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DRAFT SOCIAL SECURITY (LAKSHADWEEP) RULES, 2025

**CHAPTER 1
PRELIMINARY**

1. **Short title, extent and commencement.** - (1) These rules may be called the Code on Social Security (Lakshadweep) Rules, 2020.
- (2) They extend to the whole of the Union Territory of Lakshadweep.
- (3) They shall come into force after the date of their final publication in the Official Gazette of Lakshadweep, on the date of the commencement of the Code on Social Security, 2020 (36 of 2020).
2. **Definitions.** - (1) In these rules, unless the subject or context otherwise requires, —
 - (a) “agency” means any corporation, body or institution, established under an Act of Parliament or Central Public Sector Undertaking or Special Purpose Vehicle as notified by the Central Government.
 - (b) “appeal” means an appeal preferred under sub-section (1) of section 23;
 - (c) "Appellate authority" means the Central Government or the authority specified by the Central Government under sub-section (8) of section 56 or an officer, senior in rank to the Assessing Officer for the purposes of section 105 of the Code, appointed by the UT of Lakshadweep Administration, as the case may be;
 - (d) “Assessing Officer” means a gazetted officer of a UT of Lakshadweep Administration or an officer of a local authority holding an equivalent post to a gazetted officer of the UT of Lakshadweep Administration appointed by such UT of Lakshadweep Administration for assessment of Cess under the Code;
 - (e) “authority” means the Central Government or the authority specified by the Central Government under sub-section (3) of section 72;
 - (f) “average daily wages during a contribution period” under chapter IV of the Code in respect of an employee, means the aggregate amount of wages payable to him during that period divided by the number of days for which such wages were payable;
 - (g) “Average daily wages during a wage period” under chapter IV of the Code means —
 - (i) in respect of an employee who is employed on time-rate basis, the amount of wage which would have been payable to him for the complete wage period had he

worked on all the working days in that wage period, divided by 26 if he is monthly rated, 13 if he is fortnightly rated, 6 if he is weekly rated and 1 if he is daily rated;

(ii) in respect of an employee employed on any other basis, the amount of wages earned during the complete wage period in the Contribution period divided by the number of days in full or part for which he has worked for wages in that wage period : Provided that where an employee receives wages without working on any day during such wage period, he shall be deemed to have worked for 26, 13, 6 or 1 days or day if the wage period be a month, a fortnight, a week or a day respectively.

Explanation. — Where any night shift continues beyond midnight, the period of the night shift after midnight shall be counted for reckoning the day worked as part of the day preceding;

(h) “benefit period” means the period not exceeding six consecutive months corresponding to the contribution period, as may be specified in the Regulations;

(i) “career centre (Central)” means that career centre as notified by the Central Government;

(j) “career centre (Regional)”, throughout India except the Union Territory of Chandigarh, means that Career Centre {other than the Career Centre (Central)} as notified by UT of Lakshadweep Administration;

(i) over the area in which the establishments concerned are situated; or

(ii) over specified classes or categories of establishments concerned or vacancies.

(k) “career centre (Regional) in the Union Territory of Chandigarh” means that Career Centre established either by the Union Territory Administration of Chandigarh or by the State Government of Punjab or Haryana, as the case may be, notified by respective the State as having jurisdiction over specified classes or categories of establishments or vacancies, provided that the Career Centres established by the State Government of Punjab or Haryana shall not have jurisdiction over—

(i) The Public Sector offices/establishments other than those belonging to the respective States; and

(ii) Private Sector establishments.

(l) “cess collector” means an officer appointed by the UT of Lakshadweep Administration for collection of cess under the Code;

(m) “chairperson” means the Chairperson of the Corporation, the Central Board, the National Social Security Board, the UT of Lakshadweep Unorganised Workers’ Board,

the Standing Committee, the Medical Benefit Committee or the Executive Committee, as the case may be;

(n) “chartered engineer” means a person having an engineering degree and the corporate membership of Institute of Engineers India;

(o) “Code” means the Code on Social Security, 2020 (36 of 2020);

(p) “contribution period” means the period not exceeding six consecutive months, as may be specified in the Regulations;

(q) “electronically” means any information submitted by email or uploading on the designated portal or digital payment in any mode for the purpose of Code;

(r) “excluded vacancies” means those vacancies which have been excluded from the purview of the section 139 as per the provisions of sub-sections (1) and (2) of section 140;

(s) “form” means a form appended to these rules;

(t) “fund” means the Employees’ State Insurance Fund, the Employees’ Provident Fund, the Employees’ Pension Fund, the Employees’ Deposit-Linked Insurance Fund or the Social Security Fund, as the case may be;

(u) “Government Securities” means Government Securities as defined in the Government Securities Act, 2006 (38 of 2016);

(v) “immovable property” includes land, benefits to arise out of land, things attached to the earth, or permanently fastened to anything attached to the earth;

(w) “movable property” means property of every description except immovable property;

(x) “nodal officer” means a person designated by Building and Other Construction Workers’ Welfare Board or the UT of Lakshadweep Administration to facilitate the registration, renewal and updation electronically or otherwise or any such other function of Building Workers working in the Private Sector, State Government, Central Government and Public Sector Undertakings of the Central and the State Governments or local authority. The Nodal officer shall also supervise and monitor functions of the Beneficiary Registering Officers designated by Appropriate Government;

(y) “nomination” means nomination made under section 55 of the code;

(z) “Registered Medical Practitioner” means a medical practitioner whose name has been enrolled in a register maintained under any law for the time being in force regulating the registration of practitioners of medicine;

- (za) “register of women employees” means a register of women employees maintained under rule 55; (zb) “schedule” means the schedule of the Code;
- (zc) “section” means a section of the Code;
- (zd) “Shram Suvidha Portal” means portal of Ministry of Labour and Employment.
- (ze) “specified” means specified by an order of the Central Government or UT of Lakshadweep Administration or any officer so authorised by such Government;
- (zf) “standard benefit rate” means average daily wages obtained by dividing the total wages paid during the Contribution period by the number of days for which these wages were paid ;
- (zg) “turnover” of an aggregator as defined under sub-section (91) of section 2 of the Companies Act, 2013 (18 of 2013), means the gross amount of revenue recognised in the profit and loss account from the sale, supply, or distribution of goods or on account of services rendered, or both, by a company during a financial year.
- (zh) “year” shall mean the financial year, that is to say, beginning from the first of April and ending with the thirty- first of March of the year following.
- (2) The words and expressions used in these rules which are not defined therein, but are defined in the Code, shall have their respective meaning as assigned to them in the Code.

- 3. Manner, and the conditions subject to which, the provisions of Chapter III shall be made inapplicable to an establishment by the Central Provident Fund Commissioner, under sub-section (5) and the manner, and the conditions subject to which the provisions of that Chapter IV shall be made inapplicable to an establishment by the Director General of the Corporation under sub-section (7) of section 1.-** (1) The employer of an establishment to which the provisions of Chapter III or IV have been applied by notification under sub-section (5) or (7) of section 1 of the Code, may apply electronically on the specified portal to the Central Provident Fund Commissioner or the Director General, as the case may be, for exiting from such applicability provided that the employer and majority of the employees in the establishment agree in writing to such exit.
- (2) The Central Provident Fund Commissioner or the Director General, as the case may be, shall decide the application within a period of sixty days from the date of receipt of application:
- Provided that if no decision is taken by the Central Provident Fund Commissioner or the Director General, as the case may be, within the specified period of sixty days, the

permission under sub-section (5) or (7) of section 1, as the case may be, shall be deemed to have been granted with effect from the date of completion of such sixty days:

Provided further that no such application shall be entertained if the provisions of Chapter III or Chapter IV have become applicable in terms of sub-section (4) of section 1 to the establishment at any time subsequent to the notification under sub-section (5) or (7) of section 1:

Provided also that no such application shall be made by the employer of the establishment before five years of such coverage under provisions of Chapter III or IV:

Provided further that no such application shall be entertained unless the employer has furnished all statutory returns, paid all statutory dues under the Code and submitted a self-certification to that effect along with the application.

4. Income of dependant parents (including father-in-law and mother-in-law of a woman employee), under sub- clause (e) of clause (33) of section 2.- The income of dependant parents for all sources shall not exceed nine thousand rupees in a month.

5. Time and manner of registration of establishment, the manner of making application for cancellation of the registration, the conditions subject to which the registration shall be cancelled and the procedure of cancellation and other matters relating thereto in respect of an establishment to which Chapter III or Chapter IV applies, and whose business activities are in the process of closure, under section 3.- (1) The employer seeking registration for an establishment not already registered shall apply electronically in the Form available on the Shram Suvidha Portal by giving details about the establishment, and uploading documents related to Registration of the establishment, proof of Identity and address of the employer(s) as specified in the Form. The Form shall be signed digitally or in any other manner as may be required on the portal. The applicant shall be responsible for veracity of all information submitted in the application. The Permanent Account Number (PAN) of the establishment allotted under Income Tax Act, 1961 or any other unique number allotted to the establishment under any other Act for the time being in force or any other particular furnished in the form, may be verified online. The certificate of registration shall be issued electronically immediately if the application is complete in all respect but not later than seven days from the date of submission of complete application, failing which such establishment shall be deemed to have been registered and the certificate of registration shall be auto generated:

Provided that in exceptional circumstances the Central Government may, for such period, by notification, dispense with requirement of electronic registration, in respect of establishment or class of establishment, for part or whole of India, and submission of application in the form so provided, may be allowed.

(2) The Authorized officer under the Code may direct the employer who fails to comply with the requirements of sub-rule (1), to do so within the time stated therein and such employer shall, thereupon comply with the instruction issued by the officer in this behalf.

(3) The employer in respect of an establishment already registered under any other central labour law for the time being in force shall, update the registration particulars on the Shram Suvidha Portal, within such period as the Central Government may specify by notification.

(4) Any registration made or deemed to have been made under this rule shall expire, after twenty-four months from the date of registration, in case no compliance on that registration number is made by the employer:

Provided that such expiration of the registration number may be revoked on an application made on the portal.

(5) Any registration obtained by providing wrong information shall be liable to be cancelled provided that the establishment has been given an opportunity to show cause, electronically or otherwise, as to why the certificate of registration should not be cancelled.

(6) The employer shall quote the Registration Number on all documents prepared or completed by him in connection with the Code or the Scheme or the Rules or the Regulations, as the case may be, and in all correspondence with the offices concerned.

(7) Any change in the particulars furnished in Registration Form submitted on the specified portal, shall be updated by the employer within thirty days of such change.

(8) The employer of an establishment to which the provisions of the Code apply and whose business activities are in the process of closure, may apply for cancellation of registration in prescribed form online on the Shram Suvidha Portal after giving complete details and the status of the contribution and other dues payable under the Code.

(9) The application for cancellation of registration shall be allowed after the particulars in the application are verified in the manner as may be specified by the Central Government:

Provided that no such application for cancellation of registration shall be entertained unless the employer has furnished all statutory returns, paid all statutory dues under the Code and submitted a self-certification to that effect along with the application.

- (10) A copy of the certificate of registration shall be displayed at the conspicuous places at the premises where the work is being carried out.

CHAPTER II

SOCIAL SECURITY ORGANISATIONS

A. CENTRAL BOARD, EMPLOYEES' PROVIDENT FUND

6. Manner of administration of the funds vested in the Central Board under sub-section (1) of section 4. - (1) The Central Board shall administer the Funds vested in it within the ambit of the guidelines issued by the Central Government.

(2) The Central Board for the efficient administration of the Schemes may open as many accounts as it may consider necessary or as specified in the Schemes.

(3) All moneys belonging to the Funds shall be deposited in the Reserve Bank or the State Bank of India or in such other Scheduled Banks as may be approved by the Central Government from time to time or shall be invested as the Central Government may specify by notification in the Official Gazette.

(4) All expenses incurred in respect of, and loss, if any, arising from any investment shall be charged to the Funds.

(5) The Funds, not including therein the Administration Account, shall not be expended for any purpose other than the payment of the sums standing to the credit of individual members of the Funds or to their nominees or heirs or legal representatives in accordance with the provisions of that Scheme.

(6) The Funds shall be operated upon by such officers as may be authorized in this behalf by the Central Board.

7. Manner to assist the Central Board in performance of its functions by Executive Committee under sub-section (3), the terms and conditions, including tenure of office of members of the Central Board and Executive Committee under sub-section (6) and the other functions and the manner of performing such functions under sub-section (7), of section 4.- (1) Constitution of Executive Committee. – (1) (a) The Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, constitute, with effect from such date as may be specified therein, an Executive Committee to assist the Central Board in the performance of its functions.

(b) The Executive Committee shall consist of the following persons as members, namely:

- (i) a Chairperson appointed by the Central Government from amongst the members of the Central Board;
- (ii) two persons appointed by the Central Government from amongst the persons referred to in clause (b) of sub-section (1) of section 4 of the Code;
- (iii) three persons appointed by the Central Government from amongst the persons referred to in clause (c) of sub-section (1) of section 4 of the Code;
- (iv) three persons representing the employers elected by the Central Board from amongst the persons referred to in clause (d) of sub-section (1) of section 4 of the Code;
- (v) three persons representing the employees elected by the Central Board from amongst the persons referred to in clause (e) of sub-section (1) of section 4 of the Code; and
- (vi) the Central Provident Fund Commissioner, ex-officio.

(2) Election of certain members of the Executive Committee. –

(a) The Chairperson of the Central Board shall call a meeting of the Board for the purpose of election to the Executive Committee of the members representing the employer or, as the case may be, the employees referred to in sub-clauses (iv) and (v) of clause (b) of sub-rule (1).

(b) In the meeting referred to in clause (a) of sub-rule (2), the Chairperson of the Central Board may invite the members to propose the names of those members who represent the employers or, as the case may be, the employees and every such proposal shall be duly seconded by another member of the Board.

(c) If the number of persons proposed and seconded for election under clause (a) of sub-rule (2) does not exceed the number of vacancies to be filled up from amongst the persons representing the employers, or, as the case may be, the employees, the persons whose names have been so proposed and seconded in relation to the category of employers or employees, shall be declared elected to the Executive Committee.

(d) If the number of persons proposed and seconded for election under clause (a) of sub-rule (2) exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled up from amongst the persons representing the employers or, as the case may be, the employees, each member of the Board present at the meeting, other than the Chairperson, shall be given a ballot paper containing the names of all the candidates so proposed and seconded and he may record

his votes thereon for as many candidates belonging to the categories of employers or employees, as there are vacancies to be filled up in relation to each such category, but not more than one vote shall be given in favour of any one candidate. If any member votes for more candidates than the number of vacancies in relation to the categories of employers or employees or given more than one vote in favour of any one candidate, all his votes shall be deemed to be invalid.

(e) The persons getting the highest number of votes shall be declared by the Chairperson as duly elected to the Executive Committee at the same meeting or as soon thereafter as possible:

Provided that where there is an equality of votes between candidates, the Chairperson shall exercise a casting vote.

(f) If any question arises as to the validity of any election, it shall be referred to the Central Government, who shall decide the same.

(3) Other committees of the Central Board. – The Central Board may, by order, constitute one or more committees consisting of as many trustees and officers of Employees' Provident Fund Organisation, as may be specified in the order:

Provided that the Central Board may also include such persons, who in its opinion, have special knowledge of the subject matter relating to the Committee.

(4) Sub-committees of the Executive Committee. – The Executive Committee may, by order, constitute one or more sub-committees consisting of as many members of the Executive Committee and officers of Employees' Provident Fund Organisation, as may be specified in the order:

Provided that the Executive Committee may also include such persons, who in its opinion, have special knowledge of the subject matter relating to the Sub-Committee.

(5) Functions of the Central Board. – The Central Board, apart from administering the Schemes framed under Section 15 of the Code, shall also perform such other functions as may be assigned to it by the Central Government under section 13 of the Code.

(6) Functions of the Executive Committee. – The Executive Committee shall function under the general superintendence of the Central Board to assist the Central Board in performance of its functions and shall perform such functions as may be assigned to it by the Central Board.

(7) Term of office. –

(a) The term of office of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and every Trustee of the Central Board referred to in clauses (b), (c), (d) and (e) of sub-section (1) of section

4 of the Code shall be four years commencing on and from the date on which their appointment is notified in the Official Gazette.

(b) The term of office of the Chairperson and every member of the Executive Committee referred to in sub- clauses (ii), (iii), (iv) and (v) of clause (b) of sub-rule (1) shall be two years commencing on and from the date on which their appointment is notified in the Official Gazette.

(c) Notwithstanding anything contained in clauses (a) and (b) of sub-rule (7), every Trustee or member shall continue to hold office until the appointment of his successor is notified in the Official Gazette:

Provided that a member of the Executive Committee shall cease to hold office when he ceases to be a member of the Central Board.

(d) A Trustee or a member referred to in clauses (a) and (b) of sub-rule (7) appointed to fill a casual vacancy shall hold office for the remaining period of the term of office of the trustee or member in whose place he is appointed and shall continue to hold office on the expiry of the term of office until the appointment of his successor is notified in the Official Gazette.

(e) A person shall be eligible for appointment as a Trustee or a member for a maximum of two terms:

Provided that the limitation mentioned above shall not apply to Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and a Trustee or Member appointed ex-officio and such appointment shall be co-terminus with the tenure of the office of the Trustee or Member, as the case may be:

Provided further that the maximum of two terms shall also include the number of terms for which a person has been appointed as a Trustee of the Central Board under clause (d) or (e) of sub-section (1) of section 5A of the erstwhile Employees' Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 (19 of 1952).

(8) Secretary of the Central Board or the Executive Committee. –

(a) The Central Provident Fund Commissioner shall be the Secretary of the Central Board and of the Executive Committee.

(b) The Secretary to the Central Board or the Executive Committee shall, in consultation with the Chairman, convene meetings of the Central Board or the Executive Committee, as the case may be, keep a record of its minutes and shall take the necessary steps for carrying out the decisions of the Central Board or the Executive Committee, as the case may be.

B. EMPLOYEES STATE INSURANCE CORPORATION

8. Manner of administration of the Corporation and the manner of representation of States under clause (d) of sub-section (1), the manner of constitution of Standing Committee under sub-section (3), the manner of administration of the affairs of the Corporation, exercise of powers and performance of functions by the Standing Committee under clause (a) of sub-section (4), the duties and powers of Medical Benefit Committee under clause (b) of sub-section (5) and the terms and conditions, including tenure of office, subject to which a member of the Corporation and Standing Committee shall discharge their respective duties under sub-section (7) of section 5.- (1)

Representation of States in the Corporation: - One person representing each of the States shall be appointed as a member of the Corporation, on nomination by the State Government concerned.

(2) Election of members of Parliament to the Corporation. —The House of the People (Lok Sabha) and the Council of States (Rajya Sabha) shall elect in such manner as the Speaker of the House of the People or as the case may be the Chairman of the Council of States may direct, two members of the House of the People (Lok Sabha) and one member of the Council of States (Rajya Sabha) to be members of the Corporation.

(3) Seal:-

(a) The common seal of the Corporation shall remain in the custody of the Director General and shall not be affixed to any instrument except in the presence of the Director General or two members of the Standing Committee; the Director General or the said two members shall sign the contract in token of the fact that the same was sealed in his or their presence.

(b) The Corporation shall have for use at each of such other of its offices as it may specify, an official seal which shall be a facsimile of the common seal of the Corporation with the addition of the name of the office where it is to be used.

(c) The official seal shall not be affixed to any instrument except in the presence of such person or persons as the Standing Committee may authorise in this behalf and such person or persons shall sign the instrument in token of the fact that the same was sealed in his or their presence.

(d) An instrument to which an official seal is duly affixed shall bind the Corporation as if it had been sealed with the common seal of the Corporation.

(4) Constitution of Standing Committee. — A Standing Committee of the Corporation shall be constituted from among its members, consisting of —

- (a) a Chairperson appointed by the Central Government;
- (b) three members of the Corporation, appointed by the Central Government;
- (c) three members of the Corporation representing such three State Governments thereon as the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, specify from time to time;
- (d) eight members elected by the Corporation as follows: —
 - (i) three members from among the members of the Corporation representing employers;
 - (ii) three members from among the members of the Corporation representing employees;
 - (iii) one member from among the members of the Corporation representing the medical profession; and
 - (iv) one member from among the members of the Corporation elected by Parliament;
- (e) the Director-General of the Corporation, ex-officio.

(5) Election of members to the Standing Committee. —

- (a) The Chairperson of the Corporation shall, at a meeting of the Corporation at which it is proposed to elect members of the Standing Committee under clause (d) of sub-rule (4), invite members to propose names from among members of the Corporation belonging to the group from which election is to be made. The names proposed shall be duly seconded by another member of the Corporation.
- (b) If the number proposed from any group for election does not exceed the number of vacancies to be filled from that group, the persons whose names have been so proposed shall be declared elected to the Standing Committee.
- (c) If the number proposed for election from a group exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled therefrom, each member of the Corporation present at the meeting shall be given a secret ballot paper containing the names of all the candidates proposed and he shall be required to vote thereon for as many candidates from the group as there are vacancies to be filled up. Not more than one vote shall be given in favour of any one candidate. If any member votes for more candidates than there are vacancies in the group or gives more than one vote in favour of any one candidate, all his votes shall be deemed to be invalid.

(d) The persons getting the highest number of votes shall be declared by the Chairperson at the meeting or as soon thereafter as possible as duly elected to the Standing Committee:

Provided that where an equality of votes is found to exist between any candidates and the addition of one vote will entitle any of the candidates to be declared to be elected, the determination of the person or persons to whom such one additional vote shall be deemed to have been given shall be made by lot to be drawn in the presence of the Chairperson and in such manner as he may determine.

(e) If any question shall arise as to the validity of any election it shall be referred to the Central Government whose decision in the matter shall be final.

(6) Powers and duties of the Medical Benefit Committee— The powers and duties of the Medical Benefit Committee shall be: -

(a) to advise the Corporation in regard to the constitution, setting up, duties and powers of Local Committees constituted for the purpose of assisting in the administration of medical benefit.

(b) to make recommendations to the Corporation in regard to —

(i) the scale and nature of medical benefit provided at hospitals, dispensaries, clinics and other institutions and the nature and the extent of the medicines, staff and equipment which shall be maintained at such institutions and the extent to which these fall short of the desired standard;

(ii) the medical formulary for use in connection with the medical benefit provided under the Code;

(iii) medical certification, including the procedure and the forms for such certification, statistical returns, registers and other medical records; and

(iv) measures undertaken for the improvement of the health and welfare of Insured Persons, and the rehabilitation and re-employment of Insured Persons, disabled or injured;

(c) to advise the Corporation on any matter relating to the professional conduct of any medical practitioner employed for the purpose of providing medical benefit under the Code.

(7) Other Committees of Corporation: -The Corporation may by order constitute one or more committees of such composition as may be specified in the Regulation to assist in the discharge of its function:

Provided that the Corporation may also include such persons, who in its opinion have special knowledge of the subject matter relating to the Committee.

(8) Term of the office of Members of the Corporation: - —

(a) Save as otherwise expressly provided in the Code, the term of office of members of the Corporation, other than the members referred to in clauses (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) of sub-section (1) of section 5 of the Code and the ex-officio member, shall be for four years commencing from the date respectively on which their appointment or election is notified:

Provided that a member of the Corporation shall notwithstanding the expiry of the said period of four years, continue to hold office until the appointment or election of his successor is notified:

Provided further that the tenure of non-official members of the Corporation shall not be for more than total of two terms.

(b) The member of the Corporation referred to in clauses (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) of sub-section (1) of section 5 shall hold office during the pleasure of the Central Government.

(9) Term of office of members of Standing Committee. —

(a) Save as otherwise expressly provided in the Code, the term of office of a member of the Standing Committee, other than a member referred to in clause (a) or clause (b) or clause (c) of sub-rule(4), shall be two years from the date on which his election is notified:

Provided that a member of the Standing Committee shall, notwithstanding the expiry of the said period of two years, continue to hold office until the election of his successor is notified:

Provided further that a member of the Standing Committee shall cease to hold office when he ceases to be a member of the Corporation.

(b) A member of the Standing Committee referred to in clause (a) or clause (b) or clause (c) of sub-rule (4) shall hold office during the pleasure of the Central Government.

C. NATIONAL SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD

9. Manner of exercising the powers and performance of the functions by the National Social Security Board under sub-section (1), the manner of nomination of members, their term of office and other conditions of service, procedure to be followed in the discharge of their functions and manner of filling vacancies under sub- section (4) and time, place

and rules of procedure relating to the transaction of business under sub-section (6) of section 6.- (1) Constitution of the National Social Security Board for Unorganised Workers.-

(a) The Board constituted under section 6 shall be called as ‘National Social Security Board for Unorganised Workers’.

(b) A member, other than an ex-officio member, shall hold office for a period not exceeding three years from the date of his nomination.

(c) A member shall be eligible for re-nomination:

Provided that a member shall not hold the office for more than total of two terms.

(d) Central Government may seek nomination from amongst the representatives of associations of unorganised sector workers and employers’ associations of unorganised sector, in the National Social Security Board for Unorganised Workers, in the category of sub-clauses (i) and (ii) of clause (c) of sub-section (2) of section 6 in such a manner, as decided by the Government.

(e) The Central Government shall nominate seven persons under sub-clause (iii) of clause (c) of sub-section (2) of section 6 from amongst persons of eminence in the field of labour welfare, management, finance, law and administration.

(f) The Central Government shall seek nomination of two Lok Sabha Members from the Speaker of the Lok Sabha (House of the People) and one member from the Chairman of the Rajya Sabha (Council of the States) under sub- clause (iv) of clause (c) of sub-section (2) of section 6, as the case may be.

(g) The Central Government shall nominate ten Members under sub-clause (v) of clause (c) of sub-section (2) of section 6 representing Ministries/ Departments of Central Government, concerned with the matters related to the welfare of the unorganised sector workers.

(h) The Central Government shall nominate five Members representing the State Governments under sub-clause (vi) of clause (c) of sub-section (2) of section 6, and one member representing Union Territories under sub-clause (vii) of clause (c) of sub-section (2) of section 6 on rotation basis in such manner, as may be decided by that Government.

