

Shriram Life Insurance Company Limited

Shriram Life Insurance Company Limited, herein after called “the Company”, having received a proposal and declaration with the statements contained and referred to hereunder, and the first premium from the proposer / life assured named in the policy schedule hereunder, and the said proposal and declaration and the statements thereto having been agreed to by the proposer / life assured and the Company as basis of this assurance, do by this policy agree, in consideration and subject to the due receipt of premiums on the days stipulated in the schedule annexed, to pay the sum allocated under this policy, to the persons to whom the same is payable as per the schedule, on submitting that the said sum becomes payable as set out in the schedule, together with the proof of the claimant’s right to the policy moneys, and acceptable proof of age of the policy holder, if age is not admitted earlier.

Further, it is hereby declared that this policy of assurance shall be subject to the conditions and privileges printed in the policy document and that the following schedule and any endorsement placed by the Company shall be deemed part of the policy.

For Shriram Life Insurance Company Limited



Authorized signatory

SHRIRAM GRAMEENA SURAKSHA - UIN: 128N057V01

A Non- Linked Non-Participating micro Insurance Plan

PART B: Definitions

- B1. Age:** Age of Life assured as on last birthday (in completed years)
- B2. Annualised premium:** shall be the premium payable in a policy year chosen by the policy holder excluding the underwriting extra premium, rider premium, and loading for modal premiums, if any.
- B3. Authority:** means the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India established under the provisions of section 3 of the Insurance Regulatory and development Authority Act, 1999 (41 of 1999)
- B4. Bank rate:** means “Bank rate fixed by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) at the beginning of the financial year in which claim has fallen due”
- B5. Complaint/Grievance:** means written expression (includes communication in the form of electronic mail or other electronic scripts) of dissatisfaction by a complainant with insurer, distribution channels, intermediaries, insurance intermediaries or other regulated entities about an action or lack of action about the standard of service or deficiency of service of such insurer, distribution channels, intermediaries, insurance intermediaries or other regulated entities
- B6. Complainant:** means a policyholder or prospect or any beneficiary of an insurance policy who has filed a complaint or grievance against an insurer or a distribution channel
- B7. Cover:** means an insurance contract either in the form of a policy or a cover note or a Certificate of insurance or any other form as approved by the Authority to evidence the existence of an insurance contract.
- B8. Date of commencement of risk:** The date from which the insurance cover under the policy starts.
- B9. Date of commencement of the policy:** Date on which the policy commences.
- B10. Date of inception:** Date of issuance of the policy or date of effecting the policy.
- B11. Death Benefit:** Shall mean benefit agreed at the inception of the contract, which is payable on death as specified in the policy document.
- B12. Distribution channels:** means persons and entities authorized by the Authority to involve in sale and service of insurance products
- B13. Grace period:** The time granted by the insurer from the due date for the payment of premium without any penalty/late fee during which time the policy is considered to be in force with the risk cover without any interruption as per the terms of the policy
- B14. IRDAI:** Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India
- B15. Lapsed/ Discontinued Policies:** If the renewal premium is unpaid at the end of the grace period, and the policy has not attained a surrender value, the policy status will be changed to lapse and benefits are not payable.
- B16. Life Assured:** The person on whose life death risk is covered.
- B17. Maturity Benefit:** means the benefit payable on maturity as specified in the policy document.
- B18. Nominee:** Nominee is the person/persons appointed by the life assured to receive the death benefit herein upon his/her death.
- B19. Policyholder:** Person who has proposed to purchase the policy and pays the premium under the policy.
- B20. Policy Schedule:** Document featuring the main details and benefits of the policy.

