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POLICY DOCUMENT

SBI LIFE -GRAMEEN BIMA

UIN: 111N087V01

(A NON-PARTICIPATING MICRO TERM ASSURANCE PLAN)

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Policy Schedule

Your Policy

Welcome to your **SBI Life – Grameen Bima** policy and thank you for preferring **SBI Life Insurance Company Limited** to provide you with insurance solutions. The UIN allotted by IRDAI for this product is 111N087V01.

The information you have given in your proposal form, personal statement together with any reports or other documents and declarations form part of this contract of insurance with us. Your policy document, comprising this policy schedule along with the policy booklet and any endorsements, is evidence of the contract. You should read these carefully to make sure you are satisfied. Please keep these in a safe place. We request you to read this policy schedule along with the policy booklet. If you find any error, please return your policy document for effecting corrections.

Your policy is a pure protection policy, which provides life insurance coverage for a period of 5 years with one time premium payment. Your Policy is a Non-participating Non-linked term assurance product. In return for your premium, we will provide benefits as described in the following pages of the policy document.

The benefits will be paid to the person(s) entitled as set out in the policy document, on proof to our satisfaction, of such benefits having become payable and of the title of the persons claiming the payments.

Please communicate any change in your mailing address as soon as possible.

If you require further information, please contact us Or the Insurance Advisor / facilitator mentioned below

Insurance Advisor/Facilitator Details: <<name>> <<code>>

<< mobile number or landline number if mobile not available>>.

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Base Policy

This is your policy booklet containing the various terms and conditions governing your policy. This policy booklet should be read in conjunction with the policy schedule and other related documents of your policy.

In your policy, references to the singular include references to the plural and vice-versa; references to any statutory law or rules include subsequent changes to the same.

If you find any errors, please return the policy for effecting corrections.

1 Definitions

These definitions apply throughout your policy document.

The definitions are listed alphabetically. Items marked with † alongside are provided in your policy schedule.

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Expression Bl Life SBL Life	Meaning SB SBI Life SBI Life SBI Life SBI Life
1. Age SB/ Life SB/ Life S	is the age last birthday; i.e., age in completed years
2. Age at entry † Selection	is the age last birthday as on the date of commencement of your policy.
\$BI Life SBI Life SBI Life \$	is the person who is so named in the proposal form or subsequently changed by
3. Appointee † Ife SB/ Life S	an endorsement by you, who has the right to give a valid discharge to the policy
SALL ife SALL ife SALL ife	monies in case of the death of the Life Assured before the end of policy term
CRILIFO CRILIFO CRI	while the nominee is a minor.
ALAXIII COLLEGE COLL	is the person to whom the rights and benefits are transferred by virtue of
4. Assignee Life SB/Li	assignment under section 38 of the Insurance Act, 1938.
5. Base Policy	is that part of your policy referring to the basic benefit.
OBI Life Str Life SBI Life	the individual(s) or organization(s) nominated by the policy owner to receive all
SBI Life S. Life SBI Life S	or part of the insurance benefits under the provisions of your policy. The
6. Beneficiary †	Beneficiary is specified in the Application Form, the policy schedule and other
\$BLLife SBLLife SBLLife \$	written agreements of your policy, if any. If SBI Life SBI Life SBI Life
7. Cover End Date †	is the date on which the benefit terminates on expiry of the policy term.
8. Date of commencement of	BILLife SBI Life SBI Life SBI Life SBI Life SBI Life SBI Life
policy † SB/Life SB/Life S	is the start date of your policy.
9. Date of commencement of risk	is the data from which the banefits arising out of the contingencies start
SALLife SALLife SALLife S	is the date from which the benefits arising out of the contingencies start
10. Death Benefit	is the amount payable on death of the life assured.
11. Endorsement	a change in any of the terms and conditions of your policy agreed to or issued by