(i) A member nominated under sub-clauses (i), (ii) and (iii) of clause (c) of sub-section (2) of the section 6, shall cease to be a member of the Board if he ceases to represent the category of interest from which he was so nominated:

Provided that out of seven persons nominated under sub-clause(i), one member each from the Scheduled Caste, the Scheduled Tribe, the Minorities and Women shall be represented.

(j) A member nominated under sub-clause (iv) of clause (c) of sub-section (2) of the section 6 shall cease to be a member of the Board if he ceases to be a member of the House of Parliament by which he was so elected.

(k) No person shall be chosen as, or continue to be, a member of the Board, if such person attracts any provision(s) of section 8.

(2) Constitution of the National Social Security Board for Gig Workers and Platform Workers. -

(a) The Board constituted under section 6 of the Code read with sub-section (6) of the section 114 of the Code shall be called as 'National Social Security Board for Gig Workers and Platform Workers'.

(b) A member, other than an ex-officio member, shall hold office for a period not exceeding three years from the date of his nomination.

(c) A member shall be eligible for re-nomination:

Provided that a member shall not hold the office for more than total of two terms:

(d) Central Government shall nominate five members under clause (a) of sub-section (6) of section 114, as representative of aggregators on rotation basis from amongst type of the aggregators mentioned in the Seventh Schedule.

(e) Central Government shall nominate five members under clause (b) of sub-section (6) of section 114 from amongst the gig workers and platform workers, on rotation basis, representing the different types of gig workers and platform workers.

(f) Under clause (e) of sub-section (6) of section 114 of the Code, the Central Government may nominate five members as experts from amongst persons of eminence in the field of labour welfare, management, finance, law, administration, e-commerce or information technology.

(g) The rules for the manner and discharge of functions of the National Social Security Board for Unorganised Workers shall also be applicable to the National Social Security Board for Gig Workers and Platform Workers except that the quorum for transaction of business at any meeting of the Board for Gig and Platform Workers shall be six members.

(h) National Social Security Board for Gig Workers and Platform Workers may constitute an expert committee to advise it on matters related to the welfare of gig

workers and platform workers, assessment of number of gig workers and platform workers, identifying of new types of aggregators or any other matter related to gig workers and platform workers.

(3) Manner of exercising the powers and performance of the functions of the National Social Security Board. - (1) The Board, for discharging its functions as assigned to it, under sub-section (7) of section 6, may constitute a committee to deliberate and recommend on the specific issue(s) as may be assigned to such committee.

(2) Such committee(s) may co-opt Members from the Board or outside as the case may be, from the field(s) of the experts, on which committee is required to deliberate.

(4) Reconstitution of the Board: -

(a) Central Government shall initiate the process for reconstitution of the National Social Security Board, prior to six months of expiry of the term of the Board.

(b) If the new Board is not re-constituted after completion of the term of the Board, such arrangements may be made for discharging and function of the board as may be decided by the Central Government for the period till the new Board is constituted, through a notification.

(c) Consequent upon institution of such arrangement, all actions taken shall have the same effect as if it has been carried out by the Board itself.

(5) Resignation. –

(a) A member of the Board, not being an ex-officio member, may resign by a letter in writing addressed to the Central Government.

(b) The seat of such a member shall fall vacant from the date on which his resignation is accepted or on the expiry of thirty days from the date of receipt of intimation of resignation, whichever is earlier.

(c) The power to accept the resignation of a member shall vest with the Central Government.

(6) Change of Address. - If a member changes his address, he shall notify his new address to the Member- Secretary of the Board who shall thereupon enter his new address in the official records:

Provided that if a member fails to notify his new address, the address in the official records shall for all purposes be deemed to be the member's correct address.

(7) Manner of filling vacancies.- When a vacancy occurs or is likely to occur in the membership of the Board, Member Secretary of the Board shall submit a report to the Central Government and on receipt of such report, the Central Government may, by

notification, nominate a person to fill the vacancy in the manner prescribed under sub-rules (1) and (2) of rule 9 above, and the person so nominated shall hold office for the remainder of the term of office of the member in whose place he is nominated.

(8) Procedure for removal of a Member from the National Social Security Board for Unorganised Workers. -

(a) During the pendency of the proceeding, if any, under clauses (b) and (c) of sub-section (2) of section 8, for removal of a member of the National Social Security Board for Unorganised Workers, such member shall abstain from the meeting(s) of the Board.

(b) The decision of the Central Government, on the debarment, dis-qualification and removal of any member under section 8, shall be final.

10. Amount in connection with premium for Group Insurance Scheme of the beneficiaries under clause (c), the educational schemes for the benefit of children of the beneficiaries under clause (d) and the medical expenses for treatment of major ailments of a beneficiary or, such dependant under clause (e) of sub-section (6) of section 7.- Notwithstanding the welfare schemes mentioned in the sub-section (6) of the section 7 of the Code, the UT of Lakshadweep Building and Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board shall also formulate following scheme(s) for the Building workers as may be specified by the UT of Lakshadweep Administration:

- (i) pay such amount in connection with premium for Group Insurance Scheme of the beneficiaries;
- (ii) frame educational schemes for the benefit of children of the beneficiaries; and
- (iii) meet such medical expenses for treatment of major ailments of a beneficiary or, such dependant.

11. Other welfare measures and facilities under clause (j) of sub-section (6) of section 7.- If in the opinion of the Central Government, it is established that for improvement in the wellbeing of the Building workers, it is necessary to formulate a new welfare scheme (s) or schemes in a state(s), Central Government may formulate such scheme (s) as notified by that Government from time to time.

D. GENERAL

12. Intervals at which Social Security Organisation or any Committee thereof shall meet and the procedure in regard to the transaction of business at meetings under sub-section (1), and the fee and allowances of members of such Social Security Organisation or Committee under sub-section (4) of section 9.- (1) Meetings. –

- (a) The Central Board or the Corporation or the National Social Security Board or any Committee thereof shall, subject to the sub-rule (2), meet at such place and time as may be decided by the Chairperson.
- (b) The Central Board or the Corporation shall meet at least twice a year.
- (c) The Executive Committee of the Central Board and the Standing Committee of the Corporation shall meet at least four times a year. The Medical Benefit Committee of the Corporation shall meet at least twice each year.
- (d) The National Social Security Board shall meet at least thrice a year.
- (e) The Chairperson of the Central Board or the Corporation or the National Social Security Board or any Committee thereof may whenever he thinks fit, and shall within fifteen days of receipt of a requisition in writing from not less than one half of the members of the body concerned call for a special meeting thereof. A requisition so made shall specify the object of the meeting proposed to be called.

(2) Notice of meeting and list of business. –

- (a) A notice of not less than fifteen days from the date of issue, containing the date, time and place of every ordinary meeting of Central Board or Corporation or National Social Security Board or any Committee thereof, together with a list of business proposed to be transacted approved by the Chairperson shall be sent to every Trustee or member of Central Board or Corporation or National Social Security Board or any Committee thereof, as the case may be, through e-mail or registered post or by special messenger. A brief note on each item of the agenda shall be sent along with the agenda as soon as thereafter possible.
- (b) In case when the Chairperson calls an emergency meeting of the Central Board or the Corporation or the National Social Security Board or any Committee thereof for considering any matter which in his opinion is urgent, a notice giving such reasonable time as he may consider necessary shall be deemed sufficient.
- (c) No business other than for which the meeting of Central Board or the Corporation or the National Social Security Board or any Committee thereof has been

convened shall be considered at the meeting except with the permission of the Chairperson of the meeting.

(3) Chairperson to preside at meetings. – The Chairperson or in his absence the Vice-Chairperson of Central Board or the Corporation or the National Social Security Board, as the case may be, shall preside the meeting. In event of absence of both the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson, the meeting shall be presided over by such Trustee or Member as may be nominated by the Chairperson.

(4) Quorum. – No business shall be transacted at any meeting of Central Board or Corporation or National Social Security Board or any Committee thereof unless a quorum of:

- (a) eleven Trustees in case of Central Board and four members in case of Executive Committee; or
- (b) fifteen members in case of Corporation, five members in case of Standing Committee and seven members in case of Medical Benefit Committee; or
- (c) ten members in case of National Social Security Board for Unorganised Workers and six members in case of National Social Security Board for Gig Workers and Platform Workers; is present:

Provided that if at any meeting there is not a sufficient number of Trustees or members, as the case may be, present to form quorum, the Chairperson of the meeting shall adjourn the meeting for an hour and it shall thereupon be lawful to dispose of the business at such adjourned meeting irrespective of the number of Trustees or members attending.

(5) Nomination of a substitute during the absence of a Trustee or Member. –

- a) If a Trustee or member is unable to attend any meeting of the Central Board or the Corporation or the National Social Security Board or any Committee thereof, he may, by a written instrument, signed by him, addressed to the Chairperson of the concerned body and explaining the reasons for his inability to attend the meeting, appoint any representative of the organisation, which he represents on the Central Board or the Corporation or the National Social Security Board or any Committee thereof, as his substitute for attending that meeting of the Central Board or the Corporation or the National Social Security Board or any Committee thereof in his place:

Provided that no such appointment shall be valid unless—

- i. such appointment has been approved by the Chairperson of the body concerned; and

- ii. ii. the instrument making such appointment has been received by the Chairperson of the body concerned before the date fixed for the meeting.

b) A substitute validly appointed under clause (a) shall have all the rights and powers of a Trustee or the member, as the case may be, in relation to the meeting of the body concerned, in respect of which he is appointed and shall receive allowances, and be under obligations as if he were a Trustee or the member appointed under the Code.

c) A Trustee or the member appointing a substitute for attending any meeting of the Central Board or the Corporation or the National Social Security Board or any Committee thereof, shall, notwithstanding anything contained in this sub-rule, continue to be liable for the misappropriation or misapplication of the Fund by the substitute and shall also be liable for any act of misfeasance or non-feasance committed in relation to the Fund by the substitute appointed by him.

(6) Disposal of business. – Every question considered at a meeting of the Central Board or the Corporation or the National Social Security Board or any Committee thereof shall be decided by a majority of the votes of the Trustees or members of the body concerned present and voting. In the event of an equality of votes the Chairperson shall exercise an additional casting vote:

Provided that the Chairperson may, if he thinks fit, direct that any question shall be decided by the circulation of necessary papers to Trustees or members of the Central Board or the Corporation or the National Social Security Board or any Committee thereof and by securing their opinions in writing. Any such question shall be decided in accordance with the opinion of the majority of Trustees or members received within the time-limit allowed and if the opinions are equally divided, the opinion of the Chairperson shall prevail:

Provided further that any Trustee or member of the Central Board or the Corporation or the National Social Security Board or any Committee thereof may request that the question referred to Trustees or members of the concerned body, as the case may be, for written opinion be considered at a meeting of the Central Board or the Corporation or the National Social Security Board or any Committee thereof and thereupon the Chairperson may, and if the request is made by not less than three Trustees or members of the concerned body, shall direct that it be so considered.

(7) Minutes of meetings. –

(a) The minutes of each meeting showing inter-alia the names of the member present there, shall be forwarded to each Trustee or member of the Central Board or the

Corporation or the National Social Security Board or any Committee thereof as the case may be and to the Central Government as soon as possible and in any case not later than four weeks after the meeting.

(b) The records of the minutes of each meeting of the Central Board and the Executive Committee shall be signed by the Central Provident Fund Commissioner with the approval of the Chairperson.

(c) The minutes of the meeting shall be confirmed with such modification considered necessary at the next meeting.

(d) The minutes of a meeting of the Central Board or the Corporation or the National Social Security Board or any Committee thereof shall be kept in separate Books (hereinafter referred to as minute-books) and shall be signed by the Chairperson of the meeting at which the proceedings are confirmed.

(e) A copy of the minutes so confirmed shall be forwarded to the Central Government within fifteen days from the date of such confirmation.

(f) The minute-books shall be kept open at the principal office of the Central Board or Corporation or National Social Security Board during office hours on working days for inspection free of charge by any of the respective member.

(8) Fees and allowances. –

(a) Every non-official Trustee or member of the Central Board or the Corporation or the National Social Security Board or any Committee thereof, as the case may be, shall be allowed travelling and daily allowance for attending its meetings at the rates admissible to officers of the Central Government holding a post in Level 12 in the Pay Matrix.

(b) Where such Trustee or member, who is a Member of Parliament or a Member of State Legislature shall be paid travelling allowance and daily allowance in accordance with the provisions of the Salary, Allowances and Pension of Members of Parliament Act, 1954 (30 of 1954) or the respective provision of the law pertaining to the members of the concerned State Legislature, as the case may be:

Provided that when a Minister is appointed as Chairperson or Trustee of the Central Board or the Corporation or the National Social Security Board or any Committee thereof and attends a meeting, his travelling and daily allowance shall be governed by the rules applicable to him for journeys performed on official duties and shall be paid by the authority paying his salary.

(c) No daily or travelling allowance in respect of any day of journey, as the case may be, shall be claimed by a Trustee or member of the Central Board or the Corporation or the National Social Security Board or by any Committee thereof if he has drawn or will draw allowance for the same from his employer or as a member of the Committee or any Legislature or of any Committee or Conference constituted or convened by Government and no travelling allowance shall be claimed if he uses a means of transport provided at the expense of Government or his employer.

(d) The daily and travelling allowance shall also be payable in respect of the meetings of any sub-committee set up by the Central Board or the Corporation or the National Social Security Board or by any Committee thereof.

(e) For attending a meeting of the Central Board or the Corporation or the National Social Security Board or any Committee thereof or meetings of a Sub-Committee set up by the Central Board or Corporation or National Social Security Board or any Committee thereof, an official Trustee or member of the Central Government shall draw his travelling allowance from his department on a scale admissible to him under the Central Government Rules and the amounts so drawn shall, on a demand being made therefor by the Central Government, be reimbursed by the Central Board or Corporation or National Social Security Board or Committee thereof to that Government.

(f) Payments shall not be made to a non-official member earlier than the last date up to which the allowance is claimed. The travelling allowance for both the onward and return journeys will be included in the travelling allowance bill and the payment made thereof treated as final, irrespective of the date of completion of the journey.

13. Manner of reconstitution of the Corporation or the Central Board or the National Social Security Board or the UT of Lakshadweep Unorganised Workers' Board or the Building Workers' Welfare Board or any of the Committees under sub-section (1) and the alternate arrangements for the purpose of administration of the relevant provisions of the Code under sub-section (2) of section 11.- When the Central Board or the Corporation or the National Social Security Board or the UT of Lakshadweep Unorganised Workers' Board or the Building Workers Welfare Board has been superseded under the provisions of section 11 of the Code, the Central Government or the UT of Lakshadweep Administration, as the case may be, may—

(a) appoint or cause to be appointed or elected new Trustees or members to the Central Board or the Corporation or the National Social Security Board or the UT of

Lakshadweep Unorganised Workers' Board or the Building Workers welfare board in accordance with sections 4, 5, 6 and 7, as the case may be, of the Code; and

(b) in its discretion, make such arrangement for such period as it may think fit, to exercise the powers and perform the functions of the Central Board or the Corporation or the National Social Security Board or the UT of Lakshadweep Unorganised Workers' Board or the Building Workers Welfare Board.

CHAPTER - III

EMPLOYEES' PROVIDENT FUND

14. Form, manner, time limits and fees for filing of appeal under sub-section (2) of section 23.- (1) Language of the Tribunal. — The language of the Tribunal shall be English:

Provided that the parties to the proceeding before the Tribunal may file documents drawn up in Hindi, if they so desire:

Provided further that:

- (i) The Tribunal may, in its discretion permit the use of Hindi in the proceedings but the final order shall be in English;
- (ii) The Tribunal hearing the matter, may in its discretion, direct English translation of pleadings and documents to be filed.

(2) Procedure for filing appeals. —

(a) An appeal to the Tribunal shall be presented in Form-I by the appellant in person or by an agent or by a duly authorized legal practitioner to the Registry or any other officer authorized in writing by the Registrar to receive the same or be sent by registered post with acknowledgement due duly addressed to the Registrar of the Tribunal.

(b) The appeal under sub-rule (2) shall be presented electronically or in triplicate in a paper-book form along with one unused file size envelope bearing full address of the respondent:

Provided that where the number of respondents is more than one, as many extra copies of the appeal in paper-book form as there are respondents together with unused file size envelopes bearing the full address of each respondent or electronically shall be furnished by the Appellant:

Provided also that where the number of respondents is more than five, the Registrar may permit the appellant to file the extra copies of the appeal at the time of issue of notice to the respondents.

- (c) The Registrar shall issue an acknowledgement of receipt of the appeal electronically or otherwise in Form-II.
- (3) Presentation and scrutiny of appeals. —
- (a) The Registrar, or the Officer authorized by him under sub- rule (2), shall endorse on every appeal the date on which it is presented or deemed to have been presented under that rule and shall sign the endorsement digitally or otherwise.
- (b) If, on scrutiny, the appeal is found to be in order it shall be duly registered and given a serial number.
- (c) If the appeal, on scrutiny, is found to be defective and the defect noticed is formal in nature, the Registrar may allow the party to rectify the same in his presence, and if the same defect is not formal in nature, the Registrar may allow the appellant such time to rectify the defect as he may deem fit.
- (d) If the appellant fails to rectify the defect within the time allowed under clause (c), the Registrar may by order and for reasons to be recorded in writing, decline to register the appeal and inform the appellant accordingly.
- (4) Place of filing appeals. — The appeal shall ordinarily be filed by the appellant with the Registrar of the Tribunal within whose jurisdiction: —
- (i) the cause of action has arisen, or
 - (ii) office of the respondent against whose order relief is sought, is located.
- (5) Fee, time for filing appeal, deposit of amount due on filing appeal. —
- (a) Every appeal filed with the Registrar shall be accompanied by a fee of rupees five thousand to be remitted by electronic transfer or in the form of Crossed Demand Draft on a scheduled commercial bank in favour of the Registrar of the Tribunal and payable at the main branch of that Bank at the station where the seat of the said Tribunal situate.
- (b) Any person aggrieved by an order passed under section 125 or 128 of the Code, may within sixty days from the date of issue of the order, prefer an appeal to the Tribunal:

Provided that the Tribunal may, if it is satisfied that the appellant was prevented by sufficient cause from preferring the appeal within the prescribed period, extend the said period by a further period of sixty days:

Provided further that no appeal by the employer shall be entertained by the Tribunal unless he has deposited with the Fund constituted under section 16 of the Code, by way of

electronic transfer or Demand Draft, a sum equal to 25% of the amount due from him as determined under Section 125 or 128, as the case may be.

(6) Content of the appeal. — Every appeal filed under sub-rule (2) shall set forth concisely under distinct heads the grounds for such appeal. Such grounds shall be numbered consecutively. Every appeal, including any miscellaneous appeal shall be filed electronically or typed in double space on both sides on thick paper of good quality.

(7) Documents to accompany the appeal. —

(a) Every appeal being filed electronically or otherwise shall be accompanied by a paper-book containing: —

- (i) a copy of the order against which the appeal is filed;
- (ii) copies of the documents relied upon by the appellant and referred to in the appeal;
- (iii) an index of the documents.

(b) The documents referred to in the clause (a) may be digitally signed or attested by a legal practitioner or by a gazetted officer and each document shall be marked serially as Annexures A-1, A-2, A-3 and so on.

(c) Where an appeal is filed by an agent, document authorizing him to act as such agent shall also be appended to the appeal:

Provided that where an appeal is filed by a legal practitioner, it shall be accompanied by a duly executed 'Vakalatnama' in digital format or otherwise.

(8) Plural remedies. — An appeal shall be based upon a single cause of action and may seek one or more reliefs provided that they are consequential to one another.

(9) Service of notices and processes issued by the Tribunal. —

(a) Notices and processes to be issued by the Tribunal may be served electronically or by any of the following modes directed by the Tribunal:

- (i) service by the party itself;
- (ii) by hand delivery (Dasti) through process server;
- (iii) by registered post with acknowledgement due.

(b) Where notice issued by the Tribunal is served by the party himself electronically or by 'Hand delivery' (Dasti), he shall file with the Registry of the Tribunal, the acknowledgement, together with an affidavit of service.

(c) Notwithstanding anything contained in clause (a) the Tribunal may, taking into account the number of respondents and their places of residence or work and other

circumstances, direct that notice of the appeal shall be served upon the respondents electronically or in any other manner including any manner of substituted service, as it appears to the Tribunal just and convenient.

(d) Notwithstanding anything done under clause (a), the Tribunal may in its discretion, having regard to the nature and urgency of the case, direct the service of the notice on the Standing Counsels appointed as such by the Central Government or any UT of Lakshadweep Administration or any other authority under the Code.

(e) Every notice issued by the Tribunal shall, unless otherwise ordered, be accompanied by a copy of the appeal along with a copy of the paper-book.

(f) Every appellant shall pay a fee for the service or execution of process in such manner as the Tribunal may direct under clause (c) such a sum, not exceeding the actual charges incurred in effecting the service, as may be determined by the Tribunal.

(g) The fee for the service or execution of processes under clause (c) shall be remitted in the manner prescribed in sub-rule (5) within one week of the date of the order determining the fee or within such extended time as the Registrar may permit.

(h) Notwithstanding anything contained in clauses (a) to (d), if the Tribunal is satisfied that it is not reasonably practicable to serve notice of appeal upon all the respondents, it may, for reasons to be recorded in writing, direct that the appeal shall be heard notwithstanding that some of the respondents have not been served with notice of the application:

Provided that no appeal shall be heard unless: --

- (i) Notice of appeal has been served on the Central Government or the UT of Lakshadweep Administration or the Central Board if such Government or Board is a respondent;
- (ii) Notice of appeal has been served on the authority which passed the order against which the appeal has been filed; and
- (iii) The Tribunal is satisfied that the interests of the respondents on whom notice of the appeal has not been served are adequately and sufficiently represented by the respondents on whom notice of the appeal has been served.

(10) Filing of reply and other documents by the respondents. —

(a) Each respondent intending to contest the appeal, shall file electronically or in triplicate the reply to the appeal and the documents relied upon in paper-book form with the Registry within one month of the service of notice of the appeal on him.

- (b) In the reply filed under clause (a), the respondent shall specifically, admit, deny or explain the facts stated by the appellant in his appeal and may also state such additional facts as may be found necessary for the just decision of the case. It shall be signed digitally or otherwise and verified as a written statement by the respondent or any other person duly authorized by him in writing in the same manner as provided for in order VI, Rule 15 of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 (5 of 1908).
 - (c) The documents referred to in clause (b) shall also be filed along with the reply and the same shall be marked as R-1, R-2, R-3 and so on.
 - (d) The respondent shall also serve a copy of the reply along with documents as mentioned in clause (a) on the appellant or his legal practitioner, if any, electronically or otherwise and file proof of such service in the Registry.
 - (e) The Tribunal may allow filing of the reply after the expiry of the prescribed period.
- (11) Date and place of hearing to be notified. — The Tribunal shall notify to the parties the date and the place of hearing of the appeal electronically or otherwise in such manner as the Presiding Officer may, by general or special order direct.
- (12) Calendar of cases and time limit for disposal. —
- (a) The Tribunal shall draw up a calendar for the hearing of cases and, as far as possible, hear and decide the cases according to the calendar.
 - (b) Notwithstanding anything contained in the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, the appeal under section 23, as far as practicable, shall be heard on day-to-day basis and endeavour shall be made to ensure that the same is decided within a period of one year: Provided that where the appeal is not decided within the said period, the Presiding Officer hearing such appeal shall record the circumstances and reasons for not having decided so and submit the circumstances and reasons so recorded to the Central Government or such other officer authorised by it in this behalf:
 - (c) The Tribunal shall have the power to decline an adjournment and also to limit the time for oral arguments.
- (13) Action on appeal for appellant's default. —
- (a) Where on the date fixed for hearing of the appeal or on any other date to which such hearing may be adjourned, the appellant does not appear when the appeal is called for hearing, the Tribunal may, in its discretion, either dismiss the appeal for default or hear and decide it on merit.

(b) Where an appeal has been dismissed for default and the appellant files an appeal within thirty days from the date of dismissal and satisfies the Tribunal that there was sufficient cause for his non-appearance when the appeal was called for hearing, the Tribunal shall make an order setting aside the order dismissing the appeal and restore the same:

Provided that where the case was disposed of on merits the decision shall not be re-opened except by way of review.

(14) Ex-parte hearing and disposal of appeal. —

(a) Where on the date fixed for hearing the appeal or on any other date to which such hearing may be adjourned, the appellant appears and the respondent does not appear when the appeal is called for hearing, the Tribunal may, in its discretion adjourn the hearing or hear and decide the appeal ex- parte.

(b) Where an appeal has been heard ex-parte against a respondent or respondents, such respondent or respondents may apply to the Tribunal for an order to set it aside and if such respondent or respondents satisfy the Tribunal that the notice was not duly served or that he or they were prevented by any sufficient cause from appearing when the appeal was called for hearing, the Tribunal may make an order setting aside the ex-parte hearing as against him or them upon such terms as it thinks fit, and shall appoint a day for proceeding with the appeal:

Provided that where the ex-parte order the appeal is of such nature that it cannot be set aside as against one respondent only, it may be set aside as against all or any of the other respondents also:

Provided further that in cases covered by clause (h) of sub-rule (9), the Tribunal shall not set aside ex-parte order of an appeal merely on the ground that it was not served upon the respondent or respondents.

(15) Substitution of legal representatives. —

(a) In the case of death of a party during the pendency of the proceedings before the Tribunal, the legal representatives of the deceased party may apply electronically or otherwise within thirty days of the date of such death for being brought on record as necessary parties.

(b) Where no application is received from the legal representatives within the period specified in clause (a), the proceedings against the deceased party shall abate:

Provided that on good and sufficient reason the Tribunal, on an application, may set aside the order of abatement and substitute the legal representatives.