- B21. Proposal form:** means a form to be filled in by the prospect in written or electronic or any other format as approved by the Authority, for furnishing all material information as required by the insurer in respect of a risk, in order to enable the insurer to take informed decision in the context of underwriting the risk, and in the event of acceptance of the risk, to determine the rates, advantages, terms and conditions of the cover to be granted.
- B22. Proposer:** Person proposing insurance on own life or on the life of another person.
- B23. Prospect:** means any persons who is a potential customer of an insurance and likely to enter into an insurance contract either directly with the insurer or through a distribution channel.
- B24. Prospectus:** means a document either in physical or electronic or any other format issued by the insurer to sell or promote the insurance products.
- B25. Revival:** Restoration of policy which was discontinued due to non-payment of premiums.
- B26. Rider benefits:** An amount of benefit payable on a specified event offered under the rider and is allowed as an add on benefit.
- B27. Sum Assured on death (Death sum assured):** Absolute amount which is guaranteed to become payable on death of the life assured in accordance with the terms & conditions of the policy
- B28. Sum Assured on maturity (Guaranteed maturity sum assured):** Absolute amount of benefit which is guaranteed to become payable on maturity of the policy. This is equal to the sum assured chosen by the policyholder at inception of the policy.
- B29. Sum Assured:** Absolute amount chosen by the policyholder at the time of proposal in accordance with the terms & conditions of the policy
- B30. Surrender:** Option exercised by the policy holder for complete withdrawal/termination of the entire policy.
- B31. Surrender Value:** An amount if any, that becomes payable in case of surrender in accordance with the terms and conditions of the policy.
- B32. We, Us, Our, Insurer or The Company:** Shriram Life Insurance Co. Ltd.
- B33. You, or Your:** The Policyholder as mentioned in the Policy Schedule. The Policyholder may or may not be the life Assured.

PART C: Product description & its benefits

C1. Product Description

Shriram Life Grameena Suraksha is a non participating non linked term insurance plan. The plan is a micro insurance term plan and provides life cover at a low cost to the socially weaker sections of the society. The plan offers life cover in two options.

- **Option I:** *Pure term assurance*
- **Option II:** *Term assurance with return of premiums on maturity*

For option I & II “**Death sum assured**” is defined as the amount which is the highest of:

- 10 times the annualized premium for all ages
- 105% of the premiums paid till the date of death
- Basic sum assured
- Maturity sum assured

where basic sum assured= absolute amount to be paid on death which is equal to the sum assured chosen at inception

Maturity sum assured for Option II = Sum of all basic premiums paid. Basic premiums are exclusive of extra premium and taxes.

Annualized premium shall be the premium payable in a year chosen by the policy holder, excluding the underwriting extra and loadings for modal premiums and taxes. Taxes include service tax and education cess.

The maturity sum assured under option I is zero

C2. Benefits under the plan:

a) **Death benefit:** In case of death of the life assured during the policy term, “**Death sum assured**” as defined above will be paid to the nominee or beneficiary.

b) **Maturity benefit:**

Option I: In case of survival of the life assured up till the end of the policy term, no benefit is paid.

Option II: In case of survival of the life assured up till the end of the policy term, “**maturity sum assured**” will be paid to the policy holder.

C3. Premium Payment conditions

The premiums can be paid in yearly, half yearly, quarterly or monthly. For payment frequencies other than yearly the premium is calculated by multiplying the annual premium by the modal factor given below:

Frequency	Factor
Half yearly	0.520
Quarterly	0.265
Monthly	0.090

C4. Paid-up Benefits

Option I: The policy does not acquire any paid up value.

Option II: Policies discontinued by non-payment of premiums after having paid premiums for at least three years will not lapse but will continue on reduced paid- up basis.

“Reduced paid up death sum assured” = (Death sum assured) x No. of Premiums paid / Total No. of Premiums payable

“Reduced paid up maturity sum assured” = (Maturity sum assured) x No. of Premiums paid / Total No. of Premiums payable

Premiums are exclusive of extra premium and taxes.

If the policy is in paid up state the following benefits are payable.

- **Death benefit under a paid up policy:** In case of death of the life assured during the policy term and if the policy is in paid up state, **“reduced paid up death sum assured”** will be paid to the nominee or beneficiary.
- **Maturity Benefit under a paid up policy:** In case of survival of the life assured up to the end of the policy term, **“Reduced paid up maturity sum assured”** will be paid to the policy holder.

The basic premiums paid are excluding any extra premium and taxes. Taxes include service tax and education cess.

C5. Grace Period

A grace period of 30 days is allowed from the due date for payment of premiums for all payment frequencies. The policy will remain in force and the death benefit will be payable after deducting due premiums, should the death occur, during the grace period.