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Expression	Meaning
DI LITE ODI LITE ODI LITE O	us, in writing.
12. Free-look period SBI Life	is the period during which the policyholder has the option to return the policy and cancel the contract.
13. Life assured †	is the person in relation to whom life and other benefits are granted.
14. Minor > 5/ L//E O 5/ L//E O	is a person who has not completed 18 years of age
15. Nominee † Life SBI Life SB	is the person who is named as the nominee in the proposal form or subsequently changed by endorsement, as per section 39 of the Insurance Act, 1938, who has the right to give a valid discharge to the policy monies in case of the death of the life assured before the maturity of the policy.
16. Non-participating SALLIFE	means that your policy does not have a share in our profits.
17. Policy anniversary SI Life	is the same date each year during the policy term as the date of commencement. If the date of commencement is on 29 th of February, the policy anniversary will be the last date of February.
18. Policy document	means the policy schedule, policy booklet, endorsements, (if any), other written agreements (if any) mutually agreed by you and us during the time your policy takes effect.
BI Life SBI	is the period from the date of commencement, to the date prior to the corresponding date in the following calendar month or similar periods thereafter beginning from the dates in any calendar month corresponding to the date of commencement of policy.
BLLife SBLLife SBLLife S	If the said corresponding date is not available in a calendar month, then the last day of the calendar month will be considered for this purpose.
20. Policy Schedule	is the document that sets out the details of your policy.
21. Policy Term † SP/	is the period, in years, during which the contractual benefits are payable.
22. Policy year	is the period between two consecutive policy anniversaries; by convention, this period includes the first day and excludes the next policy anniversary day.
23. Policyholder or Policy Owner †	is the owner of the policy and is referred to as the proposer in the proposal form. In this policy, the owner is the same as Life Assured.
24. Premium paying term †	is the period, in years, over which premiums are payable.
25. Single Premium †	is the premium payable at the start of policy with no obligation to pay further premiums.
26. Sum assured †	is the insurance amount offered by us at the time of the inception of policy.
27. Surrender / Life SB/ Life S	is the voluntary cessation of a benefit by the policyholder; a surrender value will be payable, if applicable.

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Expression	Meaning
ODI LITE ODI LITE ODI LITE I	termination of the policy by the Policyholder.
ODI LITE ODI LITE ODI LITE	is the process of classification of lives into appropriate homogeneous groups
SBI Life SBI Life SBI Life	based on the underlying risks.
29. Underwriting	SBL Life SBL Life SBL Life SBL Life SBL Life SBL Life
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30. We, Us, Our if SB/ Life	We are regulated by the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of
SBI Life SBI Life SBI Life	India (IRDAI). The registration number allotted by the IRDAI is 111.
31. You, Your † ife SELLife	is the person named as the policyholder.

2 Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Stands for Life SBI Life SBI Life SBI Life SBI Life SBI Life SBI Life
IRDAI	Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India 5 Life 55 Life 55 Life 55 Life
Rs. Life SBI	Indian Rupees fe SBI Life ST Ife SBI Life SBI Life SBI Life SBI Life SBI Life
SUIN NO SBI	Unique Identification Number (allotted by IRDAI for this product)

These abbreviations bear the meanings assigned to them elsewhere in the policy booklet.

3 Policy Benefits

3.1 Death Benefit

- 3.1.1 We will pay the Sum Assured as mentioned in the Policy Schedule to the nominee or the legal heir of the Life Assured in case of death of life assured during the policy term.
- 3.1.2 The maximum benefit payable by the Company under this plan, through a single policy or multiple policies of same life shall not exceed Rs. 50,000 under any circumstance. In the event of there being more than one claim in respect of the same life assured, claims will be processed in the chronological order of receipt by the Company and claims only up to the aforementioned limit will be payable. All other claims will be declined and premium net of applicable taxes and stamp duty will be refunded to the nominee or legal heir.

3.2 Survival Benefit

3.2.1 There is no survival benefit in your policy.

3.3 Maturity Benefit

3.3.1 There is no maturity benefit in your policy.

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4 Non-forfeiture Benefits

4.1 Surrender

- **4.1.1** You may surrender your policy during the term of the policy after completion of the 1st policy year.
- **4.1.2** No surrender is allowed during the last year of the policy.
- **4.1.3** We will not pay you any benefit other than the surrender value, if any, after we receive your surrender request.
- **4.1.4** The surrender value payable would be as under:

50% × Premium paid × (Outstanding term/ Policy Term)

4.1.5 Outstanding term will be calculated as:

(Policy term, in months) less (completed months as on the date of receipt of surrender request).

5 Premiums

- 5.1 You are required to pay the premium only at inception, without any further obligation to pay premiums.
- You will be liable to pay applicable taxes and/or any other statutory levy/ duty/ surcharge on your premiums at the rate notified by the State Government or Central Government of India, as per the prevalent tax laws.