- (16) Adjournment of hearing. — The Tribunal may, if sufficient cause is shown at any stage of proceedings, grant time to the parties or any of them, and adjourn the hearing of the appeal.
- (17) Order to be signed and dated. —
- (a) Every order of the Tribunal shall be in writing and shall be signed digitally or otherwise by the Presiding Officer who pronounced the order.
 - (b) The order shall be pronounced in open court.
- (18) Communication of orders to parties. —
- (a) Every final order passed on any appeal shall be communicated to the appellant and to the respondent concerned either electronically or otherwise by hand delivery or by registered post free of cost.
 - (b) If the appellant or the respondent to any proceeding requires a copy of any document or proceeding, the same shall be supplied to him on such terms and conditions on payment of such fees as may be fixed by the Presiding Officer by general or special order.
- (19) Orders and directions in certain cases. — The Tribunal may make such orders or give such directions as may be necessary or expedient to give effect to its orders or to prevent abuse of its process or to secure the ends of justice.
- (20) Working hours of the Tribunal. — Except on Saturdays, Sundays and other public holidays, the office of the Tribunal shall, subject to any order made by the Presiding Officer remain open from 9.30 A.M. to 6.00 P.M.
- (21) Sitting hours of the Tribunal. — The sitting hours of the Tribunal shall, ordinarily, be from 10.30 A.M. to 1.30 P.M. and 2.30 P.M. to 5.00 P.M. subject to any general or special order made by the Presiding Officer.
- (22) Powers and functions of the Registrar. —
- (a) The Registrar shall have the custody of the records of the Tribunal and shall exercise such other functions as are assigned to him under these rules or by the Presiding Officer by separate order.
 - (b) The official seal shall be kept in the custody of the Registrar.
 - (c) Subject to any general or special direction by the Presiding Officer, the seal of the Tribunal shall not be affixed to any order, summons or other process save under the authority in writing of the Registrar.
 - (d) The seal of the Tribunal shall not be affixed to any certified copy issued by the Tribunal save under the authority in writing of the Registrar.

(23) Additional powers and duties of Registrar. — In addition to the powers conferred elsewhere in these rules, the Registrar shall have the following powers and duties subject to any general or special order of the Presiding Officer, namely: —

- (i) To receive all appeals and other documents;
- (ii) To decide all questions arising out of the scrutiny of the appeals before they are registered;
- (iii) To require any appeal presented to the Tribunal to be amended in accordance with the Code and the rules;
- (iv) Subject to the directions of the Tribunal, to fix the date of first hearing of the appeals or other proceedings and issue notices thereof;
- (v) To direct any formal amendment of records;
- (vi) To order grant of copies of document to parties to the proceedings;
- (vii) To grant leave to inspect the records of the Tribunal;
- (viii) To dispose of all matters relating to the service of notices or other process for the issue of fresh notices and for extending the time for filing such appeals and to grant time not exceeding fifteen days for filing a reply or rejoinder, if any, and to place the matter before the Tribunal for appropriate order after the expiry of the aforesaid period;
- (ix) To requisition records from the custody of any court of other authority;
- (x) To receive appeals within thirty days from the date of death for substitution of legal representatives of the deceased parties during the pendency of the appeals;
- (xi) To receive and dispose of appeals for substitution, except where the substitution would involve setting aside an order of abatement;
- (xii) To receive and dispose of application by parties for return of documents.

(24) Right of appellant to take assistance of legal practitioner and of Government etc. to appoint presenting officer. —

- (a) A person preferring appeal to a Tribunal under section 23 of the Code may either appear in person or take the assistance of a legal practitioner of his choice to present his case before the Tribunal.
- (b) The Central Government or UT of Lakshadweep Administration or any other authority under the Code may authorize one or more legal practitioner or any of its officers and every person so authorized may present the case with respect to any appeal before a Tribunal.

(25) Seal and emblem. — The official seal and emblem of the Tribunal shall be in a round shape bearing name of the Tribunal in capital letters with Ashoka Pillar in the Center.

(26) Dress of the Presiding Officer and staff of the Tribunal. — The dress for the Presiding Officer of the Tribunal and member of the staff of the Tribunal shall be such as the Presiding Officer may specify.

(27) Dress of the Parties. — A legal practitioner or, as the case may be, a presenting officer shall appear before the Tribunal in his professional dress, if any, and if there is no such dress:

- (i) If a male, in a closed collared coat and trousers or in a lounge suit;
- (ii) If a female, in a saree, or any other customary dress of sober colour.

CHAPTER - IV

EMPLOYEES' STATE INSURANCE CORPORATION

15. Salary and allowances of the Director General or the Financial Commissioner under sub-section (3), their powers and duties under sub-section (4) and maximum monthly salary limit under the proviso to sub-section (7) of section 24.- (1) Salary and allowances of Director General and Financial Commissioner:- The Director General and the Financial Commissioner appointed by the Central Government under sub-section (1) of section 24 shall receive such pay and allowances and other benefits as are admissible to officers of the Central Government drawing corresponding scales of pay:

Provided that where the Director General or the Financial Commissioner is a person already in the service of the Corporation, he shall be entitled to pension, gratuity and other superannuation benefits to which he would have been otherwise entitled but for his appointment as the Director General or the Financial Commissioner.

(2) Powers and duties of the Director General—

(a) The powers and duties of the Director General shall be —

- (i) to act as the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation;
- (ii) to convene, under the orders of the Chairperson, meetings of the Corporation, the Standing Committee and the Medical Benefit Committee in accordance with the Code and the Rules and to implement the decisions reached at the meetings;
- (iii) to enter into contracts on behalf of the Corporation in accordance with the Code or the Rules or Regulations made thereunder, or the general or special instructions of the Corporation or the Standing Committee;

- (iv) to furnish all returns and documents required by the Code or the Rules to the Central Government and to correspond with the Central Government and the State Governments (including UT of Lakshadweep Administration) upon all matters concerning the Corporation;
- (v) to undertake such other duties and to exercise such other powers as may from time to time, be entrusted or delegated to him.

(b) The Director General may, with the approval of the Standing Committee, by general or special order, delegate any of his powers or duties under the Rules or the Regulations or under any resolution of the Corporation or the Standing Committee, as the case may be, to any person subordinate to him. The exercise or discharge of any of the powers or duties so delegated shall be subject to such restrictions, limitations and conditions, if any, as the Director General may, with the approval of the Standing Committee, impose.

(3) Powers and duties of the Financial Commissioner. — The powers and duties of the Financial Commissioner shall, subject to the control of the Director General, be —

- (i) to maintain the accounts of the Corporation and to arrange for the compilation of accounts by the collection of returns from the Centres and Regions;
- (ii) to prepare the budget of the Corporation;
- (iii) to arrange for internal audit of the accounts of the Centres and Regions and of the receipts and payments thereat;
- (iv) to make recommendations for the investment of the funds of the Corporation; and
- (v) to undertake such other duties and to exercise such other powers as may, from time to time, be entrusted or delegated to him.

(4) Creation of posts by the Corporation--The powers for creation of posts vested in the Corporation under sub- section (6) of section 24 of the Code shall be exercised by the Corporation in relation to posts carrying maximum of Level 14 in the Pay Matrix as per the 7th CPC.

16. Manner of investment of Employees' State Insurance Fund or any other money which is held by Corporation under sub-section (4) of section 25.- (1) The Corporation shall invest the Fund vested in it within the ambit of the guidelines issued by the Central Government.

(2) The Corporation for the efficient administration of the Scheme may open as many accounts as it may consider necessary or as specified in the Scheme.

(3) All expenses incurred in respect of, and loss, if any, arising from any investment shall be charged to the Employees' State Insurance Fund and the profit, if any from the sale of any investment shall also accrue to the Employees' State Insurance Fund.

(4) Any investment made under this Rule may, subject to the provisions of sub-rule (1), be varied, transposed or realised from time to time:

Provided, however, that if such variation, transposition or realisation is likely to result in a loss, the prior approval of the Central Government shall be obtained.

Explanation. — The approval of the Central Government shall not be required merely on the ground that the value of the security on its maturity is less than the price at which it was purchased.

(5) The Central Government may, at any time, direct the vacation in part or in whole, or prohibit investment in any security or class of securities or any land or building.

(6) All dividends, interest or other sums received in respect of any investment shall, as soon as possible after receipt, be paid into or credited to the account of the Employees' State Insurance Fund.

17. Limits for defraying of expenditure for promotion of measures for health and welfare of Insured Persons under clause (k) of section 26.- For the promotion of measures for the improvement of the health and the welfare of Insured Persons and for the rehabilitation and re-employment of Insured Persons who have been disabled or injured, the Corporation may incur an expenditure up to a limit of rupees one thousand crore per year or as may be specified by the Central Government from time to time from the Employees' State Insurance Fund.

18. Conditions to acquire, hold, sell or otherwise transfer any movable or immovable property under sub- section (1), conditions to invest moneys by the Corporation under sub-section (2) and the terms to raise loans and taking measures for discharging such loans under sub-section (3) of section 27.- (1) Acquisition of property- Subject to the provisions of sub-rule (3) and such conditions as may, from time to time, be laid down by the Corporation, the Director General may, for the purposes of the Code, acquire on behalf of the Corporation movable or immovable property:

Provided that sanction of the Standing Committee shall be required for the exchange of any immovable property, for the taking of any property on lease for a term exceeding thirty six months, or for the acceptance of any gift or bequest of property burdened an obligation.

(2) Disposal of property. - Subject to the provisions of sub-rule (3) and such conditions as may be laid down by the Corporation from time to time the Director General may —

- (a) dispose of, by sale or exchange, any movable property belonging to the Corporation, the value of which does not exceed rupees one crore in each case, or grant for any term not exceeding twelve months a lease of any immovable property belonging to the Corporation.
- (b) with the sanction of the Standing Committee, lease, sell or otherwise dispose of any movable or immovable property belonging to the Corporation.

(3) Procedure for execution of contracts—

- (a) The Corporation may enter into and perform all such contracts as it may consider necessary or expedient for carrying into effect the provisions of the Code.
- (b) Every contract made under or for any purpose of the Code shall be made on behalf of the Corporation-
 - (i) by the Director General; or
 - (ii) subject to such conditions as it may specify, by such member or officer of the Corporation as it may authorise:

Provided that the sanction of the Standing Committee shall be obtained in respect of any contract involving an expenditure exceeding rupees fifteen crore.

(c) Every contract entered into by any person as provided in clause (b) of sub-rule (3) shall be entered into in such manner and form as would bind him if it were made on his own behalf and may in like manner and form be varied or discharged:

Provided that the common or official seal, as the case may be, of the Corporation shall be affixed to every contract for amounts exceeding rupees five lakh.

(4) Raising and repayment of loans—

- (a) The Corporation may, in pursuance of a resolution passed at a meeting of the Standing Committee, and with the prior approval of the Central Government, raise loans for the purposes of the Code.
- (b) In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, the Corporation may raise loans —
 - (i) for the acquisition of land and/or the raising of buildings thereon; or

- (ii) to repay a loan raised under this sub-rule; or
- (iii) for any other purpose approved by the Central Government.
- (c) All loans under this sub-rule shall be obtained —
 - (i) from the Central Government on such rates of interest and such terms as to the time and method of repayment as the Central Government may specify; or
 - (ii) with the approval of the Central Government from such bank or banks specified in rule 32.
- (d) Where a loan is obtained from such bank or banks specified in rule 32 the Corporation may, with the approval of the Central Government, grant mortgages of all or any of the property vested in it for securing the repayment of the sums so advanced, with interest.
- (e) All payments due from the Corporation for interest on and repayment of loans shall be made in such manner and at such times as may have been agreed upon:
 Provided that the Corporation may apply any sums, which can be so applied, in repayment of any amount due in respect of the principal of any loan although the repayment of the same may not be due.
- (f) No expenditure incurred out of a loan shall be charged by the Corporation to capital, except with the previous sanction (or under the direction) of the Central Government.
- (g) The Corporation shall submit to the Central Government an annual statement by the thirtieth of April each year showing the loans raised and repayments made during the preceding year.

19. Manner of insurance of employees under sub-section (1) of section 28.- (1) The employer in respect of an establishment shall before taking any person into employment, unless such person is already registered under Chapter IV of the Code, register him by entering his name and Aadhaar number on the Specified Portal. A registration number shall be automatically allotted to the employee immediately on his registration by employer. This registration number shall remain valid for ten days during which the employer shall enter the updated particulars of that employee and family on declaration form available on the specified portal. An Aadhaar linked identity card shall be provided by the Corporation to the Insured Person and each of his dependent family members, electronically or otherwise.

(2) The registration number thus allotted shall automatically become invalid if the employee's details are not updated on the Declaration form within ten days or the Aadhaar number provided by the newly employed person is returned unauthenticated by the concerned authorities.

(3) The employer of the establishment shall be responsible for correctness of the particulars of the employee, filled on specified portal by him. The Insured Person shall be responsible for correctness of the particulars of his/ her family submitted on the portal.

(4) The Registration number will be used by the employer for filing the contributions and for all other purposes in respect of this employee.

(5) The Registration number thus allotted to the employee shall be used by him for availing any benefits available to him and (or) his family members under the Code.

20. Rate of contributions under sub-section (2) of section 29.- (1) The amount of contribution for a wage period shall be in respect of —

- (a) employer's contribution, a sum (rounded to the next higher rupee) equal to three and one-fourth per cent. of the wages payable to an employee; and
- (b) employee's contribution, a sum (rounded to the next higher rupee) equal to three-fourth per cent. of the wages payable to an employee.

(2) In respect of an employee who is a person with disability under the Right of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (49 of 2016) and under the National Trust for Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities Act, 1999 (44 of 1999) the employer shall not be required to pay employer's share of contribution up to a maximum period of three years from the date of commencement of the contribution period.

(3) The employer's share of contribution in respect of such employees and for such period under sub-rule (2) shall be reimbursed to the Corporation by the Central Government.

21. Type of administrative expenses and percentage of income which may be spent on expenses and the limits for such expenses under section 30.- (1) The expenditure incurred by the Corporation on the following items shall be termed as administrative expenses under section 30 of the Code, namely:

- (a) payment of fees and allowances to members of the Corporation, the Standing Committee and the Medical Benefit Committee and other committees of the Corporation;

- (b) payment of salaries, leave and joining time allowances, travelling and compensatory and other allowances, bonus, gratuities and compassionate allowances, pension, contributions to the Provident or other benefit funds and training related expenses of officers and employees of the Corporation;
- (c) defraying expenses on depreciation and maintenance of staff cars, office buildings, staff quarters, hiring of accommodation, purchase of furniture, office equipment, stationery, printing and other expenditure in respect of offices of the Corporation;
- (d) defraying expenses towards membership subscription to International Organisation, and other services for the purposes of giving effect to the provisions of the Chapter IV of the Code;
- (e) defraying the cost (including all expenses) of the auditing accounts of the Corporation and of the valuation of its assets and liabilities;
- (f) defraying the cost (including all expenses) of the Employees' State Insurance Courts set up under the Code;
- (g) payment of any sums under any contract entered into for the purposes of the Code by the Corporation or the Standing Committee or by any officer duly authorised by the Corporation or the Standing Committee in that behalf;
- (h) payment of sums under any decree, order or award of any Court or Tribunal against the Corporation or any of its Officers or servants for any act done in the execution of his duty or under a compromise or settlement of any suit or other legal proceedings or claim instituted or made against the Corporation;
- (i) defraying the cost and other charges of instituting or defending any civil or criminal proceedings arising out of any action taken under the Code;
- (j) defraying the expenditure in connection with publicity, of the E.S.I. Scheme I including printing of publicity materials courses relevant to the purposes of the Code; and
- (k) defraying the expenditure on conducting evaluation studies on various aspects of functioning of the E.S.I. Scheme.

(2) The percentage of the total revenue income of the Corporation which may be spent every year on its administrative expenses shall not exceed fifteen per cent.

Explanation: - For the purpose of this rule the expression "ESI Scheme" means the Scheme maintained by the Corporation incorporated therein Rules, Regulations, Notifications and the Administrative instructions issued by the Corporation.

22. Limit for the amount of payment under the proviso to clause (f) of sub-section (1) of section 32.- The amount of funeral expenses for the purpose of proviso to clause (f) of sub-section (1) of section 32 of the Code shall be as notified by the Corporation.

23. The qualifications of a person to claim benefits, conditions, rate and period thereof under sub-section (3) of section 32 and rates, periods and conditions for payment of dependants' benefit under sub-section (1) and to other dependants under sub-section (2), of section 38.- (1) Sickness Benefit—

(a) Subject to the provisions of the Code and the Regulations, a person shall be qualified to claim sickness benefit for sickness occurring during any benefit period if the contributions in respect of him were payable for not less than seventy-eight days in the corresponding contribution period and shall be entitled to receive such benefit at the rate of seventy per cent of the “Standard Benefit Rate” of that person during the corresponding contribution period rounded to the next higher rupee:

Provided that in case of a person who becomes an employee within the meaning of the Chapter IV of the Code for the first time and for whom a shorter contribution period of less than 156 days is available, he shall be qualified to claim sickness benefit if the contribution in respect of him were payable for not less than half the number of days available for working in such contribution period:

Provided further that in case of an Insured woman in receipt of maternity benefit or an Insured Person in receipt of temporary disablement benefit and due to this a shorter contribution period is available to her/ him, she/ he shall be qualified to claim sickness benefit in the corresponding benefit period if the contribution in her/ his respect were paid or payable for not less than half the number of days available for working in such shorter contribution period:

Provided also that he shall not be entitled to the benefits for the first two days of sickness except in the case of a spell of sickness following, at an interval of not more than fifteen days, the spell of sickness for which sickness benefits were last paid:

Provided that sickness benefits shall not be paid to any person for more than ninety-one days in any two consecutive benefit periods.

(b) (i) The sickness benefit may be extended if the person is diagnosed to be suffering from any one or more of the diseases specified in Regulations framed under the Code by the Corporation, provided that the Insured Person has completed four

contribution periods immediately preceding the beginning of the spell in which the disease is first diagnosed and has paid contribution for a period of 156 days in the four aforesaid contribution periods and he is eligible to claim sickness benefit at least in one of the aforesaid four contributory periods.

(ii) The extended sickness benefit shall be granted only if the Insured Person is otherwise entitled to extended sickness benefit as above but has exhausted the sickness benefit due to him under the fourth proviso of sub- rule (1) above or is ineligible to sickness benefit in terms of sub-rule (1) above.

(iii) The sickness benefit may be extended for a maximum period of 730 days including the Sickness benefit under fourth proviso of sub-rule (1), subject to the conditions as specified in the Regulations.

(iv) The daily rate of the extended Sickness Benefit shall be eighty per cent. of the “Standard Benefit Rate”.

(2) Maternity Benefit-

(a) An insured woman shall be qualified to claim maternity benefits for a confinement occurring or expected to occur in a benefit period, if the contributions in respect of her were payable for not less than seventy days in the immediately preceding two consecutive contribution period.

(b) Subject to the provisions of the Code and the Regulations, if any, an insured woman who is qualified to claim maternity benefits in accordance with clause (a) of sub-rule (2) shall be entitled to receive it at the daily rate specified in clause (e) of sub-rule (2) for all days on which she does not work for remuneration during a period of twenty six weeks of which not more than eight weeks shall precede the expected date of confinement:

Provided that where the insured woman dies during her delivery or during the period immediately following the date of her delivery for which she is entitled to maternity benefits, leaving behind child in either case, the maternity benefits shall be paid for the whole of that period but if the child also dies during the said period, then for the days up to and including the day of the death of the child, to the person nominated by the insured woman, in such manner as may be specified in the Regulations, and if there is no such nominee, to her legal representative.

Provided further that the insured woman shall be entitled to twelve weeks of maternity benefit from the date the child is handed over to the commissioning mother after birth or adopting mother, as the case may be:

Provided also that the insured woman having two or more than two surviving children shall be entitled to receive maternity benefits during a period of twelve weeks of which not more than six weeks shall precede the expected date of confinement.

(c) An insured woman who is qualified to claim maternity benefits in accordance with clause (a) of sub-rule (2) shall, in case of miscarriage or medical termination of pregnancy, be entitled, on production of such proof, as may be required under the Regulations, to maternity benefits at the rates specified in clause (e) of sub-rule (2), for all days on which she does not work for remuneration during a period of six weeks immediately following the date of her miscarriage or medical termination of pregnancy.

(d) An insured woman who is qualified to claim maternity benefits in accordance with clause (a) of sub-rule (2) in case of sickness arising out of pregnancy, confinement, premature birth of child or miscarriage or medical termination of pregnancy shall, on production of such proof as may be required under the Regulations, be entitled, in addition to the maternity benefits payable to her under any other provisions of the Code, for all days on which she does not work for remuneration to maternity benefits at the rates specified in the clause (e) of sub-rule (2) for all days on which she does not work for remuneration during an additional period not exceeding one month.

(e) The daily rate of maternity benefit payable in respect of confinement occurring or expected to occur during any benefit period shall be equal to the standard benefit rate in respect of the insured woman during the corresponding contribution period, rounded to the next higher rupee.

(3) Confinement Expenses. - An insured woman and an Insured Person in respect of his wife shall be paid a sum of rupees seven thousand five hundred per case as medical bonus on account of confinement expenses:

Provided that the confinement occurs at a place where necessary medical facilities under the Employees' State Insurance Scheme are not available:

Provided further that confinement expenses shall be paid for two confinements only.

(4) Disablement benefits-

(a) A person shall be qualified to claim disablement benefits for temporary disablement for not less than three days (excluding the day of accident) for the period of such disablement sustained as an employee under the Code.

(b) A person shall be qualified to claim periodical payment for permanent disablement sustained as an employee under the Code whether total or partial, for such disablement:

Provided that where permanent disablement, whether total or partial, has been assessed provisionally for a limited period or finally, the benefit provided under sub-rule (4) shall be payable for that limited period, or as the case may be, for life.

- (c) The daily rate of disablement benefit shall be ninety per cent. of the standard benefit rate in the contribution period corresponding to the benefit period in which the employment injury occurs, rounded to the next higher rupee:

Provided that where an employment injury occurs before the commencement of the first benefit period in respect of a person, the daily rate of disablement benefit shall be —

- (i) where a person sustains employment injury after the expiry of the first wage period in the contribution period in which the injury occurs, ninety per cent. of his average daily wages in that wage period, rounded to the next higher rupee ;
- (ii) where a person sustains employment injury before the expiry of the first wage period in the contribution period in which the injury occurs, ninety per cent. of his wages actually earned or which would have been earned, had he worked for a full day on the date of accident, rounded to the next higher rupee.

Explanation. — The disablement benefit calculated as aforesaid shall be called the “full rate”.

- (d) The disablement benefits shall be payable to the Insured Person as follows:
- (i) for temporary disablement, at the full rate;
 - (ii) for permanent total disablement, at the full rate;
 - (iii) for permanent partial disablement resulting from an injury specified, in Part II of the Fourth Schedule, at such percentage of the full rate which would have been payable in the case of permanent total disablement, as specified in the said Schedule as being the percentage of the loss of earning capacity caused by the injury;
 - (iv) for permanent partial disablement resulting from an injury not specified in Part II of the Fourth Schedule, at such percentage of the full rate payable in the case of permanent total disablement as is proportionate to the loss of earning capacity permanently caused by the injury.

Explanation. — Where more injuries than one are caused by the same accident, the rate of benefit payable sub- clauses (iii) and (iv) shall be aggregated but not so in any case as to

exceed the full rate and in cases of disablement not covered by sub-clauses (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv) at such rate, not exceeding the full rate, as may be provided in the Regulations.

(5) Dependant's Benefits—

(a) Dependant's benefit shall be paid to the dependants of the Insured Person who dies as a result of an employment injury, in the following manner:

(b) In the case of death of the Insured Person, the dependants' benefit shall be payable to his widow, children and widowed mother as follows:

- (i) to the widow during life until remarriage, an amount equivalent to three-fifths of the full rate and, if there are two or more widows, the amount payable to the widow as aforesaid shall be divided equally between the widows;
- (ii) to each legitimate or adopted son, an amount equivalent to two-fifths of the full rate until he attains the age of twenty-five years:

Provided that in the case of a legitimate or adopted son who is infirm and who is wholly dependent on the earnings of the Insured Person at the time of his death, dependants' benefits shall continue to be paid while the infirmity lasts;

- (iii) to each legitimate or adopted unmarried daughter, an amount equivalent to two-fifths or the full rate:

Provided that in the case of legitimate or adopted daughter who is infirm and is wholly dependent on the earnings of the Insured Person at the time of his death, dependants' benefit shall continue to be paid while the infirmity lasts:

Provided further that if the total of the dependants' benefits distributed among the widow or widows and legitimate or adopted children and widowed mother of the deceased person as aforesaid exceeds at any time the full rate, the share of each of the dependants shall be proportionately reduced, so that the total amount payable to them does not exceed the amount of disablement benefits at the full rate.

- (iv) to the widowed mother during life an amount equivalent to two-fifths of the full rate.

(c) In case the deceased person does not leave widow or legitimate or adopted child or widowed mother dependants' benefits shall be payable to other dependants as follows:

- (i) to widower, for life, an amount equivalent to three-tenths of the full rate;

- (ii) to a parent other than the widowed mother or grandparent, for life, at an amount equivalent to three-tenths of the full rate and if there are two or more parents (other than widowed mother) or grandparents the amount payable to the parents (other than widowed mother) or grandparents as aforesaid shall be equally divided between them;
- (iii) to any other —
 - I. male dependant, until he attains the age of eighteen years,
 - II. female dependant, until she attains the age of eighteen years or until marriage, whichever is earlier or if widowed, until she attains eighteen years of age or re-marriage, whichever is earlier at an amount equivalent to two-tenths of the full rate:

Provided that if there be more than one dependant under sub-clause (iii) the amount payable under this sub- rule shall be equally divided between them.