PART D: Non-forfeiture Benefits & Policy Servicing

D1. Free look period

The policy holder has a period 15 days (30days in case of business sourced through distance marketing) from the date of receipt of the policy document to review the terms and conditions of the policy and where the policy holder disagrees to any of those terms or conditions, he has the option to return the policy to the insurer for cancellation stating the reasons for his objection, when he shall be entitled to a refund of the premium paid, subject only to a deduction of a proportionate risk premium for the period on cover and the expenses incurred by the Company on medical examination of the proposer, if any, and stamp duty charges. Distance Marketing entails any sale through e-mails, telephonic calls and any other mode except through personal interaction

A request received by the Company for free look cancellation of the policy shall be processed and premium shall be refunded within 15 days of receipt of the request

For any delay, the Company shall pay penal interest at a rate, which is 2% above bank rate from the date of request or last necessary document if any whichever is later, from the insured/claimant as stated above

D2. Revival

A lapsed or a paid up policy can be revived within a revival period of two years from the date of first unpaid premium, by paying all the outstanding premiums with interest as declared by the Company from time to time along with revival requirements as per Board approved underwriting policy. No benefits are paid on a lapsed policy during the revival period. Once revived, the benefits will be restored to full value.

D3. Surrender Benefit

Option I: No surrender benefit

Option II: The policy acquires surrender value provided three full years' premiums are paid. The Guaranteed surrender value expressed as a percentage of premiums paid excluding extra premium and taxes is available under this policy as per the table below:

Year/ Term	GSV %	
	10 years	15 years
1	0%	0%
2	0%	0%
3	30%	30%
4	50%	50%
5	50%	50%
6	50%	50%
7	50%	50%
8	51.5%	55%
9	53%	55%

10	55%	55%
11		55%
12		60%
13		60%
14		60%
15		70%

The surrender value will be paid only after the completion of three policy years.

D4. Special surrender value:

Non guaranteed Special Surrender Value (SSV) which may be higher than the guaranteed surrender value may be paid depending on the experience of the Company.

The surrender value payable shall be higher of GSV or SSV.

D5. Loan

Loans are not granted under this plan/policy.

D6. Alterations

The following alterations are allowed under the plan subject to its terms and conditions.

- Reduction of sum assured
- Change of payment frequency

An alteration fee of Rs. 100 will be charged for any alteration made during the term of the policy.

PART E:

Not Applicable

PART F: Terms & Conditions

F1. Change of your communication Address:

For all future communication we require the correct contact details of policy holder. If there is any change in your contact details after issuance of the policy, then you shall submit your new contact details along with address proof to our nearest branch /divisional office or to our customer care executive at customercare@shriamlife.in or can call on our toll free no: 1800 3000 6116.

Our Head Office address for your communication:
Shriram Life Insurance Company Limited,
Ramky selenium, Beside Andhra Bank Training Centre
Financial District, Hyderabad
e-mail: customercare@shriramlife.in
Phone: 040-2300 9400

F2. Correct age disclosure is important –

Proof of age:

The minimum age eligible under this plan is 18 years age last birthday and maximum eligible age is 50 years. The maximum maturity age is 65 years.

We have calculated premium based on life assureds' age, sum assured and some other risk factors. Age is most important criteria for calculating premium. If, at any time (including at claim stage) age is found to be different from what is stated in proposal form then following would be applicable:

- If the age is proved to be higher than the age declared in the proposal, the premium will be revised effective from the date of commencement provided it meets terms and conditions of the product. Total difference amount between the revised premium and original premium with interest rate determined at the time of revision will be collected from policyholder or deducted from the claim amount whichever is applicable.
- If the age is proved to be lower than declared in the proposal, the premium under the policy will be revised effective from the date of commencement. The difference between the revised premium and the original premium will be refunded to the policyholder without interest.

However, if the correct age at entry is such that the policy cannot be offered or would have made the life assured ineligible, the policy contract will be terminated by paying the surrender value, if any.

F3. Payment of Premium:

The schedule of the policy clearly specifies the due dates for payment of premium. In view of this, it is not necessary for the insurer to issue a reminder in this respect. The Life Assured/ Proposer should pay premiums as and when they are due. The premium shall be adjusted on the due date even if it has been received in advance.

F4. Suicide Exclusion:

If the life assured commits suicide for any reason, while sane or insane, within one year of the date of inception of the policy, 80% of the premiums paid shall be paid to the nominee or beneficiary.