6 Claims

6.1 Death claim

- 6.1.1 The nominee or the legal heir should intimate the death of the life assured in writing, stating at least the policy number, cause of death and date of death.
- **6.1.2** We will require the following documents to process the claim:
 - Original policy document.
 - Original death certificate from municipal / local authorities.
 - Claimant's statement and claim forms in prescribed formats.
 - Any other documents including post-mortem report, first information report where applicable.
- **6.1.3** Claim under the policy may be filed with us within 90 days of date of claim event.
- 6.1.4 However, without prejudice, in case of delay in intimation or submission of claim documents beyond the stipulated period in the policy document or in the Statutes, We, at our sole discretion, may condone such delay and examine the admissibility or otherwise of the claim, if such delay is proved to be for reasons beyond the control of the nominee/ claimant.
- 6.1.5 We will pay the claim to the assignee, if the policy is assigned.
- **6.1.6** If the policy is not assigned, we will pay:
 - **6.1.6.1** the nominee, if the nominee is not a minor.
 - **6.1.6.2** the appointee, if the nominee is a minor.

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	6.4.1 You may surrender your policy during the term of the policy after completion of the 1st policy year a
	before last year of cover. 6.4.2 We will require the original policy document and discharge form to process the surrender claim.
	6.4.3 If the policy is assigned, we will pay the assignee, the surrender value.
	6.4.4 If the policy is not assigned, we will pay the surrender value to:
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	7.1.3 Date on which we receive free-look cancellation request
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	7.2.2 on the date your policy term ends
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8.1.1 Increase or decrease in the premium amount and corresponding change in Sum Assured are not allowed.

8.1.2	Since this is a Single premium	payment policy	with a fixed	term,	premium	payment	frequency	and 1	policy
	term cannot be altered.								

8.2 Free-look period

- **8.2.1** If you have purchased the policy through distance marketing channel, you have 30 days from the date of the receipt of this policy document to review its terms and conditions. If you are not satisfied, you can return the policy stating the reasons for objection.
- **8.2.2** If you have purchased the policy through a channel other than distance marketing, you have 15 days from the date of the receipt of this policy document to review its terms and conditions. If you are not satisfied, you can return the policy stating the reasons for objection.
- **8.2.3** We will then refund the premium paid after deducting the proportionate risk premium for the period of cover, corresponding applicable taxes and stamp duty.
- **8.2.4** You cannot reinstate or restore your policy once you have returned your policy.
- 8.2.5 We will not pay any benefit under your policy after we receive the free-look cancellation request.

8.3 Policy loan

8.3.1 Loan is not available in your policy.

8.4 Nomination

- **8.4.1** If you are the policyholder and the life insurance cover is on your own life, you may, when effecting the policy or at any time before the policy term ends, nominate person or persons to whom the money secured by the policy shall be paid in the event of the death of the life assured.
- **8.4.2** If the nominee is a minor, you may appoint a person, competent to contract, as an appointee in the manner laid down by us, to receive the money secured by the policy in the event of death of the life assured during the minority of the nominee.
- **8.4.3** You may cancel or change the existing nomination.
- **8.4.4** An assignment or transfer of your policy under section 38 of the Insurance Act, 1938, as amended from time to time, shall cancel the nomination except under certain circumstances.
- **8.4.5** Your nomination should be registered in our records so as to make it binding on us.
- **8.4.6** For complete details about the nomination, please refer to Section 39 of the Insurance Act, 1938, as amended from time to time.
 - [A leaflet containing the simplified version of the provisions of Section 38 & Section 39 is enclosed as Annexure I & II, respectively for reference.]

8.5 Assignment

- **8.5.1** You may assign the policy subject to the provisions of Section 38 of the Insurance Act, 1938, as amended from time to time.
- **8.5.2** We may decline to act upon any endorsement or deed of assignment if we have sufficient reasons and we will let you know in writing the reasons for such refusal.
- **8.5.3** You may refer a claim to the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India within 30 days of receipt of our communication intimating you about our declining to act upon the transfer or assignment of your policy.