- (d) The daily rate of dependant's benefit shall be ninety per cent. of the standard benefit rate in the contribution period corresponding to the benefit period in which the employment injury occurs:

Provided that where an employment injury occurs before the commencement of the first benefit period in respect of a person, the daily rate of dependants' benefit shall be

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- (i) where a person sustains employment injury after the expiry of the first wage period in the contribution period in which the injury occurs, ninety per cent. of his average daily wages during that wage period, rounded to the next higher rupee;
- (ii) where a person sustains employment injury before the expiry of the first wage period in the contribution period in which the injury occurs, ninety per cent. of wages actually earned or which would have been earned had he worked for a full day on the date of accident, rounded to the next higher rupee:

Provided that the minimum total amount of the periodical monthly payment of dependents' benefit payable to all eligible dependents of a deceased employee, shall be as notified by the Corporation.

24. Limits within which the Corporation may incur expenditure from the Employees' State Insurance Fund under section 33.- For the promotion of measures for the improvement

of the health and the welfare of Insured Persons and for the rehabilitation and re-employment of Insured Persons who have been disabled or injured, the Corporation may incur an expenditure up to a limit of rupees one thousand crore per year or as may be specified by the Central Government from time to time from the Employees' State Insurance Fund.

25. Manner and time within which the Insured person or the Corporation may file appeal against decision of Medical Board under clause (a) of sub-section (7) of section 37.-

(1) If the Insured Person or the Corporation is not satisfied with the decision of the medical board, the Insured Person or the Corporation may appeal against such decision to the Medical Appeal Tribunal referred to in sub-section (7) of section 37 by presenting an application within ninety days from the date of communication of the said decision to the Insured Person or the Corporation, as the case may be:

Provided that the Medical Appeal Tribunal may entertain an application after the period of ninety days, if it is satisfied that the appellant had sufficient reasons for not presenting the application within the said period.

(2) The application, referred to in sub-rule (1), shall be in such form as may be specified in the Regulation.

(3) The application may be sent to the Chairperson of the Medical Appeal Tribunal by registered post or may be presented personally.

26. Manner and time within which second appeal may be filed to the Employees' Insurance Court by the Insured Person or the Corporation under clause (b) of sub-section (7) of section 37.-

(1) The Insured Person or the Corporation may appeal to the Employees' Insurance Court by presenting an application within ninety days of the date of communication of the decision of the Medical Board or of the Medical Appeal Tribunal to the Insured Person or the Corporation, as the case may be:

Provided that the Employees' Insurance Court may entertain an application after the period of ninety days, if it is satisfied that the appellant had sufficient reasons for not presenting the application within the said period.

(2) The Rules made by the UT of Lakshadweep Administration in respect of the form and manner to be followed in presenting applications to the Employees' Insurance Court, shall be applicable to the applications presented under this Rule.

27. Qualification of an Insured Person and his family to claim medical benefit and the conditions subject to which such benefit may be given and the scale and period thereof, under sub-section (3) of section 39, and the payment of contribution and other conditions under the third proviso thereof.-

(1) A person shall be entitled to medical benefit during any period for which contributions are paid or payable in respect of him or in which he is qualified to claim sickness benefit or maternity benefit

(2) A person who is in receipt of disablement benefit shall be entitled to medical benefit while he is in receipt of such benefit:

Provided that after the disablement has been declared as permanent disablement, the person shall not be entitled to medical benefit, if he is not otherwise entitled to such benefit, except in respect of any medical treatment which may be rendered necessary on account of the employment injury from which the disablement resulted.

(3) A person on becoming an Insured Person for the first time shall be entitled to medical benefit for a period of 3 months provided that where such a person continues for 3 months or more to be an employee of an establishment to which the Chapter IV of the Code applies, he shall be entitled to medical benefit till the beginning of the corresponding benefit period.

(4) The person in respect of whom contributions have been paid in a contribution period for not less than seventy- eight days in the said contribution period shall be entitled to medical benefit till the end of the corresponding benefit period:

Provided that in case of a person who becomes an employee within the meaning of the Code, for the first time, and for whom a shorter contributory period of less than 156 days is available, he shall be entitled to medical benefit till the end of the corresponding benefit period if the contributions in respect of him were payable for not less than half the number of days available for working in such contribution period.

(5) When a person qualifies for extension of sickness benefit as per provision of clause (b) of sub-rule(1) of rule 23 and Regulations made on the subject he shall be entitled to medical benefit till the end of the relevant extended benefit period.

(6) An Insured Person, whose title to medical benefit has ceased under this rule, shall again be entitled to medical benefit from the date of his re-employment as an employee under the Chapter IV of the Code by an establishment to which the Code applies immediately on registration on specified portal. Such an Insured Person shall, unless he is covered by sub-rule (4) or (5), be entitled to medical benefit till the commencement of the benefit period corresponding to the contribution period in which he is re-employed.

(7) The family of an Insured Person shall become entitled to medical benefit from such date as may be specified in the notification and shall continue to be so entitled so long as the Insured Person is entitled to receive medical benefit for himself, or in the case of death of the Insured Person till such date up to which the Insured Person would have remained entitled to medical care, had he survived.

(8) An Insured Person and his family shall be entitled to receive medical benefit only of such kind and on such scale as may be provided by the UT of Lakshadweep Administration or by the Corporation, as the case may be, and an Insured Person or his family shall not have a right to claim any medical treatment except such as is provided by the dispensary, hospital, clinic or other institution to which he or his family is allotted, or as may be provided by the Regulations.

(9) Nothing in the Code shall entitle an Insured Person and his family to claim reimbursement from the Corporation of any expenses incurred in respect of any medical treatment, except as may be provided by the Regulations.

(10) An Insured Person who ceases to be in an insurable employment on account of permanent disablement caused due to an employment injury shall be eligible to receive medical benefits for himself and his spouse at the scale prescribed under sub-rule (8) and the Regulations made thereunder, subject to: —

- (i) The production of proof by such an Insured Person that he ceased to be in an insurable employment on account of permanent disablement due to employment injury to the satisfaction of such officer in such manner as may be authorised by the Corporation; and
- (ii) the payment of contribution at the rate of fifty rupees per month in lump sum for one year at a time in advance to the concerned office of the Corporation in the manner prescribed by it.

28. Structure, functions, powers and activities of the organisation for providing certain benefits to employees in case of sickness, maternity and employment injury, under sub-section (6) of section 40.-

(1) The UT of Lakshadweep Administration may establish such Organisation as an Employees' State Insurance Society, which shall serve as a managerial and health care body, in terms of sub-section (5) of section 40 of the Code.

(2) The Society shall consist of the Governing Body, the Executive Committee, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and the Secretariat.

(3) The Society shall be registered under the UT of Lakshadweep specific Societies Registration Act and the UT of Lakshadweep specific Public Trust Act.

(4) Constitution of the Governing Body of the Society: - The Governing Body shall consist of following Members:-

- (i) Advisor of the UT of Lakshadweep as Chairperson;
- (ii) Secretary (Labour) as vice-Chairperson;
- (iii) Secretary (Health) as member;
- (iv) Secretary (Finance);
- (v) Director, ESI Services of the UT of Lakshadweep as CEO-cum-Member Secretary;
- (vi) Corporation's Nominee as member;
- (vii) Three Employers' Representative to be nominated by the Corporation as member;
- (viii) Three Employees' representatives nominated by the Corporation as member;
- (ix) Regional Director, Employees' State Insurance Corporation as member;
- (x) Designated Medical Officer, ESIC as member.

(5) The management of the affairs of the Society shall be entrusted to the Governing Body and the property of the society shall be vested in the Governing Body and the society shall be responsible for repair and maintenance of the properties in the possession of the Society and vested in the Governing Body.

(6) The Society shall also have an Executive Committee which shall be for acting for and doing deeds on behalf of Governing Body. The Executive Committee shall consist of:-

- (i) Secretary (Labour) as the Chairperson;
- (ii) Secretary (Health) as Vice Chairperson;
- (iii) Secretary (Finance) as member,
- (iv) Director (Health) as member,
- (v) Regional Director of ESIC as member;
- (vi) Designated Medical Officer of ESIC as member;
- (vii) one Employer Representative as member;
- (viii) one Employee Representative as member.
- (ix) The Director, State ESI Directorate shall be the CEO-cum-Member Secretary of the Executive Committee.

- (7) One third or at least three, whichever is higher of the filled in posts of the members of the Governing Body or the Executive Committee, shall form the quorum for their meeting. Every matter coming up for decision before a meeting of the Governing Body or the Executive Committee, as the case may be, shall be decided by the majority of persons present and voting at the time of meeting and in case of equality of votes, the Chairman of the meeting shall have an additional casting vote.
- (8) The Governing Body shall hold meeting at least twice a year and the Executive Committee shall hold meeting at least every three months. The Chairman, or in his absence, the Vice Chairman of the Governing Body or the Executive Committee, as the case may be, shall preside at the meeting.
- (9) The Society shall establish a Secretariat which shall be responsible for day to day management of the Society's activities.
- (10) The Chief Executive Officer may be authorized by the Governing Body to execute such contracts on behalf of the Society as it may deem fit in the conduct of the business of the Society, subject to the UT of Lakshadweep Administration norms.
- (11) The Society shall submit its budget by 10th December of each year. The accounts of the Society shall be audited annually by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India.
- (12) The financial year of the Society shall be from 1st April to 31st March.
- (13) The financial statement for the year ending 31st March shall be prepared by 31st May of the year. An Annual Report along with Annual Accounts shall be submitted to the Corporation within six months of the closure of financial year.
- (14) It shall have a bank account and the name of the Society to be opened in a Nationalised Bank. The Society shall be entitled to receive grants, donations, contributions, subscription, bequests, fees, loan or contingency in cash or kind, either in Indian or foreign currency, subject to the approval of Governing Body.
- (15) The tenure of non-official members shall be two years. No non-official member shall be entitled to more than two terms as a member of the Society.
- (16) The Society may sue or be sued in the name of Chief Executive Officer of the Society or of such other members as shall, in reference to the matter concerned, be appointed by the Governing Body for the occasion.
- (17) The Society shall engage employees on deemed deputation from the UT of Lakshadweep Administration or Public Sector Undertaking or Central Government or Corporation and their pensionary liabilities, if any, shall rest with respective appointing authorities.

(18) The Society shall carry out any other activity as may be prescribed by the Central Government or as may be specified by the Corporation.

29. Extended period for insurance, the manner of satisfaction and the manner of calculation of capitalised value of benefit payable to the employee under sub-section (1) of section 42.- The capitalized value of the permanent disablement benefit and dependent benefit shall be calculated by multiplying the daily rate of benefit with the multiplication factor based on age of the insured person provided in the Regulations.

30. Terms and conditions subject to which the Scheme for other beneficiaries may be operated under section 44.- The terms and conditions for providing benefit under the scheme for other beneficiaries under Section 44 of the Code and user charges shall be as approved by the Corporation from time to time.

31. Manner of commencement of proceedings before the Employees' Insurance Court, fees and procedure thereof under sub-section (1) of section 51.- (1) The proceeding before an Employees' Insurance Court shall be commenced by application by the Corporation, Aggrieved person or the employer of an establishment as the case may be.

(2) Subject to the provisions of Chapter IV of the Code and any rules made by the UT of Lakshadweep Administration, all proceedings before the Employees' Insurance Court shall be instituted in the Court appointed for the local area in which the insured person was working at the time the question or dispute arose.

(3) If the Court is satisfied that any matter arising out of any proceedings pending before it can be more conveniently dealt with by any other Employees' Insurance Court in the same Lakshadweep, it may, subject to any rules made by the UT of Lakshadweep Administration in this behalf, order such matter to be transferred to such other Court for disposal and shall forthwith transmit to such other Court the records connected with that matter.

(4) The UT of Lakshadweep Administration may transfer any matter pending before any Employees' Insurance Court in the UT to any such Court in another State / UT

(5) The Court to which any matter is transferred under sub-rule (3) or sub-rule (4) shall continue the proceedings as if they had been originally instituted in it.

32. Rules under clause (zv) of sub-section (2) of section 155: (1) Bank or banks for depositing the Fund - All moneys accruing or payable to the Fund shall be received by such

officers of the Corporation as may be authorised by it in this behalf. The amount so received shall as soon as practicable be acknowledged by a receipt electronically or otherwise in such form as may be specified in the Regulations and deposited in the Reserve Bank of India or Banks approved by the Central Government to the account of fund;

Provided that such bank or banks for depositing the fund shall be a nationalized bank or any scheduled bank authorised for Government agency business.

Explanation. — (a) “Nationalised Bank” means a corresponding new bank specified in the First Schedule to the Banking Companies (Acquisition and Transfer of Undertakings) Act, 1970 (5 of 1970) or a corresponding new bank specified in the First Schedule to the Banking Companies (Acquisition and Transfer of Undertakings) Act, 1980 (40 of 1980);

(b) “scheduled bank” means a scheduled bank referred to in section 42 and specified in the Second Schedule to the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934 (2 of 1934);

(c) “authorised bank for Government agency business” means banks notified by the Department of Expenditure in the Ministry of Finance vide Office Memorandum number S-11021/1(20)/Rly/2008/RBD/2018, dated 7th December, 2016, as amended from time to time.”

(2) Procedure for crediting moneys to the Banks—

(a) All moneys accruing or payable to the Corporation shall be credited to the approved bank or banks and not utilised directly for any purpose.

(b) The bank or banks shall be required at the end of every calendar month to furnish to the Corporation or such officer as may be authorised by it in this behalf, a statement of the amounts deposited in and withdrawn from the Fund during the month. These statements shall be examined by the Director General before the expiry of a period of two months following the period to whom the statement relate.

(3) Manner of payment out of the Fund—

(a) The accounts of the Fund shall be operated on by such officers as may be authorised by the Standing Committee, with the approval of the Corporation.

(b) No payment shall be made by the bank or banks out of the Fund except on a cheque signed by such officers as may be authorised under clause (a).

(c) Any payment in excess of one thousand rupees shall be made electronically or by means of a cheque signed as aforesaid and not in any other way unless specifically authorised by the Standing Committee.

(d) No payment shall be made out of the Fund unless the expenditure is covered by a current budget grant:

Provided that in the absence of a current budget grant, the Corporation may authorise payments either generally or for any particular case:

Provided further that the payment of benefits to Insured Persons under the provisions of the Code and of the pay and allowances of duly sanctioned posts shall not be withheld for want of a sanctioned budget grant.

(4) Circumstances in which cheques may be drawn. -Before any person authorised under sub-rule (3) signs a cheque or authorises an electronic payment, he shall satisfy himself that the sum for which the cheque is drawn is —

- (i) required for a purpose or work specifically sanctioned by the proper authority and covered by a current budget grant; and
- (ii) required for any payment referred to and specified under section 26 of the Code:

Provided that in the absence of a current budget grant, the Corporation may authorise payments either generally or for any particular case:

Provided further that the payment of benefits to Insured Persons under the provisions of the Code and of the pay and allowances of duly sanctioned posts shall not be withheld for want of a sanctioned budget grant.

(5) Preparation and submission of annual budget estimates-

(a) The budget estimates of the Corporation for each financial year beginning on the first of April and ending on the thirty-first of March next shall be prepared by the Financial Commissioner in such form as the Central Government may, from time to time, direct and shall be submitted with his recommendations by the Director General to the Standing Committee for approval at a meeting of the Standing Committee to be held before the first of February of the preceding year.

(b) A copy of the budget estimates shall be sent to each member of the Standing Committee and of the Corporation at least seven clear days before the meeting of the Standing Committee or the Corporation at which these estimates are to be considered.

(c) The Standing Committee shall consider and approve the budget estimates with such changes as it may consider necessary.

(d) The budget estimates as approved by the Standing Committee shall be placed before a meeting of the Corporation to be held before the twentieth of February of the preceding year.

- (e) The budget estimates as passed by the Corporation shall be authenticated by affixing the common seal of the Corporation and shall be submitted to the Central Government under section 117, not later than the first of March next following.
 - (f) It shall be open to the Central Government to make such alterations in the budget estimates as may be considered necessary before according approval.
 - (g) The budget estimates as finally adopted by the Corporation and as approved by the Central Government shall be placed before the Parliament by the administrative ministry concerned in the month of March preceding the financial year to which the estimates relate and shall be published in the Official Gazette.
- (6) Supplementary estimates-The Standing Committee may cause a supplementary estimate to be prepared and submitted to the Corporation if in respect of any financial year further expenditure is likely to be incurred. Every such supplementary estimate shall be considered and sanctioned by the Corporation and submitted to the Central Government in the same manner as if it were an original annual estimate, not later than the fifteenth of February of the financial year to which it relates. The provisions of sub-rule (5) shall, so far as may be, apply to such supplementary estimate.
- (7) Re-appropriation—
- (a) If the Director General finds in the course of the year that there is likely to be an excess of expenditure over the sanctioned budget estimate under any head, he shall examine the allotment under each head of the budget estimate with the object of discovering probable savings under any other head and effecting a re- appropriation. Where such re-appropriation is feasible, he may sanction the re-appropriation subject to such conditions as may be laid down by the Central Government from time to time.
 - (b) Funds shall not be re-appropriated to meet expenditure on a new service not contemplated in the budget estimates except with the prior approval of the Central Government.
 - (c) No re-appropriation shall be permitted between the grant sanctioned for administrative expenses, two-thirds of which shall be met by the Central Government, and a grant sanctioned for any other expenditure.

CHAPTER - V

GRATUITY

33. Bank or other financial institution in which the gratuity shall be invested for the benefit of minor under the third proviso to sub-section (1) of section 53.- In the case of nominee, or an heir, who is minor, the competent authority shall invest the gratuity amount deposited with him for the benefit of such minor in term deposit with the State Bank of India or Nationalised Bank.

Explanation.- "Nationalised Bank" means a corresponding new bank specified in the First Schedule to the Banking Companies (Acquisition and Transfer of Undertakings) Act, 1970 (5 of 1970) or a corresponding new bank specified in the First Schedule of the Banking Companies (Acquisition and Transfer of Undertakings) Act, 1980 (40 of 1980).]

34. Time, form and manner of nomination by an employee under sub-section (1), the time to make fresh nomination under sub-section (4), the form and manner of modification of a nomination under sub-section (5) and the form for fresh nomination under sub-section (6) of section 55.- (1) A nomination shall be in Form-III and submitted in duplicate by the employee either by personal service, after taking proper receipt or by registered post acknowledgement due or electronically to the employer,

- (i) in the case of an employee who is already in employment for a year or more on the date of commencement of these rules but not submitted the nomination, ordinarily, within ninety days from such date; and
- (ii) in the case of an employee who completes one year of service after the date of commencement of these rules, ordinarily within thirty days of the completion of one year of service:

Provided that nomination in Form-III shall be accepted by the employer after the specified period, if filed and no nomination so accepted shall be invalid merely because it was filed after the specified period.

(2) Within thirty days of the receipt of nomination in Form-III under sub-rule (1), the employer shall get the service particulars of the employee, as mentioned in the form of nomination, verified with reference to the records of the establishment and return to the employee, after obtaining a receipt thereof, the duplicate copy of the nomination in Form-III duly attested either by the employer or an officer authorised in this behalf by him, as a token

of recording of the nomination by the employer and the other copy of the nomination shall be recorded.

(3) An employee who has no family at the time of making a nomination shall, within ninety days of acquiring a family submit in the manner specified in sub-rule (1), a fresh nomination, as required under sub-section (4) of section 55, duplicate in Form-III to the employer and thereafter the provisions of sub-rule (2) shall apply mutatis mutandis as if it was made under sub-rule (1).

(4) A notice of modification of a nomination, including cases where a nominee predeceases an employee, shall be submitted in duplicate in Form-III to the employer in the manner specified in sub-rule (1), and thereafter the provisions of sub-rule (2) shall apply mutatis mutandis.

(5) A nomination or a fresh nomination or a notice of modification of nomination shall be, signed by the employee or, if illiterate, shall bear his thumb impression and shall be submitted by the employee electronically or by registered post acknowledgement due.

(6) A nomination, fresh nomination or notice of modification of nomination shall take effect from the date of receipt thereof by the employer.

35. Time within which and the form in which a written application shall be made under sub-section (1) and the form of application to the competent authority under clause (b) of sub-section (5) of section 56.- (1) Application for Gratuity:

(a) An employee who is eligible for payment of gratuity under the Code, or any person authorised, in writing, to act on his behalf, shall apply, ordinarily within thirty days from the date the gratuity became payable, in Form-IV to the employer:

Provided that where the date of superannuation or retirement of an employee is known, the employee may apply to the employer before thirty days of the date of superannuation or retirement:

Provided further that an employee on fixed term employment shall be eligible for gratuity, if he renders service under the contract for a period of one year and he shall be paid gratuity at the rate of fifteen days' wages, based on the rate of wages last drawn by him, for every completed year of service or part thereof in excess of six months.

(b) A nominee of an employee who is eligible for payment of gratuity under the second proviso to sub-section (1) of section 53 shall apply, ordinarily within thirty days from the date of gratuity became payable to him, in Form-IV to the employer:

Provided that an application in plain paper with relevant particulars shall also be accepted. The employer may obtain such other particulars as may be deemed necessary by him.

(c) A legal heir of an employee who is eligible for payment of gratuity under the second proviso to sub-section (1) of section 53 shall apply, ordinarily within one year from the date of gratuity became payable to him, in Form-IV to the employer.

(d) Where gratuity becomes payable under the Code before the commencement of these rules, the periods of limitation specified in clauses (a), (b) and (c) sub-rule (1) shall be deemed to be operative from the date of such commencement.

(e) An application for payment of gratuity filed after the expiry of the periods specified in this rule shall also be entertained by the employer, if the applicant adduces sufficient cause for the delay in preferring his claim, and no claim for gratuity under the Code shall be invalid merely because the claimant failed to present his application within the specified period. Any dispute in this regard shall be referred to the competent authority for his decision.

(f) An application under this rule shall be presented to the employer either by electronically or personal service or by registered post acknowledgement due.

(2) Notice for payment of gratuity:

(a) Within fifteen days of the receipt of an application under sub-rule (1) for payment of gratuity, the employer shall-

- (i) if the claim is found admissible on verification, issue a notice in Form-V to the applicant employee, nominee or legal heir, as the case may be, specifying the amount of gratuity payable and fixing a date, not being later than the thirtieth day after the date of receipt of the application, for payment thereof, or
- (ii) if the claim for gratuity is not found admissible, issue a notice in Form-V to the applicant employee, nominee or legal heir, as the case may be, specifying the reasons why the claim for gratuity is not considered admissible.

In the case of denial of gratuity a copy of the notice shall be endorsed to the competent authority.

(b) In case payment of gratuity is due to be made in the employer's office, the date fixed for the purpose in the notice in Form-V under sub-clause (i) of clause (a) sub-rule (2) shall be re-fixed by the employer, if a written application in this behalf is made by the

payee explaining why it is not possible for him to be present in person on the date specified.

c) If the claimant for gratuity is a nominee or a legal heir, the employer may ask for such witness or evidence as may be deemed relevant for establishing his identity or maintainability of his claim, as the case may be. In that case, the time limit specified for issuance of notices under clause (a) of sub-rule (2) shall be operative with effect from the date such witness or evidence, as the case may be, called for by the employer is furnished to the employer.

(d) A notice in Form-V shall be served on the applicant either by personal service after taking receipt or by registered post with acknowledgement due or electronically.

(e) A notice under sub-section (2) of section 56 shall be in Form-V.

(3) **Mode of payment of gratuity:** The gratuity payable under the Code shall be paid through Demand Draft or by crediting in the bank account of the eligible employee, nominee or legal heir, as the case may be:

Provided that intimation about the details of payment shall also be given by the employer to the competent authority of the area.

(4) Application to competent authority for direction under clause (b) of sub-section (5) of section 56:

(a) If an employer-

- (i) refuses to accept a nomination under rule 34 or to entertain an application sought to be filed under sub-rule (1), or
- (ii) issues a notice under clause (a) of sub-rule (2) either specifying an amount of gratuity which is considered by the applicant less than what is payable or rejecting eligibility to payment of gratuity, or
- (iii) having received an application under sub-rule (1) fails to issue notice as required under sub-rule (2) within the time specified therein, the claimant employee, nominee or legal heir, as the case may be, may, within one hundred eighty days of the occurrence of the cause for the application, apply in Form-VI to the competent authority for issuing a direction under sub-section (5) of section 56 with as many extra copies as are the opposite party:

Provided that the competent authority may accept any application under this sub-rule, on sufficient cause being shown by the applicant, after the expiry of the specified period.

(b) Application under clause (a) sub-rule (4) and other documents relevant to such an application shall be presented in person to the competent authority or shall be sent by registered post acknowledgement due or electronically.

(5) Procedure for dealing with application for direction:

(a) On receipt of an application under sub-rule (4) the competent authority shall, by issuing a notice in Form-VII, by electronically or registered post acknowledgment due or in person call upon the applicant as well as the employer to appear before him on a specified date, time and place, either by himself or through his authorised representative together with all relevant documents and witnesses, if any.

(b) Any person desiring to act on behalf of an employer or employee, nominee or legal heir, as the case may be, shall present to the competent authority a letter of authority from the employer or the person concerned, as the case may be on whose behalf he seeks to act together with a written statement explaining his interest in the matter and praying for permission so to act. The competent authority shall record thereon an order either according his approval or specifying, in the case of refusal to grant the permission prayed for, the reasons for the refusal.

(c) A party appearing by an authorised representative shall be bound by the acts of the representative.

(d) After completion of hearing on the date fixed under clause (a), or after such further evidence, examination of documents, witnesses, hearing and inquiry, as may be deemed necessary, the competent authority shall record his finding as to whether any amount is payable to the applicant under the Code. A copy of the finding shall be given to each of the parties.

(e) If the employer concerned fails to appear on the specified date of hearing after due service of notice without sufficient cause, the competent authority may proceed to hear and determine the application ex parte. If the applicant fails to appear on the specified date of hearing without sufficient cause, the competent authority may dismiss the application:

Provided that an order under clause (e) of sub-rule (5) may, on good cause being shown within thirty days of the said order, be reviewed and the application re-heard after giving not less than fourteen days' notice to the opposite party of the date fixed for rehearing of the application.

