



भारतीय विधिज्ञ परिषद् BAR COUNCIL OF INDIA

(Statutory Body Constituted under the Advocates Act, 1961)

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To,

The Secretary/ies
All the State Bar Councils

Sub.: Urgent requirement of data sought by the Department of Legal Affairs, Ministry of Law and Justice in order to be able to formulate a draft proposal for Medical Insurance, Term Insurance etc for the Advocates Fraternity, State Bar Council wise after due consultation with various Insurance Companies on the basis of the data to be so received.

Sir(s)/Ma'am(s),

This is to bring to your kind knowledge, that pursuant to a meeting with the Law Secretary, Department of Legal Affairs, Ministry of Law and Justice, and with the Department of Financial Affairs with the representatives of the Bar Council of India on 3rd May, 2023, the following information/data have been sought from respective State Bar Councils in order to formulate a scheme for the benefit of Advocates, including Term/Life Insurance, Medical Insurance. The final scheme is to be framed after due discussions with Insurance Companies, thereupon based on such data.

Following decisions were taken in the meeting with the Union Ministry of Law: -

1. *Bar Council of India will provide details of various existing schemes in States and Union Territories, along with the details of contribution of State Governments and concerned State Bar Council and also by Advocates.*
2. *Bar Council of India with the help of State Bar Councils will collect data on number of Advocates enrolled and practicing along with their details such as Age, total members of family.*
3. *After receiving inputs from Bar Council of India about Advocates the same will be shared with various Insurance companies to invite their proposals.*
4. *Insurance companies will be invited to submit their proposals, so that the best and most profitable may be selected.*
5. *Members will meet again after completion of the above exercise assigned to Bar Council of India and a meeting will be arranged with Insurance Companies for discussion on their proposals.*

Therefore,

1. First and foremost, the data of each enrolled practicing Advocate with their name, gender, specific ages, age bifurcation/bracketing, date of birth, enrolment number has been sought in order to proceed for the calculations of the premium for the insurance and Mediclaim policies.

The following details of the members of the Bar are urgently required in EXCEL FORMAT:-

1. Name of the Advocate
2. Gender
3. Enrolment Number
4. Date of Enrolment
5. Date of Birth with age bracketing viz. 21 to 25, 26-30, so on and so forth till 75

Therefore, you are required to send the aforesaid details early as possible but not later than one week from today i.e. by 23rd May, 2023.

2. Along with this simultaneously the existing schemes in States and Union Territories, along with the details of contribution of State Governments and concerned State Bar Councils and also by Advocates, if any has been also sought.

The detailed scheme documents/ literature under various heads of Term Insurance, Life Insurance Medi-claim etc. along with a brief note/separate synopsis of the scheme may be kindly sent to the office of Bar Council of India immediately too.

Kindly also let us know the balance lying in the Advocate Welfare Fund, under the Advocate Welfare Fund Act, 2001, which is chaired by the Advocate General of the State.

3. Data relating to total number of dependent members in a duly enrolled, and practising Advocate's family i.e. spouse with age and children with age bracket upto 25 has also been asked for.

The details are urgently required for exact calculations of the premium for the insurance and Mediclaim polices.

Kindly send the data sought in the first two points first, and thereafter the 3rd data can be collected and sent to us as collection of 3rd point data may take more time.

There was also a suggestions from the Ministry of Law and Justice about sharing/co-payment of the Central Government, with stake holders.

The Department of Financial affairs also suggested that wherever, applicable, existing schemes by State Governments may be supported and topped up too.

After receiving inputs from the State Bar Councils, the same will be shared with the Ministry of Law and Justice who shall share it with various Insurance companies to invite their proposals, so that the best and most profitable scheme may be shortlisted and a meeting will be, thereafter, held with Insurance Companies for discussion on their proposals, wherein after the proposal shall be sent to all State Bar Councils for their inputs.

Please treat it as most urgent.

Thanking you

Yours sincerely,



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**Secretary
Bar Council of India**