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State Banks' Staff Union (Kerala Circle)

(Affiliated to All India State Bank of India Staff Federation) Reg. No. 01-36-2000

<u>Circular No.16/22</u> <u>To All Unit Secretaries</u>



State Bank of India Local Head Office Poojappura Thiruvananthapuram-695 012 Date 10.01.2022

Dear Comrade.

STERILITY/INFERTILITY TREATMENT RE-IMBURSEMENT OF HOSPITALISATION EXPENSES

We reproduce herewith the full text of letter No.FED/GS/2022/02 dated 6th Jaunary, 2022 addressed to the Deputy Managing Director, State Bank of India, Corporate Centre, Mumbai, issued by Com.Sanjeev K Bandlish, General Secretary, AISBISF, the contents of which are self explicit.

Yours comradely,



(Philip Koshy) General Secretary

"The issue of Re-imbursement of Hospitalization Expenses on account of Sterility/Infertility Treatment is continuously being raised by our lady representatives in all the meetings. In the recently concluded Council Meeting of All India State Bank of India Staff Federation at Mahabalipuram on 28.08.2021, thereafter at Indore on 23.12.2021 and also in the General Body Meeting at Indore on 26.12.2021, almost all the lady representatives raised the issue of Re-imbursement of Hospitalization Expenses.

- 2. In this regard, we advise that "Infertility is on an alarming rise in India, estimated to 25%-30% couples are being diagnosed with it as per the AIIMS declaration on 23.05.2021". According to the Indian Society of Assisted Reproduction, one in six couples suffers from Infertility amounting to almost 27.5 million infertile couples.
- 3. Sir, family is the origin of Human Life which plays important role in Human Life. Human Beings' important phase of life is "Marriage and Children" which completes the family.

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- 4. The employees facing the infertility are undergoing Artificial Reproductive Technology(ART) treatment costing nearly 3 lacs each time and this process of ART can be tried for 3 times. As the treatment is not covered under Improved Medical Aid-Hospitalisation Scheme, employees are facing financial crisis in spending for the purpose and many of the couples who can not afford the cost are deprived of this medical facility.
- 5. Considering all the above facts, you are requested to kindly include the Sterility/Infertility treatment as an ailment for the purpose of Re-imbursement of Hospitalisation expenses under the Improved Medical aid Hospitalisation Scheme.

Scheme. 6. Please acknowledge receipt of this communication and advise us the developments in this regard.

	7.	Please	treat the	matter as	EXTREMELY	'URGENT
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