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6th May, 2021.

Shri Girish Radhakrishnan, Chairman, GIPSA, <u>Chennai.</u>

Re: <u>Request to extend the facility of giving advance to Pensioners for admission in hospitals due to Covid '19.</u>

Dear Sir,

You are aware at present the entire country is in the grip of Covid'19 pandemic. We witness every day lacs of people are getting infected with this dreadful disease. Many of them are struggling to get admission in hospitals and even if get they are told to pay hefty amount which goes beyond one lac. Hospital authorities particularly privates have started taking advantage of the situation even those who are enrolled as cashless hospitals by HITPA. In fact they are taking advantage as there is no regulatory body to control them. The exorbitant deposit amount insisted by them is beyond the reach of our pensioners. They are in distress. How to gather such huge deposit amount on extremely urgent basis? Lifesaving is more important to family members and they have beg or borrow to get the admission in hospitals. It's a pitiable condition for the pensioners down with Covid '19.

When the situation is so grave and pensioners who have worked and contributed for the progress of PSGI companies by putting 35 to 40 years of service, at this juncture need your support and helping hands so that they get proper treatment and come out well and make their families free of tension and anxiety.

We therefore, appeal to you for your kind support and consider it as genuine need of the hour to save the lives of human beings and when they are family members of the PSGI companies. Accordingly provide advance to the pensioners who are getting infected by Covid19 and need to be admitted in hospitals as per doctors advise. The deposit amount given may be adjusted against the hospitals final bills. Since at present companies are directly releasing the payment to hospitals after receiving advice from TPA, we strongly feel it will not be difficult to manage the advance account to hospitals by the PSGI companies. Further, it is not a permanent feature but only need of the hour. Necessary undertaking and other simple formalities may be introduced before releasing the advance.

Trust, an immediate action is taken from your end as number of cases are increasing every day and many pensioners may get effected, so in order to get proper treatment in the hospitals and save their lives it is expected from your end an extended hand and co-operation.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

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