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Extension of benefits to the staff of Regional Rural Banks in view of the ongoing fight against COVID-19

We reproduce hereunder the full text of our Letter No. AIRRBOF/34/2020 dated 06.04.2020 addressed to The Hon'ble Minister of Finance & Corporate Affairs on the above subject for information of all concerned.

With greetings,

(Srijan Kumar Pal)
General Secretary

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Smt. Nirmala Sitaraman

The Hon'ble Minister of Finance & Corporate Affairs
Government of India
North Block
New Delhi

Respected Madam,

Re: Extension of benefits to the staff of Regional Rural Banks in view of the ongoing fight against COVID-19.

It is heartening to note that our Union Government, sensitive to the selfless service being rendered by the frontline soldiers in the battle against Novel Coronavirus, namely the doctors, nurses, other health workers, the sanitation workers and the security staff such as the police and paramilitary forces, has introduced a comprehensive insurance cover of Rupees Fifty lac per individual. This action speaks volumes about the concern of our Govt.

regarding the welfare of those valiant soldiers who value their duty to the nation with such enthusiasm and zeal.

It is now being universally acknowledged that the strategic measures implemented by the Central Govt. under the charismatic and bold leadership of our Prime Minister has helped to check and control the runaway spread of the dreaded virus. Though it has come at a great social and economic cost and a great sacrifice, enforcement of a national lockdown has been a bold and effective step in this direction.

The officers and employees of Regional Rural Banks have been performing their duties in providing uninterrupted banking services to the people of the rural and suburban areas. The RRB branches continue to be crowded by the customers, yet the bank staff continue to discharge their duties even at great risk and peril to themselves to keep the wheels of the economy moving. DBT and other financial benefits to mitigate the hardship are being passed on to the rural poor and other beneficiaries through the Jan Dhan Accounts, a vast majority of which are directly serviced by the staff of the Regional Rural Banks. The dedicated and hard work being performed by them is truly commendable.

In order that the staff of the Regional Rural Banks may continue to discharge their duties more diligently and devotedly, may we request you to consider the following vital and valid measures and advise the concerned authorities for their prompt implementation.

- a)** Extend comprehensive insurance cover of Rupees Fifty lac only for all RRB staff for the next six months or till the virulence of the contagion ebbs.
- b)** Reimburse the excessive fuel expenses incurred in commuting to the branches in absence of regular public transport owing to lockdown.
- c)** Allow immediate ad hoc expenses in procurement of hand sanitizers, disinfectants and the barest minimum protective equipment such as disposable masks and gloves.

We trust that in acknowledgement of the service rendered by the RRB staff, necessary orders would be immediately issued to deal with these specifics, which will go a long way in inspiring and motivating the RRB staff to scale greater heights in the discharge of their duties.

With best regards,

Sincerely Yours,

Sd/-

(Srijan Kumar Pal)
General Secretary

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