- (6) Place and time of hearing. - The sittings of the competent authority shall be held at such times and at such places as he may fix and he shall inform the parties of the same in such manner as he thinks fit.
- (7) Administration of oath. - The competent authority may authorise a clerk of his office to administer oaths for the purpose of making affidavits.
- (8) Summoning and attendance of witnesses.- The competent authority may, at any stage of the proceedings before him, either upon or without an application by any of the parties involved in the proceedings before him, and on such terms as may appear to the competent authority just, issue summons to any person in Form-VII either to give evidence or to produce documents or for both purposes on a specified date, time and place.
- (9) Service of summons or notice. –
- (a) Subject to the provisions of clause (b) any notice, summons, process or order issued by the competent authority may be served either personally or by registered post acknowledgement due or electronically or in any other manner as prescribed under the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 (5 of 1908).
 - (b) Where there are numerous persons as parties to any proceeding before the competent authority and such persons are members of any trade union or association or are represented by an authorised person, the service of notice on the Secretary, or where there is no Secretary, on the principal officer of the trade union or association, or on the authorised person shall be deemed to be service on such persons.
- (10) Maintenance of records of cases by the competent authority. –
- (a) The competent authority shall record the particulars of each case under section 56 and at the time of passing orders shall sign and date the particulars so recorded.
 - (b) The competent authority shall, while passing orders in each case, also record the findings on the merits of the case and file it together with the memoranda of evidence with the order sheet.
 - (c) Any record, other than a record of any order or direction, which is required by these rules to be signed by the competent authority, may be signed on behalf of and under the direction of the competent authority by any subordinate officer appointed in writing for this purpose by the competent authority.
- (11) Direction for payment of gratuity: If a finding is recorded under clause (d) of sub-rule (5) that the applicant is entitled to payment of gratuity under the Code, the competent authority shall issue a notice to the employer concerned in Form-VIII electronically or registered post acknowledgement due or in person specifying the amount payable and directing payment thereof

to the applicant under intimation to the competent authority within thirty days from the date of the receipt of the notice by the employer. A copy of the notice shall be endorsed to the applicant employee, nominee or legal heir, as the case may be.

(12) Appeal. –

(a) The Memorandum of appeal under sub-section (8) of section 56 of the Code shall be submitted to the appellate authority with a copy thereof to the opposite party and the competent authority either through delivery in person or under registered post acknowledgement due or electronically.

(b) The Memorandum of appeal shall contain the facts of the case, the decision of the competent authority, the grounds of appeal and the relief sought.

(c) There shall be appended to the Memorandum of appeal a certified copy of the finding of the competent authority and direction for payment of gratuity.

(d) On receipt of the copy of Memorandum of appeal, the competent authority shall forward records of the case to the appellate authority.

(e) Within fourteen days of the receipt of the copy of the Memorandum of appeal, the opposite party shall submit his comments of each paragraph of the memorandum with additional pleas, if any, to the appellate authority with a copy to the appellant.

(f) The appellate authority shall record its decision after giving the parties to the appeal a reasonable opportunity of being heard. A copy of the decision shall be given to the parties to the appeal by electronically or registered post or in person and a copy thereof shall be sent to the competent authority returning his records of the case.

(g) The competent authority shall, on receipt of the decision of the appellate authority, make necessary entry in the records of the case maintained by him.

(h) On receipt of the decision of the appellate authority, the competent authority shall, if required under that decision, modify his direction for payment of gratuity and issue a notice to the employer concerned in Form-VIII specifying the modified amount payable and directing payment thereof to the applicant, under intimation to the competent authority within fifteen days of the receipt of the notice by the employer. A copy of the notice be endorsed to the appellant employee, nominee or legal heir, as the case may be, and to the appellate authority.

(13) Application for recovery of gratuity.- Where an employer fails to pay the gratuity due under the Code in accordance with the notice by the competent authority under sub-rule (11) or sub-rule (12) , as the case may be, the employee concerned, his nominee or legal heir, as the

case may be, to whom the gratuity is payable may apply to the competent authority in duplicate in Form IX for recovery thereof under section 129 of the Code.

36. Qualifications and experience of the officer appointed as the competent authority under sub-section (1) of section 58.- The competent authority shall be appointed by the UT Administration by notification.

CHAPTER VI MATERNITY BENEFIT

37. Form of notice under sub-section (1) and the proof of pregnancy and proof of delivery under sub-section (5) of section 62 and proof of miscarriage or medical termination of pregnancy under sub-section (1), the proof of tubectomy operation under sub-section (2) and the proof of illness under sub-section (3) of section 65.- (1) Proof.—

(a) The fact that a woman is pregnant or has been delivered of a child or has undergone miscarriage or medical termination of pregnancy or tubectomy operation or is suffering from illness arising out of pregnancy, delivery, premature birth of a child or miscarriage or medical termination of pregnancy or tubectomy operation shall be proved by the production of a certificate in Form-X:

- (i) from a Medical Officer of a regional hospital or a dispensary set up under the Coal Mines Welfare Organisation; or
- (ii) where there is a Mines Board of Health within whose jurisdiction is situated, from the Medical Officer of that Board; or
- (iii) from a Registered Medical Practitioner.

b) The fact that a woman has been confined may also be proved by the production of a certified extract from a birth register maintained under the provisions of any law for the time being in force or a certificate signed by a registered midwife.

(c) The fact that a woman has undergone miscarriage may also be proved by the production of a certificate signed by a registered midwife.

(d) The fact of death of a woman or a child may be proved by the production of a certificate to that effect in Form-X from any of the authorities referred to in sub-rule (a) or by the production of a certified extract from a death register maintained under the provisions of any law for the time being in force.

(2) Payment of maternity and other benefit. —

(a) A woman employed in a establishment and entitled to maternity benefit shall give notice to her employer in Form-XI and the employer shall make payment of the maternity benefit and any other amount due under the Code to the woman concerned, or, in case of her death before receiving such maternity benefit or amount, or where the employer is liable for maternity benefit under the second proviso to sub- section (3) of section 60, to the person nominated by the woman in her notice in Form-XI and in case there is no such nominee to her legal representative.

(b) In case of doubt, the maternity benefit or other amount due to a woman employed in an establishment shall be deposited by the employer, within two months of the date of death of the woman concerned with the Competent Authority, who shall, after making necessary enquiries, pay it to the person who, in his opinion, is entitled to receive it.

(c) Whenever the payment referred to in sub-rule (a) is made, a receipt shall be obtained by the employer in Form-XI from the person to whom the payment is made. In cases falling under sub-rule (b), a receipt shall be given to the employer by the Competent Authority.

(d) The medical bonus shall be paid along with the second instalment of the maternity benefit.

(e) The maternity benefit or any other amount payable under section 63 shall be paid within two months of the date of death of the woman entitled to receive such benefit or amount.

(f) The wages payable under section 65 shall be paid to the woman entitled to receive such wages within forty-eight hours of production of the certificate in Form-X by her.

38. Duration of nursing breaks under section 66.- Each of the two breaks mentioned in section 66 shall be of 15 minutes' duration. An extra sufficient period, depending upon the distance to be covered, shall be allowed for the purpose of journey to and from the creche or the place where the children are left by women while on duty, provided that such extra period shall not be of less than 5 minutes and more than 15 minutes' duration. If any dispute arises regarding such extra period, the matter shall be referred to the Competent Authority for decision.

39. Number of employees and distance for crèche facility under sub-section (1) of section 67.- (1) in every establishment where fifty or more women employees are ordinarily employed, there shall be provided and maintained a creche for the use of children under the age of six years of such women.

(2) Such creche shall provide adequate accommodation with lighting, ventilation and shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition. The crèche shall be under the charge of women trained in the care of children and infants.

(3) The crèche facility shall be located within the establishment or at an appropriate distance from the establishment such that it is easily accessible to the women employees including a woman employee working from home.

40. Gross misconduct under the second proviso to sub-section (1) of section 68.- (1)

The following acts shall constitute gross misconduct for purpose of section 68, namely:—

- (a) wilful destruction of employer's goods or property;
- (b) assaulting any superior or co-employee at the place of work;
- (c) criminal offence involving moral turpitude resulting in conviction in a court of law;
- (d) theft, fraud, or dishonesty in connection with the employer's business or property; and
- (e) willful non-observance of safety measure or rules on the subject or willful interference with safety devices or with firefighting equipment.

(2) Appeal under section 68.—

- (a) An appeal under sub-section (2) of section 68 shall be preferred to the Competent Authority in Form-XIII.
- (b) The appeal may be made in writing and either handed over personally or sent under a registered cover or electronically to the Competent Authority.
- (c) When an appeal is received, the Competent Authority shall furnish a copy of the memorandum of appeal to the employer, call for his reply thereto and also ask him to produce documents connected with the issue of the appeal by a fixing date. The Competent Authority may ascertain further details, if necessary, from the employer as well as from the woman. On considering the facts presented to him and ascertained by him the Competent Authority shall give his decision. In case the employer fails to submit his reply or produce the required documents within the specified period, the Competent Authority may give his decision ex parte.

41. Authority to whom an appeal may be preferred under sub-section (3) of section**72.- (1) Complaint under section 72. —**

(a) A complaint under sub-section (1) of section 72 shall be made in writing in Form-XII as the case may be.

(b) When a complaint referred to in section 72 is received by an Inspector-cum-Facilitator, he shall examine the relevant records maintained by the employer in this behalf, examine any person employed in the establishment and take down necessary statement for the purpose of the enquiry and if he is satisfied that the maternity benefit or the amount has been improperly withheld, he shall direct the employer to make the payment to the woman or to the person claiming the payment under section 63, as the case may be, immediately or within a specified period.

(2) Appeal under section 72.—

(a) An appeal against the decision of the Inspector-cum-Facilitator under sub-section (2) of section 72, shall lie to the Competent Authority.

(b) The aggrieved person shall prefer an appeal in writing to the prescribed Authority in Form-XIII and file other supporting documents.

(c) When an appeal is received, the prescribed Authority shall call from the Inspector-cum-Facilitator before a fixed date, the record of the case. The prescribed Authority shall, if necessary, also record the statements of the aggrieved person, and of the Inspector-cum-Facilitator and seek clarification if any is required.

(d) Taking into account the documents, the evidence produced before him and the facts presented to him or ascertained by him, the prescribed Authority shall give his decision.

42. Rules under clause (zv) of sub-section 2 of section 155.- (1) Duties and powers of the Competent Authority and Inspector-cum-Facilitator under Chapter VI of the Code.—

(a) The Competent Authority shall be responsible for the administration of these rules their respective areas notified.

(b) Every Inspector-cum-Facilitator shall discharge his duties within the area assigned to him by the Central Government and shall act under the supervision and control of the Competent Authority.

(c) Every Inspector-cum-Facilitator shall at each inspection of an establishment see. —

- (i) whether due action has been taken on every notice given under section 62;
- (ii) whether the Register of women employees prescribed under rule 55 is correctly maintained;
- (iii) whether there have been any cases of discharge or dismissal or notices of discharge or dismissal in contravention of the provisions of section 68 since the last inspection;
- (iv) whether the provisions of sub-section (1) of section 59, sub-sections (5) and (6) of section 62, section 64, sub-sections (1), (2) and (3) of section 65, sections 66, 67, 69 and 71 have been complied with and whether amounts due have been paid within the prescribed time;
- (v) whether there have been any cases of deprivation of maternity benefit or medical bonus in contravention of sub-section (2) of section 68; and
- (vi) how far the irregularities pointed out at previous inspections have been remedied and how far orders previously issued have been complied with.

(d) Where an Inspector-cum-Facilitator observes irregularities against the Code or these Rules, he shall issue orders in writing to the employer asking the latter to rectify the irregularities within a specified period and to report compliance to the Inspector-cum-Facilitator.

(2) Supply of forms.--The employer shall supply to every woman employed by him at her request free of cost copies of Forms-X, XI, XII and XIII.

(3) Non-submission of notices, appeals or complaints in the prescribed forms.—Nothing in sub-rule (1) of rule 37 and sub-rules (1) and (2) of rule 40 shall affect the right of a woman entitled to receive maternity benefit or any other amount due under the Code if she fails to submit a notice, appeal or complaint under the said rules, as the case may be, in a prescribed form:

Provided that where a notice, appeal or complaint under the said rules has been submitted by a woman entitled to receive maternity benefit or any other amount due under the Code in a form other than the prescribed form, the authority concerned may, within fifteen days of the receipt of such notice, appeal or complaint require the woman to submit the notice, appeal or complaint, as the case may be, in the prescribed form.

- (4) Abstract .—The abstract of the provisions of the Chapter V of the Code and the rules frame thereunder required to be exhibited under section 71 shall be in Form-XIV and shall be exhibited in such manner as the Competent Authority may require.

CHAPTER - VII

SOCIAL SECURITY AND CESS IN RESPECT OF BUILDING AND OTHER CONSTRUCTION WORKERS

43. Manner and time of collection of cess under sub-section (2), manner of deposit of the cess so collected under sub-section (3), and the uniform rate or rates of advance cess under sub-section (4) of section 100 and manner of self-assessment of cess under sub-section (1) of section 103.- (1) Information to be furnished by the employer. —

(a) Every employer, within sixty days of commencement of his work or payment of cess, as the case may be, furnish to the Assessing Officer, information in Form-XV.

(b) Any change or modification in the information furnished under clause (a) shall be communicated to the Assessing Officer in Form-XV incorporating details of such modification(s) immediately but not later than thirty days from the date of affecting the modification or change.

(2) Time and manner of collection of Cess.—

(a) The cess levied under sub-section (1) of section 100 of the Code shall be paid by an employer in advance, on the basis of his self-assessment duly certified by Chartered Engineer at the time of approval or before the commencement of the work.

(b) For the purpose of self-assessment of cost of construction, the employer shall calculate the cost of construction work on the uniform rate or rates of construction as specified by respective UT of Lakshadweep Administration's Public Works Department or the Central Public Works Department or as per return or document submitted to the Real Estate Regulatory Authority, applicable for that particular year in which the commencement of building and other construction work took place in Form-XVI:

Provided, if there is any such type of construction activity involved for which neither Lakshadweep PWD nor Central PWD or Real Estate Regulatory Authority has specified any rate(s), the employer will calculate the cost of construction, based on the documents to be produced by him along with his assessment statement in Form-XVI within sixty days on completion of his each building and other construction work or project, to the assessing officer.

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions clauses (a) and (b) , where the approval of a construction work by a local authority or such other authority notified by the Central Government or the UT of Lakshadweep Administration as the case may be, is required, every application for such approval shall be accompanied by a proof of online payment made in favour of the UT of Lakshadweep Administration Building and Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board for an amount of cess payable on the basis of self- assessment duly certified by the Chartered Engineer:

Provided that if the duration of the project is likely to exceed one year, the amount of cess payment may be for the amount of cess payable on cost of construction self-assessed to be incurred during one year from the date of commencement and further payments of due cess shall be made as per the provisions of clause (b) of sub-rule (2) of this rule.

(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of clauses (a) and (b), where the levy of cess pertains to building and other construction work of a Government or of a Public Sector Undertaking, such Government or the Public Sector Undertaking shall deduct or cause to be deducted the cess payable at the notified rates from the bills paid for such works. This deducted cess shall be deposited with the respective UT of Lakshadweep Administration Building and Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board within a period of thirty days from the date of such deduction made along with the details of the construction work to the Assessing Officer of the area concerned.

(e) In case, there is any stoppage or reduction of Building or construction work, employer shall furnish the information in Form-XVII, to the Assessing officer within sixty days of such stoppage or reduction of building or other construction.

(f) Every employer on completion of building or other construction work, shall be required to submit a return in Form-XVIII, to the Assessing officer within sixty days of each of his completed work.

(g) Advance cess paid as above shall be adjusted in the final assessment order made by Assessing Officer.

(3) Transfer of the proceeds of the cess to the Board. —

(a) The proceeds of the cess collected under sub-rule (2), shall be transferred by such Central or UT of Lakshadweep Administration office, as the case may be, Public Sector Undertaking, local authority or such other authority notified by the UT of Lakshadweep Administration, or assessing officer, in the Bank account of the UT of Lakshadweep Administration Building Workers' Welfare Board, electronically through online payment system.

(b) The amount collected shall be transferred to the Board's fund within thirty days of its collection through online payment system.

(c) The UT of Lakshadweep Administration Building and Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board shall periodically reconcile the amount of cess collected, with the concerned authorities of the UT of Lakshadweep Administration or Central Government or Public Sector Undertaking of the UT of Lakshadweep Administration or the Central Government or any such other authority, as specified by the appropriate Government.

(d) The UT of Lakshadweep Building and Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board shall submit half-yearly report, to the UT of Lakshadweep Administration with a copy to the Central Government, on the amount of cess collected, cumulative and during the period, expenditure incurred during the period, number of live building and other construction workers, or for such period and with such details, as specified by the Central Government.

(4) Assessment.—

(a) The Assessing Officer, on receipt of information of return and cess paid in Form-XVIII from an employer shall make a scrutiny of such information furnished and, if he is satisfied about the correctness of the particulars so furnished, he shall make an order of assessment within a period not exceeding ninety days from the date of receipt of such information, indicating the amount of cess payable by the employer and endorse a copy thereof to the employer and to the cess-collector and to the Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board and despatch such order within five days of the date on which such order is made.

(b) The order shall inter-alia specify the amount of cess due, cess already paid by the employer or deducted at source and the balance amount payable and the date, consistent with the provision of sub-rule (2), by which the cess shall be paid to the cess collector.

(c) If on the scrutiny of information furnished by the employer in Form-XVIII, the Assessing Officer is of the opinion that employer has under-calculated or miscalculated the cost of construction or has calculated less amount of cess payable, he shall issue notice to the employer for assessment of the cess.

(d) On receipt of such notice the employer shall furnish to the Assessing Officer a reply together with copies of documentary or other evidences in support of his claim, within thirty days of the receipt of the notice:

Provided that the Assessing Officer may, in the course of assessment afford an opportunity to the assessee to be heard in person, if he so request to substantiate his claim.

(e) If the employer fails to furnish the reply within the stipulated period specified under clause (d) or where any employer fails to furnish information in Form-IV, the Assessing Officer shall proceed to make the assessment on the basis of the available records and other information incidental thereto.

(f) The assessing officer may, at any time while the work is in progress or in the process of assessment of cost of construction authorise such officer to make such enquiry at the work site or from documentary evidence or in any other manner as he may think fit for the purpose of estimating the cost of construction as accurately as possible.

(5) Refund of overpaid cess. —

(a) Where the employer has deposited the cess in advance and the employer decides to withdraw from or foreclose the works or modifies the plan of construction thereby reducing the cost of construction undertaken or has been forced by other circumstances to call off the completion of the work undertaken, he may seek refund of the excess amount of advance cess paid by submitting information in Form-XVII to the Assessing Officer giving details of such reduction or stoppage of work.

(b) The Assessing Officer, on receipt of information in Form-XVII from an employer shall make a scrutiny of such information furnished and, if he is satisfied about the correctness of the particulars so furnished, he shall make an order of assessment within a period not exceeding within thirty days of receipt of such information.

(c) Following the assessment order made on receipt of Form-XVII as per clause (b), the Assessment Officer shall, wherever necessary, endorse a copy of the such assessment to the respective Building Workers Welfare Board, cess collector and to such other persons as he thinks appropriate, for making the refund of excess cess as ordered in the assessment made under clause (b).

(d) The Building and Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board shall, within thirty days of receipt of the endorsement from the Assessing Officer under clause (c), refund the amount specified in the order to the employer through electronically online payment System in the bank account as per details furnished by the employer for this purpose.

- (e) Where the Appellate Authority has modified the order of assessment reducing the amount of cess, refund shall be made within such time as may be specified in that order or in the manner and time as specified under clause (d) above.

44. Time limit to pay the amount of cess and the rate of interest in case of delayed payment of cess under section 101.-

(1) Date of payment of cess shall be the date on which the amount is deposited with the Cess Collector under clauses (a) and (b) of sub-rule (2) of rule 43, or the date of deduction at source under clause (d) of sub-rule (2) of rule 43, or the date on which the amount has been deposited with the local authority under clause (c) of sub-rule (3) of rule 43, as the case may be.

(2) If any employer fails to pay any amount of cess payable under section 100 of the Code, within such time as may be specified in the assessment order, such employer shall be liable to pay interest on the amount of cess, to be paid, at the rate of one per cent. for every month or part of a month comprised in the period from the date on which such payment was due till such amount is actually paid.

45. Authority to inquire and impose penalty under section 104.- (1) An Assessing Officer, if it appears to him that an employer has not paid the cess within the date as specified in the assessment order or has paid less cess, including the cess deducted at source or paid in advance, shall issue a notice to such employer that it shall be deemed to be in arrears and such Assessing Officer may, after such inquiry as it deems fit, impose on such employer, a penalty not exceeding such amount of cess:

Provided that, before imposing any such penalty, such employer shall be given a reasonable opportunity of being heard and if after such hearing the Assessment Officer is satisfied that the default was for any good and sufficient reason, no penalty shall be imposed on such employer.

(2) If any penalty is imposed on the employer or the notice for imposing the penalty is withdrawn, as mentioned in sub-rule (1), the Assessing Officer will pass a speaking order in this regard stating the reasons thereof. A copy of such order shall be endorsed to the employer, cess-collector and to the Secretary, Building and other Construction Workers Welfare Board.

46. Time limit to prefer appeal, appellate authority, form and manner of appeal under sub-section (1) and fees for appeal under sub-section (2) of section 105.-

(1) An employer aggrieved by an order of the assessment made under sub-rule (4) of rule 43 or by an order

imposing penalty made under rule 45, may file an appeal in Form-XIX against such order, within ninety days of the receipt of such order, to the Appellate Authority as notified by the UT of Lakshadweep Administration in this regard.

- (2) The such appeal, inter-alia, shall be accompanied with—
 - (a) the order appealed against;
 - (b) a certificate from the Cess Collector to the effect that the amount of cess or penalty or both, as the case may be, relating to such appeal has been deposited;
 - (c) a non-refundable fee equivalent to half percent, but not exceeding rupees twenty five thousand of the amount in dispute or penalty or both, as the case may be, under such appeal;
 - (d) a statement of points in dispute; and
 - (e) documentary evidence relied upon.
- (3) On receipt of the appeal, the Appellate Authority may, call details from the Assessing Officer or his statement on the basis of his assessment order appealed against, as such Appellate Authority may consider necessary for the disposal of such appeal.
- (4) The Appellate Authority shall give the appellant an opportunity of being heard in the matter and dispose of the appeal as expeditiously as possible but not exceeding sixty days from the date of receipt of such appeal.
- (5) On being satisfied on the quantum of cess the Appellate Authority shall confirm the order of the Assessing Officer or if in his opinion the assessment was wrong; or on the higher side shall modify the order of assessment or if in his opinion the assessment is on the lower side or if the basis of assessment is wrong, it shall remand back the assessment order to the Assessing Officer along with his observations to rectify the wrong.
- (6) An order remanded back under sub-rule (5) shall be disposed of by the Assessing Officer within 30 days in view of the observation made by the Appellate Authority:
- (7) Provided that, if the amount of cess is proposed to be enhanced the assessee shall be given an opportunity of being heard.
- (8) If the Appellate Authority is of the opinion that the quantum of penalty imposed is on the higher side or not correctly made it shall suitably modify or set aside the order of the Assessing Officer, as the case may be.
- (9) The appeal under this rule shall be disposed of by making a speaking order and a copy of such order shall be sent to each of the appellant, the Assessing Officer and to the Secretary, Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board within five days of the date on which such order is made.

- (10) An order in appeal reducing the amount of cess shall also ask Secretary of the concerned Building and Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board to refund the excess cess stating clearly a specified time to the appellants.
- (11) An order in appeal enhancing or reducing the amount of cess or penalty or both, as the case may be, shall also specify the date by which the amount of cess or penalty or both should be paid or refunded.
- (12) No appeal shall lie against the order of the Appellate Authority under this rule.

47 . Manner of registration of building worker as beneficiary under section 106.- (1) It shall be the responsibility of the UT of Lakshadweep Administration and the UT of Lakshadweep Administration Building Workers' Welfare Board to register all such workers working as building or other construction workers within the geographical area of the UT of Lakshadweep, on the specified portal of the Central Government and the UT of Lakshadweep Administration or Board through Aadhaar.

- (2) The employer or contractor of such building and other construction workers shall ensure that their workers are registered on the specified portal of the Central government and the UT of Lakshadweep Administration or Board.
- (3) The registration, renewal, and delivery of welfare scheme for the building workers shall be done electronically through the specified portal.
- (4) Portability of the benefits of the building and other construction workers, process for their registration, de –registration, and manner of obtaining the benefits in the UT of Lakshadweep where they are working as building and other construction workers, shall be undertaken in the manner and process as specified by the Central Government.
- (5) The registration of the Building workers shall be done in the same manner and procedure(s) as prescribed for the registration of unorganised worker, gig worker and platform worker under rule 50.
- (6) UT of Lakshadweep Administration shall designate nodal officer for the purpose of registration, renewal and updation of particular(s) of building workers through official gazette.
- (7) Registration or Renewal as the case may be of the building and other construction workers shall be done only if they have been engaged as building or other construction work for not less than ninety days in a year.
- (8) Boards may utilise services of e-sewa kendras of the Central Government and UT of Lakshadweep Administration and Business Correspondences of the Department of Posts or any

other such agency for facilitating the registration, renewal, updation of particular(s) and delivery of welfare schemes for building workers.

(9) Every Board shall submit a report annually to the UT of Lakshadweep Administration with a copy to the central government in the form as specified by the appropriate Government.

(10) Board shall mobilize the building workers and facilitate to register eligible building workers and set up necessary camps as required in the labour intensive areas.

(11) Every building worker registered as a beneficiary under section 106 of the Code, shall be entitled to the benefits provided by the Board from its Fund.

(12) Where a Building worker migrates from one State / UT to another, he shall be entitled to get benefits from the board in whose jurisdiction he is currently working and such board shall be responsible for providing such benefits to such workers.

