

**COORDINATION OF BANK PENSIONERS' AND RETIREES ORGANISATIONS
AND
ALL INDIA BANK RETIREES' FEDERATION**

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The Secretary
Department of Financial Services,
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Dear Sir,

Waiver of GST on Medical Insurance Premium of Bank Retirees

We have been taking up the pending issues of Bank Pensioners and Retirees with IBA and DFS without any success except with the intervention of Judiciary. One of the issues pertains to our request for exempting the amount of Medical Insurance Premium from the applicability of GST (@18%). We have written to DFS, IBA, Chairman, GST Council in this regard.

In view of the steep rise in the amount of Medical Insurance Premium every year under IBA's Medical Insurance Scheme for Retirees which has witnessed an increase from Rs. 7500/-for the year 2015-16 to Rs. 82,373/- for the year 2018-19, our demand for waiver of GST assumes greater significance. It is painful to mention that the communication dated 24.02.2012 from DFS to IBA advising them to introduce Medical Insurance Scheme both for serving employees and retirees having no stipulation for the premium to be borne by retirees was wrongly interpreted by IBA to mean that premium for serving employees will be borne by the Banks where as in case of retirees it will be passed on to the retirees.

While we reiterate our demand for premium to be borne by the Banks in case of retirees to, as an urgent measure, we request you to take up the matter with GST council and help Senior and Super Senior citizens by ensuring waiver of GST on Medical Insurance Premium payable on IBA's Health Insurance Policy for Bank Retirees. Since the policy is due for renewal on 01.11.2018, we request you to initiate urgent steps in this regard and oblige.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

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