If the life assured commits suicide for any reason, while sane or insane, within one year of the date of revival of the policy, higher of 80% of the premiums paid and surrender value, if any, (for Option II only) shall be paid to the nominee or beneficiary.

F5. Grace Period:

A grace period of 30 days is allowed for payment of premium for all modes. The policy will be in force during the grace period and all the benefits are payable should the death occur during this period. If the renewal premiums are not paid before the end of grace period, the policy will lapse.

F6. Termination of the policy:

The policy will be terminated on earliest of the following events:

- a. Payment of death benefit
- b. Completion of the policy term
- c. At the end of revival period if the policy is not revived
- d. Payment of surrender value
- e. On free look cancellation

F7. Nomination under the Policy: Nominee is the person who can receive the Death benefit. It is insisted that nomination should be made in proposal form as per Section 39 of The Insurance Act, 1938 as amended from time to time. If the nomination has not been made in the proposal form, it is advised to do so at the earliest.

[A Leaflet containing the simplified version of the provisions of Section 39 is enclosed in annexure – II for reference]

F8. Assignments under the Policy: Assignment is transferring the title and rights of policy absolutely or conditionally. Assignment can be made as per section 38 of The Insurance Act, 1938 as amended from time to time *[A Leaflet containing the simplified version of the provisions of Section 38 is enclosed in annexure – II for reference]*

Nomination, assignment or change of nomination can be done through the divisional office of the company (*please check the policy document*) where the policy is being serviced. Nomination or assignment will be effective only after it is recorded / registered with us.

In accepting the nomination/assignment or change of nomination/assignment we do not take any responsibility or express any opinion as to its validity or legality / legal effect.

Policies purchased under the Married Women's Property Act, 1874 cannot be assigned

F9. Documents required for making a claim

- a) Original policy document
- b) Proof of death/ Death certificate
- c) Identity proof of Nominee
- d) FIR, post mortem, charge-sheet, in case of death due to accident/accidental death.
- e) Any other document depending on the cause of death and nature of claim.

F10. Delay in claim intimation

Please communicate to us about the claim within 90 days. However if there is any delay in claim intimation due to reasons that are beyond the control of claimant then the claim would be considered for processing.

F11. Timelines and Delay in settlement of claims:

The following are the timelines stipulated for settlement of claims/requests as per the Board approved policy for Protection of Interests of Policy holders:

- i. The death claims will be paid or rejected or repudiated giving relevant reasons, within 30 days from the date of receipt of all relevant papers and required clarifications. However where the circumstances of a claim warrant an investigation in the opinion of the insurer, it shall initiate the same at the earliest and complete the such investigation expeditiously, in any case not later than 90 days from the date of receipt of claim intimation and the claim shall be settled within 30 days thereafter

If there is any delay on the part of the Company for the timelines mentioned in (i) above , the Company shall pay interest at a rate, which is 2% above bank rate from the date of receipt of last necessary document.

- ii. In respect of maturity, survival benefits and annuities, the payments will be made on or before the due date.
- iii. In respect of free look cancellation, surrender, withdrawal, request for refund of proposal deposit, refund of outstanding proposal deposit, the payments will be paid within 15 days of receipt of request or last necessary document failing which the Company shall pay penal interest at a rate, which is 2% above Bank rate from the date of request or receipt of last necessary document if any whichever is later, from the insured/claimant

F12. Issuance of duplicate Policy:

In case of loss of the policy document, an indemnity bond duly notarized must be submitted. A processing fee of Rs. 100 and stamp duty of Rs. 0.2 per thousand sum assured will be payable by the policy holder.

F13. Currency:

All monies payable under the Policy to or by the Insurer shall be payable in Indian Rupees only.

F14. Variation of Terms and Conditions:

We reserve the right to change any of these Policy Provisions / terms and conditions in accordance with changes in applicable regulations or laws or if it becomes impossible or impractical to enact the provision / terms and conditions. Variations of the Terms & Conditions shall be with prior approval from the Authority.

F15. Taxes

Premiums are exclusive of taxes.

All Premiums are subject to applicable taxes, cesses and levies which shall be paid by you along with the Premium. If any additional Taxes /Cesses /Levies are imposed by any statutory or administrative body of this country under this Policy, the Company reserves the right to claim the same from policyholder”.