(13) Every registered Building Worker shall be issued a digital identity card or otherwise bearing his photograph and other details as specified by appropriate government.

(14) Where identity card issued under sub-rule (1) above, is lost or accidentally destroyed, a duplicate identity card may be downloaded again from Board's web-portal with validation as specified by the UT of Lakshadweep Administration.

(15) Charges if any, for registration or updation or renewal, may be borne by the Central Government or UT of Lakshadweep Administration or Board or by the worker himself, either partly or fully or as may be specified by UT of Lakshadweep Administration in this regard.

48. Benefits of a beneficiary under sub-section (2) of section 107.- If any building worker has been beneficiary for at least three years continuously immediately before attaining the age of sixty years, for the benefit of such workers, the Central Government may formulate such scheme (s) as may be notified by the Central Government.

49. Rules framed under clause (zv) of sub-section (2) of section 155.- (1) Recovery of overdue amount.— For the purpose of recovery of sums due on account of unpaid cess, interest or overdue payment or, penalty under these rules, the Assessing Officer shall prepare a certificate signed by him, specifying the amount due and send it to the Recovery Officer of the district concerned who shall proceed to recover from the said employer the amount specified thereunder as if it were an arrear of land revenue or by any other such laws prevailing in UT of Lakshadweep Administration for this purpose.

(2) Powers of Assessing Officer and other officers.— An Assessing Officer, or an officer authorised, under sub- rule (4) of rule 43, if empowered by the UT of Lakshadweep Administration under section 103 of the Code, may,—

- (a) enter any establishment where building and other construction work is going on only with the prior approval of the Secretary, Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board;
- (b) make an inventory of materials, machinery or other articles lying at the work place;
- (c) enquire about the number of workers engaged in various activities;
- (d) require the production of any prescribed register or any other documents relevant to the assessment of cost of construction or number of workers employed;
- (e) seize or take copies of any such records;
- (f) make general assessment of the stage of the construction work having been completed;
- (g) take measurement, notes or photographs; and
- (h) exercise such other powers considered absolutely necessary for reasonable assessment of cost of construction.

(3) Filing of complaints. —

- (a) The Assessing Officer, or any inspector-cum-facilitator under the Code, having come to know of violation of an obligation to furnish return, furnishing of false information, intentionally or wilfully evading or attempting to evade the payment of cess may make a complaint with evidences pertaining to such complaint to the UT of Lakshadweep Administration with a copy to the Board in writing.
- (b) The UT of Lakshadweep Administration may make such inquiry as considered necessary and authorise any officer as it thinks suitable to file a complaint in the court of law.

(4). Exemption.—

- (a) Any employer or class of employers in a UT of Lakshadweep seeking exemption under section 102 of the Code may make an application to the Director General of Labour Welfare, Ministry of Labour and Employment, Government of India, stating the details of works undertaken, name of the Act or any other corresponding law in force in that UT of Lakshadweep under which he is liable to pay cess for the social security and welfare measure of the construction workers and amount of cess actually

paid along with the date of such payment and proof thereof. A copy of such application shall be endorsed to each of the Assessing Officer and the Building Workers Welfare Board concerned.

- (b) On receipt of such application the Central Government may, if it feels necessary, seek a report from the UT of Lakshadweep Administration.
- (c) On examining the grounds, facts and merits of such application the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, issue an order exempting the employer or class of employers, as the case may be, from payment of cess payable under the Code where such cess is already levied and payable under such corresponding law.
- (d) Assessment proceedings shall be stopped by the Assessing Officer for a period of thirty days commencing from the date of the receipt of a copy of the application under clause (a) to him, or till the order of the Central Government under clause (c) is conveyed to an employer or class of employers who made the application under clause (a), whichever is earlier.

CHAPTER - VIII

SOCIAL SECURITY FOR UNORGANISED WORKERS, GIG WORKERS AND PLATFORM WORKERS.

50. Eligible age for registration under clause (a) and form and manner of information under clause (b), of sub- section (1) and the form of application, documents for registration and manner of self-registration under sub- section (2), of section 113.- (1)

Registration of unorganised worker or any category or sub-category of unorganised workers. –

- (a) Every eligible unorganised worker, or any category or sub-category of unorganised worker under section 113 shall be required to be registered with Aadhaar, on self-declaration basis in the form on the portal, as specified by the Central Government.
- (b) In order to be eligible for any benefit under any scheme(s) framed under the Code for any unorganised worker or any category or sub-category of unorganised worker, the appropriate Government may notify specific condition(s) for eligibility, as deemed fit.
- (c) The eligible unorganised worker, or any category or sub-category of unorganised worker shall submit application form, electronically, with Aadhaar on self-

declaration basis for registration to such authority on the specified portal of Central Government.

(d) On completion of registration, such worker shall be issued an acknowledgement, electronically or otherwise, bearing his Unique Registration Number.

(e) The Central Government may provide a facility such as mobile app, web portal or any other application, facilitating the unorganised workers to register themselves on the specified portal.

(f) In order to avail the facility of self-registration, an unorganised worker, or any category or sub-category of unorganised worker shall be required to establish his identity through OTP or any other procedure, as specified by the Central Government.

(g) For availing any benefit under any of the social security scheme(s) framed under the Code, an unorganised worker or any category or sub-category of unorganised worker shall require to be registered on the specified portal of the Central Government, with such details as may be specified by the appropriate Government.

(h) The unorganised worker, or any category or sub-category of unorganised worker shall be required to update their particulars such as current address, current occupation, mobile number, skill, or any other particular(s) from time to time, as may be specified by the appropriate Government. In the absence of such updation, any unorganised worker, or any category or sub-category of unorganised worker may not remain eligible to avail such benefit (s) of the social security scheme(s) notified under the Code.

(i) The appropriate Government shall access the information from the above portal of the Central Government for delivery of benefits of the social security scheme(s) to the unorganised workers, or any category or sub- category of unorganised worker.

(j) It shall be responsibility of the UT of Lakshadweep Administration or Building workers welfare board or any other such Board of the unorganised worker, employer of the Building workers or aggregators or the contractors of unorganised workers or any category or sub-category of unorganised workers, or gig workers or platform workers, to register such eligible workers with Aadhaar who are not registered with ESIC or EPFO on the portal specified by the Central Government.

(k) The Directorate General of Labour Welfare, from time to time, shall de-duplicate the workers registered on the specified portal of the Central Government, on

the basis of Aadhaar and only such workers, shall be eligible to derive the benefits of the scheme(s) notified under the Code.

(1) The charges, if any, for registration or updation of particulars on the specified portal of the unorganised worker, or any category or sub-category of unorganised worker, may be borne by the Central Government or UT of Lakshadweep Administration or unorganised worker, or any category or sub-category of unorganised worker, either partly or fully as may be specified by the appropriate Government.

(2) Registration of gig worker and platform worker and any other such worker. –

(a) Every eligible gig worker or platform worker, under section 113 shall be required to be registered with Aadhaar, on self-declaration basis in the form on the portal, as specified by the Central Government.

(b) For identification and smooth registration of eligible gig workers and platform workers, each aggregator shall share monthly or such other periodicity in such form as specified, details of the information of their gig workers or platform workers electronically to generate Unique Registration Number or temporary registration number on the Portal, as specified by the Central Government. Further, on issue of such number, each gig worker or platform worker shall authenticate himself through Aadhaar as per procedure specified by the Central Government.

(c) Aggregator(s) shall link their database with the unique registration number issued under clause(d) of sub-rule (1) to facilitate registration of their gig and platform workers on the portal specified by the Central Government.

(d) A gig worker or platform worker, who has completed the age of sixteen years, but not attained the age of sixty years, shall be eligible for registration as mentioned in clause (a) above:

Provided such worker has been engaged as gig worker or platform worker, for not less than ninety days during the preceding twelve months.

(e) The registration of the gig worker or platform worker or any other such worker, shall be done in the same manner and procedure(s) as prescribed for the registration of unorganised worker, or any category or sub- category of worker, under sub-rule(1).

(f) In order to be eligible for any benefit under any scheme(s) framed under the Code for gig workers and platform workers, the Central Government may notify specific condition(s) for eligibility, as deemed fit.

(g) For availing any benefit under any of the social security scheme(s) framed under the Code, a gig worker or platform worker shall be required to be registered on the portal with such details as may be specified by the Central Government.

(h) The unorganised worker, gig worker, platform worker shall be required to update his particulars such, as current address, current occupation, period of engagement with the concerned platform(s) or aggregator(s), mobile number, skill, or any other particulars from time to time, on the portal specified by the Central Government. In the absence of such updation, a gig worker or platform worker, may not remain eligible to avail benefit (s) of the social security scheme(s) notified under the Code.

(i) The charges, if any, for registration or updation of particulars on the specified portal of the gig worker and platform worker, may be borne by the Central Government or aggregators or gig worker or platform worker, either partly or fully as may be specified by the Central Government.

51. Carrying out the matters specified in clause (i) of sub-section (7) of section 114.-

(1) The authority to collect and to expend the proceeds of contribution collected. –

(1) The Central Government shall designate an Officer, or an agency, as the authority responsible to collect and expend the contributions from the aggregators.

(2) Such authority may seek any information as may be required from the aggregator(s) for registration of gig workers or platform workers, formulation of suitable welfare scheme(s) under section 114 and implementation thereof.

(3) The contribution collected under section 114 shall be part of the Social Security Fund in a separate account meant for gig workers and platform workers as mentioned in sub-section (2) of section 141.

(2) The rate of interest to be paid by an aggregator in case of delayed payment, less payment or non-payment of contribution.- If any aggregator fails to pay any amount of contribution payable under sub-section (4) of section 114, within such time as may be specified by the Central Government, such aggregator shall be liable to pay interest on the amount of contribution, to be paid, at the rate of one per cent. for every month or part of a month comprised in the period from the date on which such payment was due till such amount is actually paid.

(3) Self-assessment of contribution by aggregators. -

(a) Every aggregator shall assess contribution payable under sub-section 4 of section 114 in the Form-XX and pay provisional contribution as assessed in the designated account of the Social Security Fund, for the preceding year not later than 30th June, of the current year in which the contribution is payable.

(b) Aggregator after finalization of the audited statement of the account for the previous financial year as per the relevant provisions of the Income-Tax Act, 1961 or the Companies Act, 2013 or the Limited Liability Partnership Act, 2008, shall submit a final return in the Form-XXI, detailing the provisional payment of contribution made along with the details of outstanding contribution, if any paid by 31st October, of the current year in which the contribution is payable.

(c) In case of excess contribution, if any paid by any aggregator, such aggregator shall claim the refund in the Form- XXI of such excess amount. The authority designated by the Central Government in this regard, shall scrutinize the Form-XXI, as submitted by the aggregator and excess paid amount, if any, shall be refunded electronically in the bank account provided in Form-XXI, within a period not exceeding ninety days from the date of receipt of such claim.

If any aggregator feels aggrieved against the authority's order as mentioned in sub-rule (2) or sub-rule (3), an appeal shall lie with the Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Employment and his order in the matter shall be final.

(4) Conditions for cessation of a gig worker or a platform worker. –

(a) Any gig worker or platform worker registered as a beneficiary under section 113 shall cease to be as such, when he attains the age of sixty years or when he is not engaged as gig worker or platform worker, with any of the aggregator(s) for a period less than ninety days in the preceding twelve months.

(b) Every aggregator shall share on monthly or in such other periodicity and in such form as specified, details of the information of their gig workers or platform workers electronically to the Central Government.

(5) Any other matter relating to smooth functioning of the social security scheme notified under section 114.- Every aggregator as defined under sub-section (2) of section 2, shall register on the Shram Suvidha portal or any other portal, as may be specified by the Central Government.

CHAPTER - IX

FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

52. Conditions to acquire, hold, sell or otherwise transfer any movable or immovable property under sub-section (1), conditions to invest moneys, re-invest or realise investments under sub-section (2) terms to raise loans and take measures for discharging such loans under sub-section (3) and terms to constitute for the benefit of officers and staff or any class of them, provident or other benefit funds under sub-section (4) of section 120.- In the case of the Provident Fund, Pension Fund or Insurance Fund, such matters shall be specified in the Provident Fund Scheme or Pension Scheme or Insurance Scheme, as the case may be. In the case of the Corporation, it has been specified in Chapter IV and Chapter IX of these rules.

53. Conditions and manner of writing off irrecoverable dues under section 121.- (1) Where the Corporation or the National Social Security Board is of the opinion that the amount of contribution, cess, interest and damages due to the Corporation or the National Social Security Board has become irrecoverable, the Corporation or National Social Security Board or any other officer authorised by it in this behalf may sanction the writing off of the said amount, subject to the following conditions, namely: —

- (i) establishment has been closed for more than five years and the whereabouts of the employer cannot be ascertained, despite all possible efforts;
- (ii) decree obtained by the Corporation or the National Social Security Board could not be executed successfully for want of sufficient assets of the defaulting employer; or
- (iii) claim for contribution is not fully met by —
 - (a) the Official Liquidator in the event of factories/establishments having gone into liquidation; or
 - (b) the Commissioner of payments in the event of unit being nationalised or taken over by the Government.

(2) In the case of the Provident fund, Pension Fund or Insurance Fund, such writing off shall be specified in the Provident Fund Scheme or Pension Scheme or Insurance Scheme, as the case may be.

54. Rules under clause (zv) of sub-section (2) of section 155.- (1) Maintenance of accounts-The Corporation shall maintain complete and accurate accounts in such form as the

Standing Committee may, with the approval of Central Government, specified from time to time. The books shall be balanced on the thirty-first of March each year.

(2) Revenue Accounts - The Corporation shall prepare Revenue Accounts for the financial year ended on the thirty- first March and Balance Sheet as on the thirty-first March by the thirty-first of May:

Provided that on the application of the Corporation, the Central Government may extend the said date by a period not exceeding thirty days:

Provided further that the Corporation may, and if so required by the Central Government shall, cause to be prepared the Revenue Accounts and the Balance Sheet for any other period or as on any other date.

(3) Production of accounts before the Comptroller and Auditor General of India.- The annual accounts shall be set out and produced before the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for scrutiny on or before the fifteenth of June each year following the close of the financial year to which they relate:

Provided that on the application of the Corporation the Central Government may extend the said date by a period not exceeding thirty days.

(4) Powers of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India- The Corporation shall submit all accounts to the Comptroller and Auditor General of India as required by them. The Comptroller and Auditor General of India may —

- (i) by written notice, require the production before them or before any officer subordinate to him, of any document which they may consider necessary for the proper conduct of their audit;
- (ii) by written notice, require any person accountable for or having the custody or control of, any such documents, to appear in person before them or before any officer subordinate to them; and
- (iii) require any persons so appearing before them or before any officer subordinate to them to make and sign a declaration with respect to such document or to answer any question or prepare and submit any statement.

(5) Report of Comptroller and Auditor General of India.- The report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India] on the annual accounts shall be submitted to the Corporation on such date and in such form as the Central Government may specify in this behalf and they shall state whether in their opinion the Balance Sheet is a full and fair Balance Sheet containing all necessary particulars and properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Corporation's affairs and in case they have called for any explanation or information

from the Corporation or any of its officers whether it has been given and whether it is satisfactory.

(6) Consideration of reports. -

(a) The annual report on the work and activities of the Corporation (excluding the unaudited accounts for the year incorporated therein) shall be considered by the Standing Committee and shall be placed for adoption at a meeting of the Corporation to be held before the tenth of December following the close of the financial year concerned.

(b) The annual accounts relating to a financial year duly authenticated by the Financial Commissioner and the Director General and approved by the Standing Committee shall be submitted for audit to the Comptroller and Auditor General of India and the audited accounts together with the report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India shall be placed for adoption at a meeting of the Corporation to be held before the tenth of December following the close of the financial year concerned:

Provided that the report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India is received by the twentieth November, following the year to which it pertains.

(7) Authentication and submission of annual accounts and reports.--The annual accounts together with the report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon and the annual report on the work and activities of the Corporation as adopted by the Corporation shall be authenticated by affixing the common seal of the Corporation and four copies thereof, together with the comments of the Corporation on the report of the Comptroller and Auditor General shall be submitted to the Central Government not later than the twentieth of December following the close of the financial year concerned for being placed before the Parliament :

Provided that if the report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India is not received by the twentieth of November following the financial year to which it pertains the annual accounts together with the report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon shall be submitted to the Central Government separately from the annual report on the work and activities of the Corporation.

(8) Cost of audit.- The cost of audit shall be paid by the Corporation by such date as may be specified by the Central Government.

(9) Impropriety or irregularity in accounts. —

(a) The auditors shall submit to the Corporation and the Central Government a separate statement, if necessary, in regard to —

- (i) any material impropriety or irregularity which they may observe in the expenditure, or in the recovery of moneys due to, or in the accounts of the Corporation ; or
- (ii) any loss or waste of money or other property owned by or vested in the Corporation which has been caused by neglect or misconduct, with the names of the persons who in their opinion are directly or indirectly responsible for such loss or waste.

(b) The Standing Committee shall forthwith remedy any defect or irregularity that may be pointed out by the auditors and shall report to the Central Government the action taken by it thereon within ninety days of the receipt of the report of the auditors:

Provided that if there is a difference of opinion between the Standing Committee and the auditors, or if the Standing Committee does not remedy any defect or irregularity within a reasonable period, the Central Government may, and on a reference specifically made therefor, shall pass such orders thereon as they think fit and the Standing Committee shall thereafter take action in accordance therewith within such time as may be specified by the Central Government.

(10) Disallowance of expenditure incurred and surcharge for loss or deficiency-

(a) The Standing Committee or any authority authorised by it in this behalf may after giving the person concerned an opportunity to submit an explanation, and after considering any such explanation, disallow any item of account contrary to the provisions of the Code or of the Rules or Regulations made thereunder, and surcharge the same on the person making or authorising the making of payment of such account and shall charge against any person accounting, the amount of any deficiency or loss incurred by the negligence or misconduct of that person, or of any sum which ought to have been but is not brought into account by that person, and shall in every such case certify the amount due from such person :

Provided that no certificate made by the authority authorised by the Standing Committee shall have effect unless it is approved by the Standing Committee.

(b) The Standing Committee shall state in writing its reasons for every disallowance, surcharge or charge made or approved by it and shall serve a certificate of the amount due and a copy of the reasons for its decision on the person against whom the certificate is made and shall also furnish copies thereof to the Central Government.

- (c) Any person aggrieved by a certificate made under sub-rule (10) may, within one month from the date of the service of certificate on him under clause (b) sub-rule (10), file an application to the Central Government for setting aside or modifying the disallowance, surcharge or charge in respect of which the certificate was made.
 - (d) On receipt of an application under clause (c) or on its own motion, the Central Government may, after making such inquiry as may be necessary, pass such order as it thinks fit either confirming, modifying or setting aside the disallowance, surcharge or charge in respect of which the certificate was made, and the Standing Committee shall thereupon take action in accordance with such order within such time as may be specified by the Central Government.
 - (e) The Central Government may by order direct that all further action under the certificate made under sub-rule (10) shall be stayed until the disposal of the matter pending before it under clause (d).
- (11) Recovery of amounts certified to be due—
- (a) Every sum certified to be due from any person by the Standing Committee or if the certificate has been modified by the Central Government, the sum shown to be due from such person in the modified certificate, shall be paid by such person to the Corporation within three months after he has been served with the certificate of the Standing Committee ; or within such longer period as may be allowed by the Central Government ; any such sum, if not so paid, shall be recovered as if it were an arrear of land revenue.
 - (b) Any sum or part of a sum so paid or recovered, the certificate in respect of which is set aside or modified, shall, as the case may require, be wholly or partly refunded to the person who paid it.
- (12) Establishment of Provident Fund: The Corporation shall establish, maintain and contribute to a Provident Fund called the Employees' State Insurance Corporation Provident Fund (hereinafter referred to as the Provident Fund) in respect of its employees other than those whose services are placed at the disposal of the Corporation by the Central or UT of Lakshadweep Administration.
- (13) Administration of the Provident Fund: The Provident Fund shall be administered by the Standing Committee of the Corporation or by any other Committee approved by it for the purpose and subject to such conditions as it may deem fit to impose.
- (14) Framing of Provident Fund Regulation: The Corporation may make Regulations to provide for all other matters incidental to or necessary for the Provident Fund.

(15) Bar on grant of cash benefits. - Where an Insured Person is convicted under clause (o) of section 133 of the Code, he shall not be entitled to any cash benefit admissible under Chapter IV of the Code for a period of three months for first conviction and six months for each subsequent conviction from the date of receipt of judgement of the court in the concerned office of the Corporation.

CHAPTER - X

AUTHORITIES, ASSESSMENT, COMPLIANCE AND RECOVERY

55. Form and manner for maintenance of records and registers and other particulars and details under clause (a), manner and form for display of notices at the work places of the employees under clause (b) and the manner and period of filing returns to the officers or authority under clause (d) of section 123.- (1) Register of Women Employees.—

(a) The employer of every establishment in which women are employed shall prepare and maintain a register of women employees in Form XXII electronically or in hard copy and shall enter therein particulars of all women workers in the establishment.

Further, it shall always be available for inspection under notified inspection scheme for the Inspector-cum- Facilitator.

(b) The employer may enter in the register of women employees such other particulars as may be required for any other purpose of the Code.

(2) Records.—Records kept under the provisions Chapter V of the Code and the rules framed thereunder shall be preserved for a period of two years from the date of their preparation.

(3) Annual returns. —

(a) The employer to which the provisions of Chapter V of the Code applies, on or before the 1st day of February in each year, upload a unified annual return in Form-XXIII online on the web portal of the Central Government in the Ministry of Labour and Employment, giving information as to the particulars specified, in respect of the preceding year: Provided that during inspection, the Inspector-cum-Facilitator may require the production of accounts, books, register and other documents maintained in electronic form or otherwise. Explanation.- For the purposes of this sub-rule, the expression “electronic form” shall have the same meaning as assigned to it in clause (r) of section 2 of the Information Technology Act, 2000 (21 of 2000).

(b) If the employer to which the Code applies sells, abandons or discontinues the working of the establishment, then, he shall, within one month of the date of such sale or abandonment or four months of the date of such discontinuance, as the case may be, upload online, on the web portal of the Central Government in the Ministry of Labour and Employment, a further unified return in Form XXIII referred to in clause(a) in respect of the period between the end of the preceding year and the date of the sale, abandonment or discontinuance.

CHAPTER - XI

OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

56. Manner of compounding of offences by the authorised officer specified under sub-section (1) of section 138 and the form and manner of making application for the compounding of an offence under sub-section (4) of section 138.-

(1) The officer authorized by the Central Government by notification for the purposes of compounding of offences under sub-section (1) of section 138 shall issue electronically a compounding notice in Form-XXIV for the offences for which are compoundable under section 138.

(2) The person so noticed may apply in Part III of the Form-XXIV to the officer electronically and deposit the entire compounding amount by electronic transfer or otherwise, within fifteen days of the receipt of the notice.

(3) The Compounding Officer shall issue a composition certificate in Part IV of Form-XXIV within ten days of receipt of the composition amount, to such person from whom such amount has been received in satisfaction of the composition notice.

(4) If a person so noticed fails to deposit the composition amount within the prescribed time, the prosecution shall be instituted before the competent Court or the offence in respect of which the compounding notice was issued, against such person.

(5) Composition after institution of prosecution. —

(a) The Court may compound any compoundable offence at any time after filing of a complaint under section 138 of the Code.

(b) The provisions of section 320 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 shall apply to such compositions.

CHAPTER - XII

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION AND MONITORING

57. Manner of establishment and maintenance of career centre and the career services under clause (9) of section 2.-

(1) The appropriate Government may establish, run and maintain Career Centre or modify and declare its already established office or employment exchange or both or a portal or authorize any other such centre as Career Centre by notification. Till such notification, existing local Employment Exchanges and Central Employment Exchange would function as Career Centres (Regional) and Career Centre (Central) respectively.

(2) The appropriate Government may also enter into an agreement with any institution, local authority, local body or private body for running a Career Centre.

(3) The Career Centres established under sub-rules (1) and (2) above shall inter-alia perform the following functions namely:

- (a) collection and furnishing of information, either by the keeping of registers or otherwise, manually, digitally, virtually or through any other mode; relating to:
 - (i) persons who seek to employ employees;
 - (ii) persons who seek employment;
 - (iii) occurrence of vacancies; and
 - (iv) persons who seek vocational guidance and career counseling or guidance to start self-employment;
- (b) providing career counseling & vocational guidance;
- (c) organizing job-fairs and job drives;
- (d) employment related surveys and studies;
- (e) employability enhancement activities; and
- (f) other services as may be decided by the appropriate Government from time to time.

Explanation: Appropriate Government for this purpose would be Central Government for Career Centre (Central) and UT of Lakshadweep Administration for Career Centre (Regional).

58. Manner and form of reporting vacancies and form of filing the return by the employer, to the concerned career centre under sub-section (2) of section 139.-

(1) Reporting of Vacancies to Career Centres:

(a) After the commencement of this Code in UT of Lakshadweep or area thereof, the employer in every establishment in public sector in UT of Lakshadweep or area shall, before filling up any vacancy in any employment in that establishment, report that vacancy or cause to be reported to such Career Centre as may be specified in the notification by the Appropriate Government.

(b) The employer in every establishment in private sector or every establishment pertaining to any class or category of establishments in private sector shall, before filling up any vacancy in any employment in that establishment, report that vacancy or cause to be reported to such Career Centre (Regional) from such date as may be specified in the notification by the Appropriate Government.

(c) Appropriate Government shall provide for mechanism (including digital) for receipt of vacancies reported by the employers. Career Centre to which the vacancies are reported, would provide a unique vacancy reporting number for the vacancy reported and convey it to the employer in writing, through email or digitally or through any other such media immediately but in any case not later than three working days from the date of receipt of reporting of vacancies.