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- **8.5.5** You may assign your policy either absolutely or conditionally, and at any point of time there can be only one assignment under your policy.
- **8.5.6** The assignment or reassignment of your policy should be registered with us so as to make it binding on us.
- 8.5.7 For complete details about the Assignment or transfer of the policy, please refer to 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 as Annexure I for reference]

8.6 Non-disclosure

- **8.6.1** We have issued your policy based on your statements in your proposal form, personal statement, medical reports and any other documents that are submitted to us.
- **8.6.2** If we find that any of this information is inaccurate or false or you have withheld any material information or in case of fraud, we will have a right to repudiate all the claims under your policy and / or cancel your policy as applicable subject to the provisions of section 45 of the Insurance Act, 1938 as amended from time to time and no benefit under the policy is payable..
- **8.6.3** If we repudiate the claim under your policy / and or cancel your policy on the grounds of fraud, we would forfeit the premiums received under your policy and we shall not entertain any claim under your policy.
- **8.6.4** If we repudiate death claim / and or cancel your policy on any grounds other than fraud, we may pay such amounts as are payable under the policy subject to the provisions of Section 45 of the Insurance Act 1938, as amended from time to time.
 - [A leaflet containing the simplified version of the provisions of Section 45 is enclosed in Annexure III for reference.]

8.7 Misstatement of age

- **8.7.1** If we find that your correct age is different from that mentioned in the proposal form, we will check your eligibility for the basic life cover as on the date of commencement.
 - **8.7.1.1** If eligible,
 - **8.7.1.1.1** If the correct age is found to be higher or lower, we will accordingly revise the Sum Assured as per your age at entry.
 - 8.7.1.2 If not eligible,
 - **8.7.1.2.1** We will terminate your policy.
 - 8.7.1.2.2 We will pay you the surrender value, if any, as on the date of cancellation.

8.8 Participation in profits

Your policy does not participate in our profits.

R9 Taxation

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8.9.1	You are liable to pay the applicable taxes and/or any other statutory levy/duty/ surcharge, at the
	rate notified by the State Government or Central Government of India from time to time, as per
	the applicable tax laws on your basic premium, rider premium and/or other charges (if any) as per
	the product feature.

- 8.9.2 You are eligible for Income Tax benefits/exemptions as per the applicable income tax laws in India, which are subject to change from time to time. You may visit our website for further details. Please consult your tax advisor for details
- 8.10 Date formats

Unless otherwise stated, all dates described and used in the policy schedule are in dd/mm/yyyy formats.

8.11 Electronic transactions

We shall accept premiums and pay benefits through any approved modes including electronic transfers.

8.12 Notices

- **8.12.1** We will communicate with you in writing and deliver the correspondence by hand, post, facsimile, e-mail or any other approved mode.
- **8.12.2** We will send correspondence to the mailing address you have provided in the proposal form or to the changed address communicated to us subsequently.
- **8.12.3** You should also communicate with us in writing and deliver the correspondence by hand, post, facsimile, email or any other approved mode.
- 8.12.4 You should address all your communication to:

SBI Life Insurance Company Limited,

Central Processing Centre,

7th Level (D Wing) & 8th Level,

Seawoods Grand Central

Tower 2, Plot No R-1, Sector-40,

Seawoods, Nerul Node, Dist. Thane,

Navi Mumbai-400 706

Phone: 022 - 6645 6785

E-mail: info@sbilife.co.in

8.12.5 It is important that you keep us informed of your changed address and other communication details.

9 Complaints

9.1 Grievance Redressal procedure

- **9.1.1** If you have any query, complaint or grievance, you may approach any of our offices.
- 9.1.2 You can also call us on our toll-free number 1800 267 9090.
- 9.1.3 If you are not satisfied with our decision or have not received any response within 10 working days, you may write to us at:

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	Seawoods, Nerul Node, Dist. Thane,
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	9.1.4 In case you are not satisfied with our decision, and the issue pertains to Rule 13 of Insurance Ombudsman
	Rules, 2017, you may approach the Insurance Ombudsman. You can lodge the complaint with the
	Ombudsman as per provision 13 of the said rules. The relevant provisions have been mentioned in the
	section 'Relevant Statutes'.
	9.1.5 The address of the Insurance Ombudsman and the Insurance Ombudsman Rules, 2017 are, available on the
	website of IRDAI, http://www.irda.gov.in and in our website http://www.sbilife.co.in . The address of the
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	Life SBI Life E-mail: Life bimalokpal.mumbai@ecoi.co.in e SBI Life SBI Life SBI Life SBI Life
	9.1.6 We have also enclosed a list of addresses of insurance ombudsmen.
	Life, SBI Life, SBI J. C. SBI Life,
	9.1.7 If you are not satisfied with the response or do not receive a response from us within 15 days, you may
	approach the Grievance Cell of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) on the following contact details:
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10.1.1 This is subject to prevailing Indian Laws. Any dispute that may arise in connection with this shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the competent Courts of Mumbai.