F16. Fraud or misrepresentation

In case of fraud or misrepresentation, any policy monies payable shall be in accordance with Section 45 of the Insurance Act, 1938 as amended from time to time.

Important Sections of Insurance act

F17. Section 45 of the insurance act,1938 as amended from time to time:

1. No policy of life insurance shall be called in question on any ground whatsoever after the expiry of three years from the date of the policy, i.e. from the date of issuance of the policy or the date of commencement of risk or the date of revival of the policy or the date of the rider to the policy, whichever is later.
2. A policy of life insurance may be called in question at any time within three years from the date of issuance of the policy or the date of commencement of risk or the date of revival of the policy or the date of the rider to the policy, whichever is later, on the ground of fraud.

Provided that the insurer shall have to communicate in writing to the insured or the legal representatives or nominees or assignees of the insured the grounds and materials on which such decision is based.

3. Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (2), no insurer shall repudiate a life insurance policy on the ground of fraud if the insured can prove that the mis-statement of or suppression of a material fact was true to the best of his knowledge and belief or that there was no deliberate intention to suppress the fact or that such mis-statement of or suppression of a material fact are within the knowledge of the insurer:

Provided that in case of fraud, the onus of disproving lies upon the beneficiaries, in case the policy holder is not alive.

4. A policy of life insurance may be called in question at any time within three years from the date of issuance of the policy or the date of commencement of risk or the date of revival of the policy or the date of the rider to the policy, whichever is later, on the ground that any statement of or suppression of a fact material to the expectancy of the life of the insured was incorrectly made in the proposal or other document on the basis of which the policy was issued or revived or rider issued:

Provided that the insurer shall have to communicate in writing to the insured or the legal representatives or nominees or assignees of the insured the grounds and materials on which such decision to repudiate the policy of life insurance is based:

Provided further that in case of repudiation of the policy on the ground of misstatement or suppression of a material fact, and not on the ground of fraud, the premiums collected on the policy till the date of repudiation shall be paid to the insured or the legal representatives or nominees or assignees of the insured within a period of ninety days from the date of such repudiation.

5. Nothing in this section shall prevent the insurer from calling for proof of age at any time if he is entitled to do so, and no policy shall be deemed to be called in question merely because the terms of the policy are adjusted on subsequent proof that the age of the life insured was incorrectly stated in the proposal.

PART G: Complaints and grievances

Complaints and grievances

In case you have any Query, Complaint or Grievances

First Step:

You can also contact our Customer care on our Toll free no: 1800 3000 6116 & through email id: customercare@shriramlife.in

You may also approach our office at the following address:

Divisional In charge

Shriram Life Insurance Company Limited,
Divisional Office,
Address:

Second Step

In case you are not satisfied with the decision of the above office, or have not received any response within 10 days, you may contact the following official for resolution:

Grievance Redressal Officer,
Shriram Life Insurance Company Limited,
Regd Office: Plot no 31-32, Ramky Selenium
Financial district, Gachibowli
Hyderabad, Telangana - 500032
Contact No: 040-23009400
Email Id: grievance.redressal@shriramlife.in

If you are not satisfied with the response or do not receive a response from us within 14 days, you may approach the Grievance Cell of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI). The contact details are as follows

IRDAI Grievance Call Centre (IGCC) TOLL FREE NO:155255

Email ID: complaints@irda.gov.in

You can also register your complaint online at <http://www.igms.irda.gov.in/>

Address for communication for complaints by fax/paper:

Consumer Affairs Department

Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India,

9th floor, United India Towers, Basheerbagh

Hyderabad – 500 029, Telangana Fax No: 91- 40 – 6678 9768

Third Step

In case you are not satisfied with the decision or resolution of the company, you may approach the Insurance Ombudsman at the address given overleaf, if your grievance pertains to:

- delay in settlement of claims, beyond the time specified in the regulations, framed under the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India Act, 1999;
- any partial or total repudiation of claims by the life insurer;
- disputes over premium paid or payable in terms of insurance policy;

- d) misrepresentation of policy terms and conditions at any time in the policy document or policy contract;
- e) legal construction of insurance policies in so far as the dispute relates to claim;
- f) policy servicing related grievances against insurers and their agents and intermediaries;
- g) issuance of life insurance policy, which is not in conformity with the proposal form submitted by the proposer;
- h) non-issuance of insurance policy after receipt of premium in life insurance
- i) any other matter resulting from the violation of provisions of the Insurance Act, 1938 or the regulations, circulars, guidelines or instructions issued by the IRDAI from time to time or the terms and conditions of the policy contract, in so far as they relate to issues mentioned at clauses (a) to (f)

