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**Establishment of a New Insurance Scheme for Public Officers Proposed  
in the Budget 2026 (Agrahara)**

Your attention is drawn to Public Administration Circular 12/2005 dated 18.05.2005 issued with regard to the above matter, and the consequent circulars issued.

02. With the objective of expanding the health benefit coverage of the Agrahara insurance scheme and to ensure the stability of benefits provided to public officers, it was decided at the Cabinet meeting held on 09.02.2026 to amend the existing provisions and include new provisions as follows.

03. Accordingly, the existing provisions will be amended and new provisions will be included as follows.

3.1 Amendments

<b>Serial No</b>	<b>Circular</b>	<b>The section containing the provision</b>	<b>Amendment made</b>
1.	Public Administration Circular 12/2005(VI) dated 29.04.2016	03	The monthly contribution for Agrahara insurance benefits is amended as: the minimum monthly contribution to Rs. 200/-, the monthly contribution under the Silver Scheme to Rs. 450/-, and the monthly contribution under the Gold Scheme to Rs. 750/-.

2.	Public Administration Circular 12/2005(V) dated 30.11.2015	Part II of Annexure I	The maximum age limit mentioned under II of the benefits received under Personal Accident and Natural Death Insurance coverage is amended as the 'Compulsory Age of Retirement'
3.	Public Administration Circular 12/2005(VII) dated 30.10.2017, issued amending sub-section 4:4 of Public Administration Circular 12/2005(VI) dated 29.04.2016	4:4	The maximum age for receiving insurance benefits for natural death is 70 years, while other insurance benefit claims can be enjoyed for lifetime.

3.2 The following new sections are included after Section 06 of Public Administration Circular 12/2005(VI) dated 29.04.2016

Serial No	New Section	Provision
1.	07	Since the payment of Agrahara benefits of all public officers will be processed based on the information registered in the Agrahara Database with effect from 01.04.2026, registration in the Agrahara Database is compulsory. Furthermore, it is also compulsory to update the database whenever the relevant information of an officer undergoes any change (Instructions regarding this will be issued by the National Insurance Trust Fund).
2.	08	Make the standard exclusions with regard to health insurance/personal accident insurance applicable for the Agrahara Health Insurance scheme (These exclusions will be determined by the National Insurance Trust Fund).
3.	09	In an instances where both husband and wife are public officers, the Agrahara claim application must be submitted by the officer who receives the benefits. Furhter, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. Only one parent (either the mother or the father) can claim Agrahara benefits under one specific benefit category for each child at a time.</li> </ul>

		<p>II. In instances where both the policyholder and his/ her spouse are public officers but are contributors to different insurance schemes, provide the opportunity to apply for common benefits (those applicable to the spouse and dependents) through the policyholder entitled to the higher benefits, excluding the benefits specifically granted only for the primary policyholder.</p>
4.	10	<p>In the event that an Agrahara member passes away while hospitalized, medical claims incurred prior to the officer's death can be obtained as follows:</p> <p>I. If the officer was married, the claim can be made by the spouse or one of the children (subject to the consent of the other party).</p> <p>II. If the officer was unmarried, the claim can be made by one of the parents, either the mother or the father (subject to the consent of the other party).</p>
5.	11	<p>The relevant bills must be received by the National Insurance Trust Fund within 90 days from the date of the bills or from the date the officer was discharged from the hospital.</p> <p>I. Applications sent via registered post will be considered if they have been registered within 90 days.</p> <p>II. Applications sent by ordinary post or delivered by hand, must be received by the National Insurance Trust Fund within 90 days.</p> <p>III. In the event of the death of an Agrahara member, the death claim file must be submitted to the National Insurance Trust Fund through the Head of the Institution by the claimants within 06 months from the date of death of the member.</p>
6.	12	<p>It is the responsibility of the Head of the Institution to forward the applications submitted by the Agrahara member to their respective Head of Institution within the stipulated timeframe to the National Insurance Trust Fund before the due date. Furthermore, the Head of the Institution must ensure that an appropriate system is established for this purpose.</p>

04. All other provisions included in Public Administration Circular 12/2005 dated 18.05.2005 and the circulars issued consequently shall remain unchanged, along with the amended provisions specified in Table 3.1 and new provisions specified in Table 3.2 above.

05. The provisions of this circular will be effective from 01.03.2026.

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