10.2 Section 41 of the Insurance Act 1938

(1) No person shall allow or offer to allow, either directly or indirectly, as an inducement to any person to take or renew or continue an insurance in respect of any kind of risk relating to lives or property in India, any rebate of the whole or part of the commission payable or any rebate of the premium shown on the policy, nor shall any person taking out or renewing or continuing a policy accept any rebate, except such rebate as may be allowed in accordance with the published prospectuses or tables of the insurer:

Provided that acceptance by an insurance agent of commission in connection with a policy of life insurance taken out by himself on his own life shall not be deemed to be acceptance of a rebate of premium within the meaning of this sub-section if at the time of such acceptance the insurance agent satisfies the prescribed conditions establishing that he is a bona fide insurance agent employed by the insurer.

(2) Any person making default in complying with the provisions of this section shall be liable for a penalty which may extend to ten lakh rupees.

10.3 Section 45 of the Insurance Act 1938

[A leaflet containing the simplified version of the provisions of Section 45 is enclosed in Annexure – III for reference].

10.4 Rule 13 of Ombudsman Rules, 2017

- 1. The Ombudsman may receive and consider complaints or disputes relating to:
 - a) delay in settlement of claims, beyond the time specified in the regulations, framed under the InsuranceRegulatory and Development Authority of India Act, 1999;
 - b) any partial or total repudiation of claims by the life insurer, General insurer or the health insurer;
 - c) 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, general insurance policy including health insurance policy which is not inconformity with the proposal form submitted by the proposer;
 - h) non-issuance of insurance policy after receipt of premium in life insurance and general insurance including health insurance; and
 - 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

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2.	The Ombudsman shall act as counsellor a	and mediator	relating to	matters	specified i	n sub-rule (1	l)
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- 3. The Ombudsman shall be precluded from handling any matter if he is an interested party or having conflictof interest.
- 4. The Central Government or as the case may be, the IRDAI may, at any time refer any complaint or disputerelating to insurance matters specified in sub-rule (1), to the Insurance Ombudsman and such complaint ordispute shall be entertained by the Insurance Ombudsman and be dealt with as if it is a complaint made underRule 14.

10.5 Rule 14 of Ombudsman Rules, 2017

- (1) Any person who has a grievance against an insurer, may himself or through his legal heirs, nominee or assignee, make a complaint in writing to the Insurance Ombudsman within whose territorial jurisdiction the branch or office of the insurer complained against or the residential address or place of residence of the complainant is located.
- (2) 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 complaint, supported by documents, the nature and extent of the loss caused to the complainant and the relief sought from the Insurance Ombudsman.
- (3) Nocomplaint to the Ombudsman shall lie unless
 - a) The complainant makes a written representation to the insurer named in the complaint and
 - a. Either the insurer had rejected the complaint; or
 - b. the complainant had not received any reply within a period of one month after the insurer received hisrepresentation; or
 - c. the complainant is not satisfied with the reply given to him by the insurer
 - b) the complaint is made within one year
 - a. after the order of the insurer rejecting the representation is received; or
 - b. after receipt of decision of the insurer which is not to the satisfaction of the complainant;
 - c. after expiry of a period of one month from the date of sending the written representation to the insurer ifthe insurer named fails to furnish reply to the complainant
- (4) The Ombudsman shall be empowered to condone the delay in such cases as he may consider necessary, after calling for objections of the insurer against the proposed condonation and after recording reasons for condoning the delay and in case the delay is condoned, the date of condonation of delay shall be deemed to bethe date of filing of the complaint, for further proceedings under these rules.
- (5) No complaint before the Insurance Ombudsman shall be maintainable on the same subject matter on which proceedings are pending before or disposed of by any court or consumer forum or arbitrator.