Manner in which complaint to be made

As per provisions 14(2) and 14(3) of Ombudsman rules 2017

The complaint shall be in writing, duly signed by the complainant or through his legal heirs, nominee or assignee and shall state clearly the name and address of the complainant, the name of the branch or office of the insurer against whom the complaint is made, the facts giving rise to the complaint, supported by documents, the nature and extent of the loss caused to the complainant and the relief sought from the Insurance Ombudsman

No complaint to the Insurance Ombudsman shall lie unless:

- a) The complainant makes a written representation to the insurer named in the complaint and:
 - i. either the insurer had rejected the complaint; or
 - ii. the complainant had not received any reply within a period of one month after the insurer received his representation; or
 - iii. the complainant is not satisfied with the reply given to him by the insurer;
- b) The complaint is made within one year:
 - i. after the order of the insurer rejecting the representation is received; or
 - ii. after receipt of decision of the insurer which is not to the satisfaction of the complainant;
 - iii. after expiry of a period of one month from the date of sending the written representation to the insurer if the insurer named fails to furnish reply to the complainant

All communication in relation to this policy shall be addressed to:

SHRIRAM LIFE INSURANCE CO LTD.

Plot No. 31-32, Ramky Selenium,
Financial District, Gachibowli, Hyderabad,
Telangana-500032

I Samba Siva Rao
(Appointed Actuary)

Samatha Kondapally
(Legal & Compliance Officer)

Casparus J H Kromhout
(MD & CEO)

In case of any grievance under the policy, the address of the Insurance Ombudsman is as under:-

Office of the Insurance Ombudsman

6-2-46, 1st Floor, Main Court Lane
Opp. Saleem Function Palace, AC Guards
Lakdi-ka-pool, HYDERABAD -500 004

Addresses and contact details of the Insurance Ombudsman along with its area of jurisdiction is mentioned in enclosed **Annexure I**. The Policy Holder may approach the concerned Insurance Ombudsman.

Annexure I List of Ombudsman

CONTACT DETAILS	JURISDICTION
AHMEDABAD Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, 2nd floor, Ambica House, Near C.U. Shah College, 5, Navyug Colony, Ashram Road, Ahmedabad – 380 014 Tel.:- 079-27546150/139 Fax:- 079-27546142 Email:- bimalokpal.ahmedabad@gbic.co.in	State of Gujarat and Union Territories of Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu.
BENGALURU Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, JeevanSoudha Building, PID No.57-27-N-19, Ground Floor, 19/19, 24th Main Road, JP Nagar, 1st Phase, Bengaluru-560 078. Tel.:- 080-26652048 / 26652049 Email:- bimalokpal.bengaluru@gbic.co.in	Karnataka.
BHOPAL Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, JanakVihar Complex, 2nd Floor, 6, Malviya Nagar, Opp.Airtel Office, Near New Market, Bhopal – 462 033. Tel.:- 0755-2769200/201/202 Fax:- 0755-2769203 Email:- bimalokpalbhopal@gbic.co.in	States of Madhya Pradesh and Chattisgarh.
BHUBANESHWAR Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, 62, Forest park, Bhubneshwar – 751 009. Tel.:- 0674-2596461 / 2596455 Fax:- 0674-2596429 Email:- bimalokpal.bhubaneswar@gbic.co.in	State of Orissa.
CHANDIGARH Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, S.C.O. No. 101, 102 & 103, 2 nd Floor, Batra Building, Sector 17 – D, Chandigarh – 160 017. Tel.:- 0172-2706196/5861 / 2706468 Fax:- 0172-2708274 Email:- bimalokpal.chandigarh@gbic.co.in	States of Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir and Union territory of Chandigarh.
CHENNAI Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, Fatima Akhtar Court, 4th Floor, 453 (old 312), Anna Salai, Teynampet, CHENNAI – 600 018. Tel.:- 044-24333668 / 24335284 Fax:- 044-24333664 Email:- bimalokpal.chennai@gbic.co.in	State of Tamil Nadu and Union Territories - Pondicherry Town and Karaikal (which are part of Union Territory of Pondicherry).

