ESIC can extend some financial relief to its Insured Persons by providing one time special cash benefit equivalent to 25% of IPs one month average wage of last 6 months' directly in IPs bank accounts.

As per Section 28 (xi) of the ESI Act, 1948, the Employees' State Insurance Fund shall be expended for the purpose of defraying expenditure, within the limits prescribed, on measures for the improvement of health and welfare of Insured Persons.

ESIC has more than 1 lakh crore of investment, in various dedicated reserve funds and General Reserve Fund, as on date, which earns approximately 7% per annum. 25% average wages approximately may comes to Rs. 2100/- only per IP. As such, for all IPs, the financial impact may be Rs. 7500 crore which is roughly equal to one year interest on investment. This will not compromise the financial health of the Corporation, but on the other hand, the aim of social security can be upheld, for the which the Corporation has been created, in unprecedented times.

Madam, the financial position of ESIC is strong enough to bear this expenditure without much hassle for this noble cause. Therefore, the ESIC Group 'A' Officer's Welfare Association requests the Director General to initiate granting of this one time relief to all Insured Persons.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

(RAJIV LAL) COORDINATOR