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Annexure I

Section 38 - Assignment and Transfer of Insurance Policies

Assignment or transfer of a policy should be in accordance with Section 38 of the Insurance Act, 1938 as amended by Insurance Laws (Amendment) Act, 2015 dated 23.03.2015. The extant provisions in this regard are as follows:

- 01. This policy may be transferred/assigned, wholly or in part, with or without consideration.
- 02. 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.
- 03. 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.
- 04. The assignment must be signed by the transferor or assignor or duly authorized agent and attested by at least one witness.
- 05. 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 authorized agents have been delivered to the insurer.
- 06. Fee to be paid for assignment or transfer can be specified by the Authority through Regulations.
- 07. 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.
- 08. 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.
- 09. 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) Act, 2015 shall not be affected by this section.

[Disclaimer : This is not a comprehensive list of amendments of Insurance Laws (Amendment) Act, 2015 and only a simplified version prepared for general information. Policy Holders are advised to refer to Original Gazette Notification for complete and accurate details.]

Annexure II

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 by Insurance Laws (Amendment) Act, 2015 dated 23.03.2015. The extant provisions in this regard are as follows:

- 01. 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.
- 02. 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.
- 03. Nomination can be made at any time before the maturity of the policy.
- 04. 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.
- 05. 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.
- 06. 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.
- 07. Fee to be paid to the insurer for registering change or cancellation of a nomination can be specified by the Authority through Regulations.
- 08. 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.
- 09. 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 them
 the 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 Laws (Amendment) Act, 2015.
- 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 before or after Insurance Laws (Amendment) 2015, 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.

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Annexure III

Section 45 – Policy shall not be called in question on the ground of mis-statement after three years Provisions regarding policy not being called into question in terms of Section 45 of the Insurance Act, 1938, as amended by Insurance Laws (Amendment) Act, 2015 dated 23.02.2015 are as follows:

- 01. No Policy of Life Insurance shall be called in question **on any ground whatsoever** after expiry of 3 yrs from
- a. the date of issuance of policy or
- b. the date of commencement of risk or
- c. the date of revival of policy or
- d. the date of rider to the policy whichever is later.
- 02. On the ground of fraud, a policy of Life Insurance may be called in question within 3 years from
- a. the date of issuance of policy or
- b. the date of commencement of risk or
- c. the date of revival of policy or
- d. the date of rider to the policy whichever is later.

For this, the insurer should communicate in writing to the insured or legal representative or nominee or assignees of insured, as applicable, mentioning the ground and materials on which such decision is based.

- 03. Fraud means any of the following acts committed by insured or by his agent, with the intent to deceive the insurer or to induce the insurer to issue a life insurance policy:
- a. The suggestion, as a fact of that which is not true and which the insured does not believe to be true;
- b. The active concealment of a fact by the insured having knowledge or belief of the fact;
- c. Any other act fitted to deceive; and
- d. Any such act or omission as the law specifically declares to be fraudulent.
- 04. Mere silence is not fraud unless, depending on circumstances of the case, it is the duty of the insured or his agent keeping silence to speak or silence is in itself equivalent to speak.
- 05. No Insurer shall repudiate a life insurance Policy on the ground of Fraud, if the Insured / beneficiary can prove that the misstatement was true to the best of his knowledge and there was no deliberate intention to suppress the fact or that such mis-statement of or suppression of material fact are within the knowledge of the insurer. Onus of disproving is upon the policyholder, if alive, or beneficiaries.
- 06. Life insurance Policy can be called in question within 3 years on the ground that any statement of or suppression of a fact material to expectancy of life of the insured was incorrectly made in the proposal or other document basis which policy was issued or revived or rider issued. For this, the insurer should communicate in writing to the insured or legal representative or nominee or assignees

of insured, as applicable, mentioning the ground and materials on which decision to repudiate the policy of life insurance is based.

- 07. In case repudiation is on ground of mis-statement and not on fraud, the premium collected on policy till the date of repudiation shall be paid to the insured or legal representative or nominee or assignees of insured, within a period of 90 days from the date of repudiation.
- 08. Fact shall not be considered material unless it has a direct bearing on the risk undertaken by the insurer. The onus is on insurer to show that if the insurer had been aware of the said fact, no life insurance policy would have been issued to the insured.
- 09. The insurer can call 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 of age of life insured. So, this Section will not be applicable for questioning age or adjustment based on proof of age submitted subsequently.

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