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Office Memorandum

Subject: Inviting comments on proposed amendments to the Insurance Act, 1938 and Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority Act, 1999

In view of the changing needs of the insurance sector, a comprehensive review of the legislative framework governing the sector has been done in consultation with IRDAI and the industry. A number of suggestions have been received to enhance insurance penetration, improve efficiency, and enable product innovation and diversification.

2. The proposed amendments primarily focus on enhancing the financial security of the policyholders, promoting policyholders' interests, improving returns to the policyholders, facilitating entry of more players in insurance market leading to economic growth and employment generation, enhancing efficiencies of the insurance industry - operational as well as financial and enabling ease of doing business

3. The proposal includes various measures such as opening up registration to various classes, sub-classes and types of insurers with appropriate minimum capital requirements as specified by IRDAI, allowing services to insurers that are incidental or related to insurance business as well as distribution of other financial products as specified by IRDAI, enabling newer channels of distribution, providing for efficient use of capital and resources, etc.

4. You are requested to kindly provide comments on the proposed amendments in the Insurance Act, 1938 and Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority Act, 1999 in the attached Performa with subject as "Suggestions on Proposed Amendments".

5. Comments may be sent on e-mail consultation-dfs@gov.in. Last date of sending your suggestions on the above is **15.12.2022**.

Encl. as above.


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