<p>DELHI Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, 2/2 A, Universal Insurance Building, Asaf Ali Road, New Delhi – 110 002. Tel.:- 011-23239611/7539/7532 Fax:- 011-23230858 Email:- bimalokpal.delhi@gbic.co.in</p>	<p>State of Delhi</p>
<p>ERNAKULAM Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, 2nd floor, Pulinat Building, Opp. Cochin Shipyard, M.G. Road, Ernakulum - 682 015. Tel.:- 0484-2358759/2359338 Fax:- 0484-2359336 Email:- bimalokpal.ernakulum@gbic.co.in</p>	<p>Kerala, Lakshadweep, Mahe-a part of Pondicherry</p>
<p>GUWAHATI Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, 'Jeevan Nivesh', 5th Floor, Nr. Panbazar over bridge, S.S. Road, Guwahati – 781001(ASSAM). Tel.:- 0361- 2132204 / 2132205 Fax:- 0361-2732937 Email:- bimalokpal.guwahati@gbic.co.in</p>	<p>States of Assam, Meghalaya, Manipur, Mizoram, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland and Tripura.</p>
<p>HYDERABAD Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, 6-2-46, 1st floor, "Moin Court" Lane Opp. Saleem Function Palace, A. C. Guards, Lakdi-Ka-Pool, Hyderabad - 500 004. Tel.:- 040-65504123/23312122 Fax:- 040-23376599 Email:- bimalokpal.hyderabad@gbic.co.in</p>	<p>States of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Union Territory of Yanam - a part of the Union Territory of Pondicherry.</p>
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Annexure II

Simplified version of provisions of Section 38 & 39 of Insurance Act 1938 as amended from time to time.

A. Section 38 - Assignment and Transfer of Insurance Policies as amended from time to time

Assignment or transfer of a policy should be in accordance with Section 38 of the Insurance Act, 1938 as amended from time to time. The extant provisions in this regard are as follows:

1. This policy may be transferred/assigned, wholly or in part, with or without consideration.
2. An Assignment may be effected in a policy by an endorsement upon the policy itself or by a separate instrument under notice to the Insurer.
3. The instrument of assignment should indicate the fact of transfer or assignment and the reasons for the assignment or transfer, antecedents of the assignee and terms on which assignment is made.
4. The assignment must be signed by the transferor or assignor or duly authorized agent and attested by at least one witness.
5. The transfer of assignment shall not be operative as against an insurer until a notice in writing of the transfer or assignment and either the said endorsement or instrument itself or copy there of certified to be correct by both transferor and transferee or their duly authorised agents have been delivered to the insurer.
6. Fee to be paid for assignment or transfer can be specified by the Authority through Regulations.
7. On receipt of notice with fee, the insurer should Grant a written acknowledgement of receipt of notice. Such notice shall be conclusive evidence against the insurer of duly receiving the notice.
8. If the insurer maintains one or more places of business, such notices shall be delivered only at the place where the policy is being serviced.
9. The insurer may accept or decline to act upon any transfer or assignment or endorsement, if it has sufficient reasons to believe that it is
 - a. not bonafide or
 - b. not in the interest of the policyholder or
 - c. not in public interest or
 - d. is for the purpose of trading of the insurance policy.
10. Before refusing to act upon endorsement, the Insurer should record the reasons in writing and communicate the same in writing to Policyholder within 30 days from the date of policyholder giving a notice of transfer or assignment.
11. In case of refusal to act upon the endorsement by the Insurer, any person aggrieved by the refusal may prefer a claim to IRDAI within 30 days of receipt of the refusal letter from the Insurer.
12. The priority of claims of persons interested in an insurance policy would depend on the date on which the notices of assignment or transfer is delivered to the insurer; where there are more than one instruments of transfer or assignment, the priority will depend on dates of delivery of such notices. Any dispute in this regard as to priority should be referred to Authority.
13. Every assignment or transfer shall be deemed to be absolute assignment or transfer and the assignee or transferee shall be deemed to be absolute assignee or transferee, except

- a. where assignment or transfer is subject to terms and conditions of transfer or assignment OR
- b. where the transfer or assignment is made upon condition that
 - i. the proceeds under the policy shall become payable to policyholder or nominee(s) in the event of assignee or transferee dying before the insured OR
 - ii. the insured surviving the term of the policy

Such conditional assignee will not be entitled to obtain a loan on policy or surrender the policy. This provision will prevail notwithstanding any law or custom having force of law which is contrary to the above position.

