



Finance (BPE) Department,
Fort St. George, Secretariat,
Chennai – 600 009.

Letter No.27053/Finance (BPE)/2023, dated 05.09.2023

From

Thiru S. Nagarajan, I.A.S.,
Secretary to Government (Expenditure)

To

The Chief Executive officers of State Public Sector Undertakings/
Statutory Boards.

Sir/ Madam,

Sub: New Health Insurance Scheme – Delay in settlement of
claims – Court Cases – certain guidelines issued –
Regarding.

Ref: 1) G.O.Ms.No.160 Finance (Salaries) Department, dated
29.6.2021
2) G.O.Ms.No.204 Finance (HI) Department, dated
30.6.2022

I am directed to invite your kind attention to the Government Orders cited wherein it has been specifically indicated that the Chief Executive Officers/ Managing Directors of State Public Sector Undertakings and Statutory Boards shall take necessary action to extend New Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS) to their employees and also to the Pensioners (including spouse) / Family Pensioners of the Statutory Boards which are willing and capable of bearing the Goods and Services Tax applicable on the contribution of the employees/ pensioners to the insurance scheme without financial liability befalling on the State Budget.

2) It has come to the notice of the Government that there is a rising number of cases being filed by serving and retired employees of Public Sector Undertakings/ Statutory Boards before various Courts. These cases are initiated with the aim of expediting the settlement of pending reimbursement claims under New Health Insurance Scheme. Importantly, in many such instances, the Principal Secretary (Finance) is included as a respondent. In some cases, this situation has escalated to the extent of filing of Contempt petitions.

3) Accordingly, as a part of resolving and preventing such occurrences, I request you to take appropriate action to ensure that

(a) reimbursement claims under New Health Insurance Scheme are settled within the stipulated timeline, strictly adhering to the guidelines provided under New Health Insurance Scheme. This

process should be conducted in close coordination with the respective Insurance Companies, and any directives from the Hon'ble Courts must be promptly followed;

- (b) swift action is taken to file appropriate counter affidavits before the Hon'ble Courts within the prescribed timelines. This becomes particularly crucial whenever the entity is named as a respondent or when such action is deemed necessary;
- (c) necessary assistance be provided to the officers of Finance Department who are engaged in handling New Health Insurance Scheme – related Court cases.

4) This letter may be placed before the Board of Directors in the ensuing Board meeting.

Yours faithfully,


for Secretary to Government (Expenditure)