ESI Scheme, Tripura and pending (Major) issues.

1. The ESI Scheme has been implemented in the State of Tripura w.e.f. from 1st January, 2009 vide Notification No. F.27(89)-LGW/2007/10532-58 dated 27th December, 2008. An agreement was made between the ESI Corporation and the State Government. As per norms, the total expenditure of ESI Scheme was borne by the ESI Corporation for 5(five) years and thereafter, the expenditure would be shared in ration 7:1. As per agreement the total expenditure on medical care has to be borne by the fund allocated in the State Budgetary provision and the fund received from the ESI Corporation would be treated as reimbursement.

But, in our state no fund is being allocated / earmarked in the state budget against ESI Scheme. The expenditure is being incurred by the fund received from the ESIC and share of State Govt. as per the above agreement (i.e. ESIC share is 7/8 & State Govt. share is 1/8). If there is a budgetary allocation of fund against ESI Scheme, there would be smooth delivery of expenditure in the State. There will be timely and fully re-imbursement of expenditure on medical and other expenses which will benefit the Insured Persons.

2. The ESIC, Head Office, New Delhi vide their letter No. U-13/15/95 Med.I(Genl.) dated 18/12/2008 indicated that the ESIC has allocated Head of Account 2210-Medical & Health-102-ESI Scheme with a request to the State Govt. to contact the Accountant General for opening of necessary sub-heads to enable the A.G. for issuing Audit Certificate in the prescribed proforma, but due to non-allocation of budgetary provision in State Budget, the deptt. is not in a position to conduct financial transaction, even though, Major Head of account has been allocated by the ESIC, Head Office.

3. A proposal is lying with the ESIC, Head Office for constituting a Regional Board for ESI Scheme in Tripura.

4. An amount of about Rs. 1.00 crore for the F.Y. 2017-18 is lying pending till date against committed expenditure towards purchase of medicine from the Empanel Chemist and various tests done by Diagnostic Centres which was incurred for providing various medical services to the Insured Persons.

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