14. In other cases, the insurer shall, subject to terms and conditions of assignment, recognize the transferee or assignee named in the notice as the absolute transferee or assignee and such person
 - a. shall be subject to all liabilities and equities to which the transferor or assignor was subject to at the date of transfer or assignment and
 - b. may institute any proceedings in relation to the policy
 - c. obtain loan under the policy or surrender the policy without obtaining the consent of the transferor or assignor or making him a party to the proceedings
15. Any rights and remedies of an assignee or transferee of a life insurance policy under an assignment or transfer effected before commencement of the Insurance Laws (Amendment) Ordinance, 2014 shall not be affected by this section.

B. Section 39 - Nomination by policyholder

Nomination of a life insurance Policy is as below in accordance with Section 39 of the Insurance Act, 1938 as amended from time to time. The extant provisions in this regard are as follows:

1. The policyholder of a life insurance on his own life may nominate a person or persons to whom money secured by the policy shall be paid in the event of his death.
2. Where the nominee is a minor, the policyholder may appoint any person to receive the money secured by the policy in the event of policyholder's death during the minority of the nominee. The manner of appointment to be laid down by the insurer.
3. Nomination can be made at any time before the maturity of the policy.
4. Nomination may be incorporated in the text of the policy itself or may be endorsed on the policy communicated to the insurer and can be registered by the insurer in the records relating to the policy.
5. Nomination can be cancelled or changed at any time before policy matures, by an endorsement or a further endorsement or a will as the case may be.
6. A notice in writing of Change or Cancellation of nomination must be delivered to the insurer for the insurer to be liable to such nominee. Otherwise, insurer will not be liable if a bonafide payment is made to the person named in the text of the policy or in the registered records of the insurer.
7. Fee to be paid to the insurer for registering change or cancellation of a nomination can be specified by the Authority through Regulations.
8. On receipt of notice with fee, the insurer should grant a written acknowledgement to the policyholder of having registered a nomination or cancellation or change thereof.
9. A transfer or assignment made in accordance with Section 38 shall automatically cancel the nomination

except in case of assignment to the insurer or other transferee or assignee for purpose of loan or against security or its reassignment after repayment. In such case, the nomination will not get cancelled to the extent of insurer's or transferee's or assignee's interest in the policy. The nomination will get revived on repayment of the loan.

10. The right of any creditor to be paid out of the proceeds of any policy of life insurance shall not be affected by the nomination.
11. In case of nomination by policyholder whose life is insured, if the nominees die before the policyholder, the proceeds are payable to policyholder or his heirs or legal representatives or holder of succession certificate.
12. In case nominee(s) survive the person whose life is insured, the amount secured by the policy shall be paid to such survivor(s).
13. Where the policyholder whose life is insured nominates his
 - a. parents or
 - b. spouse or
 - c. children or
 - d. spouse and children
 - e. or any of themthe nominees are beneficially entitled to the amount payable by the insurer to the policyholder unless it is proved that policyholder could not have conferred such beneficial title on the nominee having regard to the nature of his title.
14. If nominee(s) die after the policyholder but before his share of the amount secured under the policy is paid, the share of the expired nominee(s) shall be payable to the heirs or legal representative of the nominee or holder of succession certificate of such nominee(s).
15. The provisions of sub-section 7 and 8 (13 and 14 above) shall apply to all life insurance policies maturing for payment after the commencement of Insurance Act as amended from time to time.
16. If policyholder dies after maturity but the proceeds and benefit of the policy has not been paid to him because of his death, his nominee(s) shall be entitled to the proceeds and benefit of the policy.
17. The provisions of Section 39 are not applicable to any life insurance policy to which Section 6 of Married Women's Property Act, 1874 applies or has at any time applied except where a nomination is made in favour of spouse or children or spouse and children whether or not on the face of the policy it is mentioned that it is made under Section 39. Where nomination is intended to be made to spouse or children or spouse and children under Section 6 of MWP Act, it should be specifically mentioned on the policy. In such a case only, the provisions of Section 39 will not apply.

ENDORSEMENT