Explanation: (1) Establishment in “public sector” means an establishment owned, controlled or managed by -

- (i) the Government or a Department of the Government
- (ii) a Government company as defined in clause (45) of Section 2 of the Companies Act, 2013 (No. 18 of 2013);
- (iii) a corporation (including a co-operative society) or an autonomous organization or an authority or a body established by or under a Central or State Act, which is owned ,controlled or managed by the Government; and
- (iv) a local authority.

(2) “Establishment in private sector” means an establishment which is not an establishment in public sector and with ordinarily 50 or more employees or such number of employees as may be notified by the Central Government.

(3) Appropriate Government would be Central Government for Career Centre(Central) and UT of Lakshadweep Administration for Career Centre(Regional).

(2) Type of vacancies and respective Career Centre for reporting of vacancies:

(a) The following vacancies, namely-

- (i) All vacancies in posts of Technical and Scientific nature carrying a minimum pay or pay level or both as notified by the Central Government, occurring in establishments in respect of which the Central Government is the appropriate Government under the Code; and
 - (ii) Vacancies which an employer may desire to be circulated to the Career Centers outside the State or Union Territory in which the establishment is situated shall be reported to such Career Centre(Central) as may be specified by the Central Government by notification.
- (b) Vacancies other than those specified in clause (a) of sub-rule (2) above, shall be reported to the Career Centre (Regional) concerned.
- (c) Vacancies which have been reported to the Career Centre (Regional) and for which recruitment is to be made on State / UT or Inter-State or all India basis, shall also be reported to Career Centre(Central) or uploaded on a digital portal as specified by the Central Government by notification.
- (3) Form and manner of reporting of vacancies:
 - (a) The vacancies shall be reported in writing or through valid official email or digitally to the Career Centre specified by the Appropriate Government.
 - (b) The vacancies shall be reported in the format given at Form-XXV, furnishing as many details as practicable, separately in respect of each type of vacancy.
 - (c) Any change in the particulars already furnished to the Career Centre under clause (a) of sub-rule(3), shall be reported in writing or through official email or digitally as the case may be, to the specified Career Centre.
- (4) Time limit in the reporting of vacancies:
 - (a) Vacancies, required to be reported to the Career Centre (Regional), shall be reported at least fifteen days before the last date of receipt of the applications of the prospective candidates for purpose of appointment or taking interview or test against the vacancies reported.
 - (b) Vacancies required to be reported to the Career Centre (Central) shall be reported at least forty days before the last date of receipt of the applications of the prospective candidates for purpose of appointment or taking interview or test against the vacancies reported.
- (5) Maintenance of records:

(a) After commencement of this Code in any State / UT or area thereof, the employers in every establishment in the public sector in the UT of Lakshadweep or area shall maintain records manually or electronically or digitally about

- i) Total number of employees (regular, contractual or fixed term employment) on 31st March of every year;
- ii) Persons recruited during the year ending on 31st March;
- iii) Occupational details of its employees on 31st March of every year;
- iv) Vacancies for which suitable candidates were not available during the year ending on 31st March; and
- v) Approximate number of vacancies likely to occur during the next financial year.

(b) Appropriate Government may by notification, require that from such date as may be specified in the notification, the employer in every establishment in private sector or every establishment pertaining to any class or category of establishment in private sector shall maintain records manually or electronically or digitally about

- i) Total number of employees (regular, contractual or fixed term employment) on 31st March of every year;
- ii) Persons recruited during the year ending on 31st March;
- iii) Occupational details of its employees on 31st March of every year;
- iv) Vacancies for which suitable candidates were not available during the year ending on 31st March; and
- v) Approximate number of vacancies likely to occur during the next financial year.

(6) Submission of returns: An employer shall furnish to the concerned Career Centre (Regional) yearly returns in form EIR (Employment Information Return) as given at Form-XXVI. Yearly returns shall be furnished manually or, electronically, or digitally, as the case may be, as specified by the UT of Lakshadweep Administration in notification, within thirty days of the due date namely 31st March of the year.

(7) Declaration of Executive Officer:

(a) The Director of Employment or officer of his equivalent or above rank, controlling the work of Career Centres (Regional) of the UT of Lakshadweep Administration, will declare in writing an officer looking after the work of Career Centres (Regional) as “Executive Officer” for each district for the purpose of enforcement /implementation of Chapter XIII (Employment Information and

Monitoring) of the Code. He shall be the officer who shall exercise the rights and perform duties referred to in section 139 of the Code, or authorize any person in writing to exercise those rights and perform duties.

(b) The Director of Employment or an officer of equivalent or above rank, controlling the work of Directorate General of Employment, Ministry of Labour & Employment, New Delhi, will declare in writing an officer looking after the work of Career Centres (Central) as “Executive Officer” for the purpose of enforcement /implementation of Chapter XIII (Employment Information and Monitoring) of the Code. He shall be the officer who shall exercise the rights and perform duties referred to in Section 139 of the Code.

(8) Levy of penalty under the Chapter XIII of the Code: The Director of Employment or an officer of equivalent or above rank, controlling the work of Career Centres (Regional) of the UT of Lakshadweep shall be the competent authority to approve institution or sanction the institution of levy of penalty for an offence under the Code as mentioned in section 133.

(9) Issue of guidelines: For implementation of provisions of Code on Social Security, 2020 relating to Chapter XIII and rules thereof, the Central Government may issue detailed guidelines which may be supplemented further by the UT of Lakshadweep Administration as per local needs.

CHAPTER - XIII

MISCELLANEOUS

59. Manner of establishment and administration of the Social Security Fund under sub-section (4) of section 141.- (1) All the following funds received shall be credited to separate account(s) and called as Social Security Fund and all expenses towards the scheme (s) notified under sections 109 and 114 for the Unorganised Workers, Gig Workers and Platform Workers shall be met out of this fund:

(a) under sub-section (1) of section 141 of the Code on Social Security, 2020 (36 of 2020); and

(b) under sub-section (1) of section 115 of the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code, 2020 (37 of 2020).

(2) The Central Government shall identify the source(s) for initial funding/ replenishing the Social Security Fund from time to time.

- (3) The fund shall be administered by the Central Government through an agency designated by the Central Government in the manner, as notified by the Central Government.
- (4) Directions of the Central Government, if any shall be complied by the agency designated for the administration of the Social Security Fund.
- (5) The Statement of accounts of Social Security Fund shall be maintained by the agency, in the form(s) and manner as specified by the Central Government and shall be submitted to the Central Government from time to time.
- (6) The accounts of the Social Security Fund shall be audited by Comptroller and Auditor General of India.

60. Eligibility conditions to be fulfilled prior to grant of exemption and the conditions to be complied with after exemption under sub-section (1); and extension period of exemption under sub-section (3) of section 143.- (1) An establishment, to be eligible to seek exemption under section 143 of the Code shall be required to fulfil the following conditions, prior to grant of exemption: -

- (a) the employees of such establishment are in receipt of benefits substantially similar or superior to the benefits granted in the scheme framed under Chapter III or the benefits available under Chapter IV, as the case may be, of the Code;
- (b) the establishment seeking exemption shall make an application electronically or otherwise;
- (c) the establishment has been complying with the provisions of Chapter III of the Code or the Employees' Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 (19 of 1952); or, the provision of Chapter IV of the Code or Employees' State Insurance Corporation Act, 1948 (34 of 1948), as the case may be, for a period of three years continuously immediately before making the application and has not defaulted in payment of contribution payable under the respective Chapters during such period;
- (d) the establishment seeking exemption under section 143 of the Code should have minimum five hundred contributory members for the purposes of Chapter III of the Code or minimum five hundred employees for the purposes of Chapter IV of the Code, as the case may be, on the date of such application;
- (e) the establishment seeking exemption from the provisions of the Provident Fund Scheme or the Pension Scheme framed under section 15 of the Code should have a cumulative balance in members account of rupees fifty crore or more in respect of the Scheme from which exemption is sought;

- (f) for the purposes of the Chapter III, the establishment shall furnish consent of majority of the employees for seeking exemption under section 143 of the Code;
 - (g) the establishment seeking exemption should have a positive net worth during each of the last three years before the date of application;
 - (h) the establishment must have seeded the Aadhaar Number of each of the member in the respective members' account for the purposes of Chapter III or that of each of insured person and his/her family members for the purposes of Chapter IV, as the case may be, of the Code in the respective data-base; and
 - (i) for the purposes of Chapter III of the Code, the establishment shall provide facilities for online claim settlement and has an online portal for grievance resolution to provide linkages with that of Employees' Provident Fund Organisation within ninety days of grant of exemption.
- (2) The notification granting exemption under section 143 of the Code shall be issued so as to take effect from the date of the notification and shall contain the other terms and conditions to be complied with by the establishment and/or the employer, as the case may be.
- (3) (a) The application for extension of exemption under section 143 of the Code shall be made on specified portal, at least six months before expiry of exemption.
- (b) The exemption granted to an establishment from provision of Chapter IV shall be extendable by the appropriate Government for a period of five years at a time, subject to the condition that the establishment continues to fulfil the relevant conditions in specified sub-rule (1) of Rule 60 except that in clause (d) of sub-rule (1) of Rule 60.
- (c) No exemption from the provision of Chapter IV shall be extended without prior consultation of the Corporation. The Corporation shall submit its views to the Appropriate Government within three months of receipt of application failing which the appropriate Government shall decide on the extension of exemption, as it may deem fit.
- (d) The exemption granted in respect of the Provident Fund Scheme or the Pension Scheme or the Insurance Scheme, as the case may be, may be extended for such period and on such terms and conditions as may be specified in the respective Schemes.

61. Time within which the Central Board or the Corporation, as the case may be, shall forward its view to the appropriate Government under sub-section (1) section 143.- The Central Board or the Corporation, as the case may be, shall forward its views on the application seeking exemption under section 143 of the Code to the appropriate government within six

months of receipt of proposal for exemption. If Central Board or the Corporation, as the case may be, is unable to provide its views within the said period, the appropriate government may extend the time limit or take action on the application of exemption, as it may deem fit.

62. Conditions which the exempted establishment or the class of establishments or an employee or class of employees, as the case may be, shall comply with after such exemption under sub-section (2) of section 143.- (1) The establishment to which exemption has been granted from the provision of Chapter IV of the Code:

(a) shall maintain such records regarding the exempted employees and submit such returns and other information to the Corporation as may be specified in the Regulations; and

(b) in case of change of legal status of an establishment which has been granted exemption under section 143 of the Code, due to merger, demerger, acquisition, sale, amalgamation, formation into a subsidiary, whether wholly owned or not, etc. the exemption shall be deemed to be cancelled and the establishment shall be required to apply afresh for exemption, to the appropriate Government.

(2) For the purposes of Chapter III, the establishment and/or employer, after the grant of exemption, shall comply with all such terms and conditions as may be specified in the Provident Fund Scheme or the Pension Scheme or the Insurance Scheme, as the case may be, framed under section 15 of the Code.

63. Conditions for management of the trust under sub-section (5) of section 143, which has been granted exemption under sub-section (1) of section 143, under Chapter III.- (1) A Board of Trustees shall be established for the management of the Provident Fund or the Pension Fund according to such directions as may be given by the Central Government or the Central Provident Fund Commissioner, as the case may be, from time to time.

(2) The Board of Trustees shall consist of such equal number of representatives each of the employers and employees as may be prescribed in the Provident Fund Scheme or the Pension Scheme, as the case may be.

(3) The employer of such exempted establishment shall be the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees. The Chairperson may exercise a casting vote in an event of equality of votes. However, arm's length principles shall be maintained by the Chairperson in all meetings of the Board of Trustees.

- (4) The Board of Trustees shall meet at least once in every three months and shall function in the accordance with the guidelines that may be issued from time to time by the Central Government or the Central Provident Fund Commissioner or any officer authorized by him.
- (5) The terms and conditions, including the tenure of office of the Trustees, the procedure and manner for election or nomination of the representatives of the employees and of employers to the Board of Trustees, disqualification and cessation of trusteeship, re-election or re-nomination of trustees, the quorum at the meeting of the Board, records to be kept of the transaction of business and all such other matters and conditions for the management of the Trust shall be as provided for in the Provident Fund Scheme or the Pension Scheme, as the case may be.
- (6) In case of any dispute or doubt on any general issues within the ambit of these terms and conditions, the matter shall be referred to the Regional Provident Fund Commissioner in whose jurisdiction the head office of the establishment is located. The decision of the Regional Provident Fund Commissioner in the matter shall be final and binding.

64. Submission of a copy of the Form to the office of Director General, Labour Bureau under clause (zv) of sub- section (2) of section 155. – A copy of Form V (notice for Payment/Rejecting claim of Gratuity) shall be shared electronically with the Director General, Labour Bureau in auto-mode.

FORM- I**[See Rule 14 (2)(a)]****APPEAL UNDER SECTION 23 OF THE CODE ON SOCIAL SECURITY, 2020****Title of the case:****APPEAL****INDEX**

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Signature of the Applicant

*For use in Tribunal's office*Date of filing (or) Date of receipt
by post Registration No.

Signature of Registrar

IN THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT INDUSTRIAL TRIBUNAL

BETWEEN

A. B.

APPELLANT

Vs.

C. D.

RESPONDENT

DETAILS OF APPEAL

1. Particulars of the appellant:
 - (i) Name of the appellant
 - (ii) Office address
 - (iii) Address for service of notices
2. Particulars of the Respondent:
 - (i) Name of the respondent
 - (ii) Office address
 - (iii) Address for service of notices

3. Particulars of the order/notification against which appeal is made: The appeal is against the following order/notification

- (i) Order/notification No. with reference to Annexure
- (ii) Date
- (iii) Passed by
- (iv) Subject in brief

4. Jurisdiction of the Tribunal: The appellant declares that the subject of the matter against which he wants redressal is within the jurisdiction of the Tribunal.

5. Limitation. —The appellant further declares that the appeal is within the limitation prescribed in Section 127 of the Social Security Code, 2020.

6. Facts of the case: The facts of the case are given below:

(Give here a concise statement of facts in a chronological order, each paragraph containing as nearly as possible a separate issue, fact or otherwise)

7. Details of remedies exhausted. —The appellant declares that he has availed of all the remedies available to him under the Code.

(Give here chronologically the details of representations made and the outcome of such representation with reference to the Annexure numbers).

8. Matters not previously filed or pending with any other Court. —The appellant further declares that he had not previously filed any appeal, writ petition or suit regarding the matter in respects of which this appeal has been made, before any court of law or any other authority or any other bench of the Tribunal nor any such appeal writ petition or suit is pending before any of them.

In case the appellant has previously filed any appeal, writ petition or suit, the stage at which it is pending and if decided, the gist of the decision should be given with reference to the Annexure.

9. Relief(s) sought. —In view of the facts mentioned in para 6 above the appellant prays for the following relief(s):--

[Specify below the relief(s) sought explaining the ground for relief(s) and the legal provisions (if any) relied upon].

10. Interim order, if any prayed for. —Pending final decision on the appeal the applicant seeks issue of the following interim order—

(Give here the nature of the interim order prayed for with reasons)

11. In the event of appeal being sent by Registered post, it may be stated whether the appellant desires to have oral hearing at the admission stage and if so, he shall attach a self-addressed Post Card, Inland Letter, at which intimation regarding the date of hearing could be sent to him.

12. Particulars of Bank Draft/Postal order in respect of the Appeal Fee:

1. Name of the Bank on which drawn
2. Demand Draft No. (OR)
3. Details of online fund transfer

13. List of enclosures

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

VERIFICATION

I, (Name of the Appellant) S/O, D/O, W/O
 Age..... Working asin the office of Resident of do hereby
 verify that the contents of paras To..... Are true to my personal knowledge
 and paras to believed to be true on legal advice and that I have not suppressed any
 material fact.

Signature of the Appellant

Date:

Place:

To

The Registrar

FORM-II
[See Rule 14 (2)(c)]
RECEIPT SLIP

Signature of the Appellant

Receipt of the appeal filed in the Central Government Industrial Tribunal at
by Sri/Smt/Kum..... working in/for..... of.....
residing at... is hereby acknowledged.

For Registrar
Central Government Industrial Tribunal

Date:

Seal:

FORM-III**[(See Rule 34 (1),(2), (3) and (4)]****Nomination/Fresh Nomination/Modification of Nomination***(Strike out the words not applicable)*

To.....

(Give here name or description of the establishment with full address)

I, Shri/Shrimati/Kumari.....(Name in full here)whose particulars are given in the statement below, hereby nominate the person(s) mentioned below/ have acquired a family within the meaning of clause (33) of section 2 of Code on Social Security, 2020 with effect from the.....(date here) in the manner indicated below and therefore nominate afresh the person(s) mentioned below to receive the gratuity payable after my death as also the gratuity standing to my credit in the event of my death before that amount has become payable, or having become payable has not been paid and direct that the said amount of gratuity shall be paid in proportion indicated against the name(s) of the nominee(s).

or

I, Shri/Shrimati/Kumari..... (Name in full here) whose particulars are given in the statement below, hereby give notice that the nomination filled by me on date and recorded under your reference No.....dated shall stand modified in the following manner-

*Strike out unnecessary portion.

2. I hereby certify that the person(s) mentioned is/are a member(s) of my family within the meaning of clause (33) of section 2 of the Code on Social Security, 2020.

3. I hereby declare that I have no family within the meaning of clause (33) of section 2 of the said Code.

4 (a) My father/mother/parents is/are not dependent on me. (b) My husband's father/mother/parents is/are not dependent on my husband.

5. I have excluded my husband from my family by a notice dated the... to the competent authority in terms of clause (33) of section 2 of the said Code.

6. Nomination made herein invalidates my previous nomination.

Nominee(s)

S.No.	Name in full with full address of nominee(s)	Relationship with the employee	Age of nominee	Proportion by which the gratuity will be shared
1.				
2.				
3.				
So on				

Manner of acquiring a “Family”

(Here give details as to how a family was acquired, i.e., whether by marriage or parents being rendered dependent or through other process like adoption)

Statement

1. Name of employee in full
2. Sex
3. Religion
4. Whether unmarried/married/widow/widower
5. Department/Branch/Section where employed
6. Post held with Ticket No. or Serial No., if any
7. Date of appointment
8. Permanent address:

Village..... Thana..... Sub-division.....

Post-Office.....

Pin-Code.....District.....State..... E-mail

ID.....Mobile Number.....

Place:

Date:

Signature/Thumb-impression of
the Employee

Certificate by the Employer

Certified that the particulars of the above nomination have been verified and recorded in this establishment. Employer's Reference No., if any

Signature of the employer/Officer
authorised Designation

Date:

Name and address of the establishment
or rubber stamp thereof.

Acknowledgement by the Employee

Received the duplicate copy of nomination in Form-III filed by me and duly certified by the employer.

Date:

Signature of the Employee

FORM-IV

[(See Rule 35(1)]

Application for Gratuity by an Employee/Nominee/Legal Heir*(Strike out the words not applicable)*

To,.....

(Give here name or description of the establishment with full address)

Sir/Madam,

I,(name of employee/nominee/legal heir) /nominee of late.....
 (Name of the employee)/ as a legal heir of late..... (Name of the employee), beg to
 apply for payment of gratuity to which I am entitled under sub-section (1) of section 53 of the
 Code on Social Security, 2020 on account of-

(a) my superannuation/retirement/resignation after completion of not less than five
 years of continuous service/total disablement due to accident/total disablement due to
 disease/ on termination of contract period under fixed term employment with effect
 from the.....or;

(b) death of the aforesaid employee while in service/superannuation
 on.....after completion of.....years of service/total disablement of
 the aforesaid employee due to accident or disease while in service with effect from
 the..... or;

(c) death of aforesaid employee of your establishment while in
 service/superannuation on.....(date) without making any
 nomination after completion ofyears of service/total disablement of the
 aforesaid employee due to accident or disease while in service with effect
 from.....

Necessary particulars relating to my appointment are given in the statement
 below.

1. Name of employee in full, (if, the gratuity is claimed by an employee)
 - a. Marital status of employee (unmarried/married/widow/widower)
 - b. Address in full of employee

or
2. Name of nominee/legal heir, (if the gratuity is claimed by nominee/legal heir)
 - a. Name of Employee
 - b. Marital status of nominee/legal heir(unmarried/married/widow/widower)

- c. Relationship of nominee/legal heir with the employee
 - d. Address in full of nominee/legal heir
 - e. Date of death and proof of death of the employee
 - f. Reference No. of recorded nomination if available
- 3. Department/Branch/Section where last employed
 - 4. Post held by employee.
 - 5. Date of appointment.
 - 6. Date and cause of termination of service
 - 7. Date of Death
 - 8. Total period of service of the employee
 - 9. Total wages last drawn by the employee.
 - 10. Total gratuity payable to the employee/ share of gratuity claimed by a nominee/legal heir.
 - 11. Payment may please be made by crossed bank cheque/credit in my bank account no.....

Yours faithfully,

Signature/Thumb-impression of the
applicant employee/nominee/legal heir

Place:

Date:

FORM-V

[(See Rule 35(2)]

Notice for Payment/Rejecting claim of Gratuity

(Strike out the words not applicable)

To,.....

(Name and address of the applicant employee/nominee legal heir)

You are hereby informed that

(a) *as required under sub-clause (ii) of clause (a) of sub-rule (2) of rule 35 of the Code on Social Security (Central) Rules, 2020, that your claim for payments of gratuity as indicated on your application in Form-IV under the said rules is not admissible for the reasons stated below:

Reasons (Here specify the reasons); or

(b) *as required under sub-clause (i) of clause (a) of sub-rule (2) of rule 35 the Code on Social Security (Central) Rules, 2020 that a sum of Rs.(Rupees.....) is payable to you as gratuity/as your share of gratuity in terms of nomination made byonand.....recorded in thisas a legal heir of an employee of this establishment.

2. *Please call aton.....

(Here specify place).....(date) at.....(time) for collecting your payment of gratuity crossed cheque.

3. Amount payable shall be sent to you through demand draft or shall be credited in your bank account as desired by you.

4. Brief statement of calculation

- (a) Date of appointment.
- (b) Date of termination/superannuation/resignation/ disablement/death.
- (c) Total period of service of the employee concerned:..... years... months.
- (d) Wages last drawn:
- (e) Proportion of the admissible gratuity payable in terms of nomination/as a legal heir:
- (f) Amount payable:

*strike out para, if, not applicable

Place:

Date:

Signature of the Employer/authorised officer.
Name or description of establishment or rubber stamp thereof.

Copy to: The Competent Authority in case of denial of gratuity.

Copy also to: Office of DG Labour Bureau, Ministry of Labour and Employment, Chandigarh.

FORM-VI
 [(See Rule 35(4))]
Application for Direction
Before the Competent Authority for Chapter V under the Code on Social Security, 2020

Application No.

Date

BETWEEN
 (Name in full of the applicant with full address)
 AND
 (Name in full of the employer concerned with full address)

The applicant is an employee of the above-mentioned employer/a nominee of late.....an employee of the above-mentioned employer/a legal heir of late..... and employee of the above- mentioned employer, and is entitled to payment of gratuity under section 53 of the Code on Social Security, 2020 on account of his own/aforesaid employee's superannuation on.....(date)/his own retirement/aforesaid employees' resignation on.....(date) completion of.....years of continuous service/his own/aforesaid employees' total disablement with effect from(date)due to accident/disease death of aforesaid employee on.....

2. The applicant submitted an application under Rule..... of the Code on Social Security (Central) Rules, 2020 on thebut the above-mentioned employer refused to entertain it/issued a notice dated the..... under clauseof sub-rule of rule offering an amount of gratuity which is less than my due/issued a notice datedthe under clause..... of sub-rule... of rule... rejecting my eligibility to payment of gratuity. The duplicate copy of the said notice is enclosed.

3. The applicant submits that there is a dispute on the matter (specify the dispute).

4. The applicant furnishes the necessary particulars in the annexure hereto and prays that the Competent Authority may be pleased to determine the amount of gratuity payable to the petitioner and direct the above-mentioned employer to pay the same to the petitioner.

5. The applicant declares that the particulars furnished in the annexure hereto are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Date:

Signature/Thumb impression of the applicant.

ANNEXURE

1. Name in full of applicant with full address
2. Basis of claim (Death/Superannuation/Retirement/Resignation/Disablement of Employee/Completion of contract period under Fixed Term Employment)
3. Name and address in full of the employee
4. Marital status of the employee (unmarried/married/widow/widower)
5. Name and address in full of the employer
6. Department/Branch/Section where the employee was last employed (if known)
7. Post held by the employee with Ticket or Sl. No., if any (if known)
8. Date of appointment of the employee (if known)
9. Date and cause of termination of service of the employee (Superannuation / retirement / resignation / disablement / death/Completion of contract period under Fixed Term Employment)
10. Total period of service by the employee
11. Wages last drawn by the employee
12. If the employee is dead, date and cause thereof
13. Evidence/witness in support of death of the employee
14. If a nominee, No. and date of recording of nomination with the employer
15. Evidence/witness in support of being a legal heir if a legal heir
16. Total gratuity payable to the employee (if known)
17. Percentage of gratuity payable to the applicant as nominee/legal heir
18. Amount of gratuity claimed by the applicant

Place:

Date:

Signature/Thumb-impression of the applicant

FORM – VII

[(See Rule 35 (5),(8)]

Notice for Appearance before the Competent Authority/Summon

(Strike out the words not applicable)

To,

(Name and address of the employer/applicant)

Whereas Shrian employee under you/a nominee(s)/legal heir(s) of Shri.....an employee under the above-mentioned employer, has/have filed an application under sub-rule (4) of rule 35 of the Code on Social Security(Central) Rules, 2020 alleging that----

(A copy of the said application is enclosed, if, summon is issued then copy of application is not required)

Now, therefore, you are hereby called upon/summoned to appear before the Competent Authority at(place)either personally or through a person duly authorized in this behalf for the purpose of answering all material questions relating to the application on the day of20..... at'O' clock in the forenoon/afternoon in support of/to answer the allegation; and as the day fixed for your appearance is appointed for final disposal of the application, you must be prepared to produce on that day all the witnesses upon whose evidence, and the documents upon which you intend to rely in support of your allegation/defence.

Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day before-mentioned, the application will be dismissed/heard and determined in your absence.

Whereas your attendance is required to give evidence/you are required to produce the documents mentioned in this list below, on behalf of in the case arising out of the claim for gratuity by..... Form and referred to this Authority by an application under section 56 of the Code on Social Security, 2020, you are hereby summoned to appear personally before this Authority on the day of20..... at 'O'clock in the forenoon/afternoon and to bring with you for to send to this Authority) the said documents.

List of documents-

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

so on

Given under my hand and seal, thisday of20.....

Competent Authority under the Code on Social
Security Code, 2020

Note:

1. Strike out the words and paragraphs not applicable.
2. The portion not applicable to be deleted.
3. The summons shall be issued in duplicate. The duplicate is to be signed and returned by the persons served before the date fixed.
4. In case the summons is issued only for producing a document and not to given evidence it will be sufficient compliance to the summons if the documents are caused to be produced before the competent authority on the day and hour fixed for the purpose.

FORM – VIII

[(See Rule 35(11) and (12)]

Notice for Payment of Gratuity as Determined by Competent/Appellate Authority

(Strike out the words not applicable)

To,

(Name and address of employer)

1. Whereas Shri/Smt./Kumari..... of an employee..... (address)under you/a nominee(s)/legal heir(s) of late..... an employee under you, filed an application under section 56 of the Code on Social Security, 2020, before me; or

Whereas a notice was given to you onrequiring you to make payment of Rs..... to Shri/Smt./Kumari... as gratuity under the Code on Social Security, 2020.

2. And whereas the application was heard in your presence on and after the hearing have come to the finding that the said Shri/Smt./Kumari..... is entitled to a payment of Rs..... as gratuity under the Code on Social Security, 2020; or

Whereas you/the applicant went in appeal before the appellate authority, who has decided that an amount of Rs..... is due to be paid to Shri/Smt./Kumari as gratuity due under the Code on Social Security, 2020.

Now, therefore, I hereby direct you to pay the said sum of Rs.to Shri/Smt./Kumari..... within thirty days of the receipt of this notice with an intimation thereof to me.

Given under my hand and seal, thisday of.....20.....

Competent Authority under the Code on Social Security Code, 2020

Copy to:

1. The Applicant- He is advised to contact the employer for collecting payment.
2. The Appellate Authority if applicable.

Note. --- (Strike out paragraphs if not applicable)

FORM – IX
[(See Rule 35(13))]
Application for Recovery of Gratuity

Before the Competent Authority for Chapter V under the Social Security Code, 2020

Application No.

Date

BETWEEN

(Name in full of the applicant with full address)

AND

(Name in full of the employer/Trust/Insurer concerned with full address)

1. The applicant is an employee of the above-mentioned employer/a nominee of late.....an employee of the above-mentioned employer/a legal heir of late an employee of the above-mentioned employer, and you were pleased to direct the said employer in your notice dated the under sub-rule (11) or sub-rule (12) of rule 35 of Code on Social Security (Central) Rules, 2020 for payment of a sum of Rs as gratuity payable under the Code on Social Security, 2020.

2. The applicant submits that the said employer failed to pay the said amount of gratuity to me as directed by you although I approached him for payment.

3. The applicant therefore prays that a certificate may be issued under section 129 of the Code for recovery of the said sum of Rs.....due to me as gratuity in terms of your direction.

Signature/Thumb-impression of applicant.

Place:

Date:

Note.—Strike out the words not applicable.

FORM – X

[See Rule 37(1)(a) and (d)]

**Certificate of Medical Officer/Medical Practitioner for confinement/miscarriage/
Medical termination of pregnancy or tubectomy operation/ delivery of a child/adoption
of child**

This is to certify that-

1. *I examined.....wife/ daughter of Woman employee in..... (Name of the establishment) on (Date) and found/ cannot discover that she is pregnant and is expected to be delivered of a child within (month and/days) from the above-mentioned date/ has undergone miscarriage/ Medical termination of pregnancy or tubectomy operation/has been delivered of a child on..... (Date) or is suffering from (date) from illness arising out of pregnancy/delivery/ premature birth of a child or miscarriage/ Medical termination of pregnancy or tubectomy operation.

2. *Smt..... wife/daughter of..... employed in..... (Name of the establishment) expired on.....before/during/ after confinement. The child died on...../survives her.

3. *I examined....wife/ daughter of....a woman employed in (Name of establishment) and found that she has been delivered of a child/ has undergone miscarriage on (date).

*Strike out unnecessary portion.

Date.....

Signature, qualifications and designation of
Medical Officer/Medical Practitioner/Midwife

Definitions of "child" and "miscarriage" as in the Code on Social Security, 2020.-

1. "Child" includes a still-born child.

2. "Miscarriage" means expulsion of the contents of a pregnant uterus at any period prior to or during the twenty-sixth week of pregnancy but does not include any miscarriage, the causing of which is punishable under the Indian Penal Code.

FORM – XI

[See Rule 37(2)(a) and (c)]

(Notice of Claim for Maternity Benefit and Payment thereof under section 62 & 63)

To

..... (name of establishment)

PART I**Notice**

[See Rule 37(2)(a)]

I (name of woman) wife/ daughter of..... employed as..... at.....(name of establishment), hereby give notice that I expect to be confined within six weeks next following from the date of this notice/ have given birth to a child on.....(date) and shall be absent from work from.....(date). I shall not work in any establishment during the period for which I receive maternity benefit.

2. For the purpose of section 63, I hereby nominate..... (Here enter name and address of the nominee) to receive maternity benefit and/ or any other amount due to me under the Code in case of my death.

Signature of an Attester in case
the woman is not able to sign
and affix thumb impression.

Signature or impression of woman

Date.....

PART II**FORM OF RECEIPT OF MATERNITY BENEFIT**

[See Rule 37(2)(c)]

I,....., the undersigned, a woman employee/ the nominee of..... woman employee/ legal representative of..... woman employee deceased in.....(name of establishment) at..... in..... district received maternity benefit and/or other amount due under the Code on Social Security, 2020 from the employer of the establishment referred to above, as detailed below: -

Rs..... being the first installment of maternity benefit paid on.....

Rs..... being the second installment of maternity benefit after delivery paid on.....

Rs..... being the medical bonus under section 64 of the Code paid on.....

Rs.....being the wages for the leave period from..... to..... mentioned under section 65.

*My/ Her confinement/ miscarriage Medical termination of pregnancy or tubectomy operation took place on..... or I/she fell ill because of pregnancy, delivery, premature birth of a child or miscarriage Medical termination of pregnancy or tubectomy operation on..... In consequence I..... her nominee/legal representative has received the aforesaid amounts prescribed in sections 60, 64 and 65 of the Code on Social Security, 2020.

Signature or thumb impression of.....

*Woman employee or her nominee or legal representative

Signature of an Attester in case the woman is
not able to sign and affixes thumb impression

Date.....

*Strike out unnecessary portion.

FORM – XII

[See Rule 41(1)(a)]

Complaint to the Inspector-cum-Facilitator

To,

The Inspector-cum-Facilitator

(Under The Code on Social Security, 2020) Sir,

I..... (Name of woman) employed in..... (name and full address of the establishment) or I....., (name), a person nominated under section 62 by or a legal representative of.....(name of woman) employed in.....(name and full address of the establishment) having fulfilled the conditions laid down in the Code on Social Security , 2020 and the Rules thereunder, am entitled to Rs..... being maternity benefit and/ or Rs..... being the medical bonus and/ or Rs..... being wages for leave due under section 65 but the same has been improperly withheld by the employer/discharged or dismissed during or on account of her absence from work in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter VI of Code on Social Security , 2020.

You are therefore requested, to direct the employer to pay the amount to me/ to set aside the discharge or dismissal done by the employer.

Date.....

Signature or thumb impression of the Woman/
nominee/ legal representative

Signature of an Attester in case the woman/
nominee/ legal representative is unable to sign
and affixes thumb impression. Full address of
the women/nominee/legal representative.

FORM-XIII
Appeal
[See Rule 40(2) and 41 (2) (b)]

To,
 The Authority,
 (Appointed under the Code on Social Security, 2020)
 (Address)

Sir,

I....., the undersigned, woman employee of (name and full address of the establishment)

*Feel aggrieved by the order of Inspector-cum-Facilitator under sub section (2) of section 72 for the reasons attached hereto, prefer this appeal under sub-section (2) of section 68 and request that the said employer be ordered to pay the above mentioned amount to me. A copy of the order of Inspector-cum-Facilitator cum Facilitator in this behalf is enclosed; or

*Shri....., Inspector-cum-Facilitator, having directed under sub-section (2) of section 72 to pay the maternity benefit or other amount being..... (Nature of amount) to which.....(Name of woman) is said to be entitled/to set aside my discharge or dismissal during or on account of absence from work in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter V of the Code on Social Security , 2020(Strike out unnecessary portion).

I prefer this appeal under sub-section (3) of section 72. In view of the facts mentioned in the memorandum attached hereto and other documents filed herewith it is submitted that the woman is not entitled to the maternity benefit or the said amount and hence the order of the Inspector-cum-Facilitator in the copy of which is enclosed, may be set aside.

*Strike out unnecessary portion.

Date.....

Signature or thumb impression of the Women/Aggrieved person

.....

Signature of an Attester in case the woman is not able to sign and affixes thumb impression. Full address of the nominee/legal representative

FORM – XIV
 [See Rule 42(4)]
(Abstract for the Maternity Benefit, and the rules made under the Code on Social Security, 2020).

1. No employer shall knowingly employ a woman during the six weeks immediately following the day of her delivery of miscarriage/ Medical termination of pregnancy and no woman shall work in any establishment during the said period.

2. No pregnant woman shall, on a request being made by her in this behalf, be required by her employer to do during the period of one month immediately preceding the period of six weeks before the date of her expected delivery and also for any period during this period of six weeks for which she does not avail of leave of absence, any work which is of an arduous nature or which involves long hours of standing, or which in way is likely to interfere with her pregnancy or the normal development of the foetus, or is likely to cause her miscarriage or otherwise to adversely affect her health.

3. (a) Subject to the provisions of the Code, every woman who has actually worked in an establishment of the employer from whom she claims maternity benefit for a period of not less than eighty days, including the days during which she was laid off, shall be entitled to, and her employer shall be liable for, the payment of maternity benefit at the rate of her average daily wages, or the minimum rate of wage fixed or revised under the Code on Wages, 2019 or Two hundred rupees a day, whichever is higher, for the period of her actual absence not exceeding six weeks immediately preceding the day of delivery and the remaining period immediately following that day:

Provided further that where a woman dies during the period for which maternity benefit is payable, to her, the benefit shall be payable only for the days up to and including the day of her death. However, where the woman having been delivered of a child, dies during her delivery or during the remaining period of maternity benefit leaving behind in either case the child, the employer shall be liable for the, payment of maternity benefit for the entire period of maternity benefit following the day of her delivery but if the child also dies during the said period, then, for the days up to and including the day of the death of the child.

(b) The amount of maternity benefit for the period preceding the date of her expected delivery shall be paid in advance by the employer to the woman on production of a certificate in Form-X stating that she is pregnant and is expected to be delivered of a child within six weeks of the date of production of the certificate, and the amount due for the subsequent period shall be paid by the employer to the woman within forty-eight hours of production of the

certificate in Form-X stating that she has been delivered of a child or production of a certified extract from a Birth Register maintained under the provisions of any law for the time being in force.

4. (a) Any woman employed in an establishment and entitled to maternity benefit under the provisions of this Code may give notice in writing in Form-XI to her employer, stating that her maternity benefit and any other amount to which she may be entitled under this Code may be paid to her or to such person as she may nominate in the notice and that she will not work in any establishment during the period for which she receives maternity benefit.

(b) In the case of a woman who is pregnant, such notice shall state the date from which she will be absent from work, not being a date earlier than six weeks from the date of her expected delivery.

(c) Any woman who has not given the notice when she was pregnant may give such notice as soon as possible after the delivery.

(d) On receipt of the notice, the employer shall permit such woman to absent herself from establishment until the expiry of the remaining period of maternity benefit after the day of her delivery.

5. (a) Every woman entitled to maternity benefit under the Code shall also be entitled to receive from her employer a medical bonus of rupees three thousand and five hundred, if no pre-natal, confinement and post-natal care is provided for by the employer free of charge. The medical bonus shall be paid along with the second installment of the maternity benefit.

(b) In case of miscarriage/medical termination of pregnancy, a woman shall, on production of a certificate in Form-X be entitled to leave with wages at the rate of maternity benefit, for a period of six weeks immediately following the day of her miscarriage. The wages shall be paid within 48 hours of production of the certificate in Form-X.

(c) A woman suffering from illness arising out of pregnancy, delivery, premature birth of child or miscarriage/ medical termination of pregnancy or tubectomy operation shall, on production of a certificate in Form-X, be entitled, in addition to the period of absence allowed to her on account of maternity or miscarriage/ medical termination of pregnancy or tubectomy operation, as the case may be, to leave with wages at the rate of maternity benefit for a maximum period of one month. The wages for the leave period shall be paid within 48 hours of the expiry of that period.

6. Every woman delivered of a child who returns to duty after such delivery shall, in addition to the interval for rest allowed to her, be allowed in the course of her daily work two breaks of 15 minutes' duration for nursing the child until the child attains the age of fifteen

months. An extra sufficient period, depending upon the distance to be covered, shall be allowed for the purpose of the journey to and from the creche or the place where the children are left by women while on duty, provided that such extra period shall not be less than 5 minutes and more than 15 minutes' duration.

7. (1) When a woman absents herself from work in accordance with the provisions of the Code, it shall be unlawful for her employer to discharge or dismiss her during or on account of such absence or to give notice of discharge or dismissal on such a day that the notice will expire during such absence, or to vary to her disadvantage any of the conditions of her service.

(2) (a) The discharge or dismissal of a woman at any time during her pregnancy, if the woman but for which discharge or dismissal would have been entitled to maternity benefit or medical bonus shall not have the effect of depriving her of the maternity benefit or medical bonus:

Provided that where the dismissal is for one or more of the following acts, the employer may, by order in writing communicate to the woman, deprive her of the maternity benefit or medical bonus or both-

- (i) Willful destruction of employer's goods or property;
 - (ii) Assaulting any superior or co-employee at the place of work;
 - (iii) Criminal offence involving moral turpitude resulting in conviction in a court of law;
 - (iv) theft, fraud, or dishonesty in connection with the employer's business or property; and
 - (iv) willful non-observance of safety measures or rules on the subject or willful interference with safety devices or with fire-fighting equipment.
- (b) Any woman deprived of maternity benefit or medical bonus or both, may within

sixty days from the date on which the order of such deprivation is communicated to her, appeal in Form-XIII to the Competent Authority and his decision on such appeal whether the woman should or should not be deprived of maternity benefit or medical bonus or both, shall be final.

8. If a woman works in any establishment after she has been permitted by her employer to absent herself under the provisions of the Act, she shall forfeit her claim to the maternity benefit for such period.

9. (1) Any woman claiming the maternity benefit or any other amount to which she is entitled under the Act and any person claiming that payment due has been improperly withheld may make complaint to the Inspector-cum- Facilitators in writing in Form-XIII as the case may be.

(2) The Inspector-cum-Facilitators may, on his own motion or on receipt of a complaint in Form-XII, make an inquiry or cause an enquiry to be made and if satisfied that payment has been wrongfully withheld, may direct the payment to be made in accordance with his orders.

(3) Any person aggrieved by the decision of the Inspector-cum-Facilitator may, within, thirty days from the date on which such decision is communicated to such person, appeal to the Authority prescribed by the Appropriate Government.

(4) The decision of Authority where an appeal has been preferred to him or of the Inspector-cum-Facilitator where no such appeal has been preferred, shall be final.

10. (a) The employer shall supply to every woman employed by him at her request free of cost copies of Forms X, XI, XII and XIII.

(b) The failure to submit a notice, appeal or complaint in the prescribed form will not affect the right of a woman entitled to receive maternity benefit or any other amount due under the Code. Where a notice, appeal or complaint has been received in a form other than the prescribed form, the authority concerned shall within fifteen days of the receipt of such notice, appeal or complaint, require the woman to submit the notice, appeal or complaint, as the case may be in the prescribed form.

11. (a) (1) The employer of the establishment in which women are employed shall prepare and maintain a register of women employees in Form-XXII and shall enter therein particulars of all women workers in the establishment.

(2) All entries in the register of women employees shall be made in ink and maintained up-to-date and it shall always be available for inspection by the Inspector-cum-Facilitator during working hours.

(b) The employer to which the Code applies, on or before the 1st day of February in each year, upload a unified annual return in Form-XXIII online on the web portal of the Central Government in the Ministry of Labour and Employment, giving information as to the particulars specified, in respect of the preceding year:

Provided that during inspection, the Inspector-cum-Facilitator may require the production of accounts, books, register and other documents maintained in electronic form or otherwise.

Explanation.- For the purposes of this sub-rule, the expression “electronic form” shall have the same meaning as assigned to it in clause (r) of section 2 of the Information Technology Act, 2000 (21 of 2000).

FORM – XV
[See Rule 43(1)(a) and (b)]

Information for commencement or modification in respect of Building or Other Construction Work by the Employer

1.	Name and address(permanent) of the establishment.	
2.	Name of the employer and address details	
3.	Name and address/ location of place where the building and other construction is proposed to be carried on.	
4.	Name, designation and address of the authorised Person along with contact details	
5.	Correspondence address for the proposed building or other construction work may be sent	
6.	Nature of proposed construction work	
7.	Date of commencement of work (in case construction has started)	
8.	Approximate duration of work	
9.	Details of any change /modifications in the proposed construction work	

I/we hereby intimate that the building or other construction work (name of work) have you registration number dated is likely to commence/ is likely to modify with effect from (date)/ [on (date)].

Signature of employer

Name:

Date:

Place:

Mobile Number:

E-mail (if any):

FORM – XVI

[See Rule 43 (2)(b)]

Format for Self- assessment of Cess for Building or other Construction Work to be furnished by Employer

1.	Name and address (permanent) of the establishment.		
2.	Name of the employer and address details		
3.	Name and address/ location of place where the building and other construction is proposed to be carried on.		
4.	Name, designation and address of the authorized Person along with contact details		
5.	Correspondence address for the proposed building or other construction work may be sent		
6.	Nature of proposed construction work		
7.	Date of commencement of work (in case construction has started)		
8.	Approximate duration of work		
9.	Total proposed area of construction work		
10.	Total estimated cost of the construction based on the rates of (PWD or CPWD or RERA or some other rates as the case may be) along with documents (original) as per Rule 43.		
11	Total estimated cost of construction as certified by chartered engineer		
12	Amount of provisional cess	%age of total estimated cost of the construction as notified by the Central Government	Total estimated cess (in Rs.)
13	Advance cess paid, along with details (at the time of approval of the Project or before the commencement of the construction work)/ deduction at source		
14	Details of cess paid (when duration of the proposed construction work is more than one year)		
	Sl No	Year	Amount (in Rs.)
	14.1	1 st year	
	14.2	2 nd Year	
	14.3	3 rd Year	
15	Total of the cess paid (Sl. No. 13 + 14)		

Declaration

1. I/We hear by declare that the particulars given above are true to the best of my/our knowledge and belief and I/We hereby declare that nothing has been concealed or any fact has been mis-represented in the above calculation made by me/us.

2. I/We hear by declare that I/We are quite aware of the penal provisions of the Code on Social Security, 2020 and if in future anything mentioned in the above self-assessment of cess amount, is found to be incorrect or inappropriate or any incidence of hiding the facts or under calculation of cess amount is found, punitive action may be taken against me/us.

Signature and seal of employer

Name:

Date:

Place:

Mobile Number:

E-mail (if any):

Certified by Chartered Engineer

Along with his registration number, duly stamp

FORM- XVII

[See Rule 43 (2) (e)]

Notice for stoppage or reduction of Building or Other Construction Work

1.	Name of Establishment		
2.	Registration number of Establishment		
3.	Address of establishment		
4.	Date of commencement of work		DD MM YYYY
5.	Approximate proposed period of work		DD MM YYYY
6.	Date of stoppage or reduction of the building or other construction work		
7.	Total estimated cost of the construction based on the rates of (PWD or CPWD or RERA or some other rates as the case may be) along with documents (original) as per Rule 43.		
8	Total incurred cost of the construction work		
9	Total amount of cess payable	% age of total incurred cost of the construction as notified by the Central Government	Total cess payable (in Rs.)
10	Advance cess paid, along with details (at the time of approval of the Project or before the commencement of the construction work) /deduction at source, if any		
11	Details of cess paid (when duration of proposed construction work was more than one year)		
	Sl No	Year	Amount (in Rs.)
	11.1	1 st year	
	11.2	2 nd Year	
	11.3	3 rd Year	
12	Total of the cess paid (Srl.No. 10 + Srl.No 11)		
13.	Amount of outstanding cess (Srl. No. 13 – Srl. No .16)		
14	Proof of payment of outstanding Cess, if applicable		

15.	Amount of overpaid cess, if applicable	
16.	In case overpaid, details of the bank account in which excess amount is to be refunded	
17	Remark, if any	

Declaration

1. I/We hear by declare that the particulars given above are true to the best of my/our knowledge and belief and I/We hereby declare that nothing has been concealed or any fact has been mis-represented in the above calculation made by me/us.

2. I/We hear by declare that I/We are quite aware of the penal provisions of the Code on Social Security, 2020 and if in future anything mentioned in the above self-assessment of cess amount, is found to be incorrect or inappropriate or any incidence of hiding the facts or under calculation of cess amount is found, punitive action may be taken against me/us.

Signature and seal of employer

Name:
Date:
Place:
Mobile Number:
E-mail (if any):

Certified by Chartered Engineer

Along with his registration number, duly stamp.

FORM- XVIII

[See Rule 43 (2) (f) and 43(4) (a) and (c)]

Return on completion of building or other construction work submitted by employer

1.	Name and address (permanent) of the establishment.		
2.	Name of the employer and address details		
3.	Name and address/ location of place where the building and other construction is proposed to be carried on.		
4.	Name, designation and address of the authorised Person along with contact details		
5.	Correspondence address for the proposed building or other construction work may be sent		
6.	Nature of proposed construction work		
7.	Date of commencement of work (in case construction has started)		
8.	Date of completion of work		
9.	Duration of work		
10.	Total completed area of construction work		
11.	Total estimated cost of the construction based on the rates of (PWD or CPWD or RERA or some other rates as the case may be) along with documents (original) as per Rule 43		
12.	Total incurred cost of the construction work		
13.	Total amount of cess payable	%age of total incurred cost of the construction as notified by the Central Government	Total cess payable (in Rs.)
14.	Advance cess paid, along with details (at the time of approval of the Project or before the commencement of the construction work) /deduction at source, if any		
15.	Details of cess paid (when duration of the proposed construction work is more than one year)		
	Sl. No	Year	Amount (in Rs.)
	14.1	1 st year	
	14.2	2 nd Year	
	14.3	3 rd Year	

16	Total of the cess paid (Sl.No. 14 + 15)	
17.	Amount of outstanding cess (Sl.No. 13 – Sl. No.16)	
18	Proof of payment of outstanding Cess, if any	
19.	Amount of overpaid cess, if applicable	
20.	In case overpaid, details of the bank account in which excess amount is to be refunded	
21.	Remark, if any	

Declaration

1. I/We hear by declare that the particulars given above are true to the best of my/our knowledge and belief and I/We hereby declare that nothing has been concealed or any fact has been mis-represented in the above calculation made by me/us.

2. I/We hear by declare that I/We are quite aware of the penal provisions of the Code on Social Security, 2020 and if in future anything mentioned in the above self-assessment of cess amount, is found to be incorrect or inappropriate or any incidence of hiding the facts or under calculation of cess amount is found, punitive action may be taken against me/us.

Signature and seal of employer

Name:
Date:
Place:
Mobile Number:
E-mail (if any):

Certified by Chartered Engineer

Along with his registration number, duly stamp.

FORM- XIX

[See Rule 46(1) and section 105 of the Code on Social Security, 2020)

Proforma for Appeal before the Appellate Authority against Order of Assessment or Order Imposing Penalty

1.	Name and address (permanent) of the establishment.		
2.	Name of the employer and address details		
3.	Name and address/ location of place where the building and other construction is proposed to be carried on.		
4.	Name, designation and address of the authorised Person along with contact details		
5.	Correspondence address for the proposed building or other construction work may be sent		
6.	Nature of proposed construction work		
7.	Date of commencement of work(in case construction has started)		
8.	Date of completion of work		
9.	Duration of work		
10.	Total completed area of construction work		
11.	Total estimated cost of the construction based on the rates of (PWD or CPWD or RERA or some other rates as the case may be) along with documents (original) as per Rule 43.		
12.	Total incurred cost of the construction work		
13.	Total amount of cess payable	%age of total incurred cost of the construction as notified by the Central Government	Total cess payable (in Rs.)
14.	Advance cess paid, along with details (at the time of approval of the Project or before the commencement of the construction work) /deduction at source, if any		
15.	Details of cess paid (when duration of the proposed construction work is more than one year)		
	Sl. No.	Year	
	14.1	1 st year	
	14.2	2 nd Year	
	14.3	3 rd Year	

16.	Total of the cess paid (Sl.No. 14 + 15)	
17.	Amount of outstanding cess (Sl. No. 13 – Sl. No.16)	
18	Proof of payment of outstanding Cess, if any	
19.	Amount of overpaid cess, if applicable	
17.	Amount of cess assessed by the Assessing Officer	
18.	Amount of outstanding cess to be paid by the employer	
19.	Amount of penalty for non-payment of cess imposed / outstanding cess claimed by the Assessing Officer.	
20.	Ground for Appeal with supporting documents	
21.	Remark, if any	

Declaration

1. I/We hereby declare that the particulars given above are true to the best of my/our knowledge and belief and I/We hereby declare that nothing has been concealed or any fact has been mis-represented in the above calculation made by me/us.

2. I/We hereby declare that I/We are quite aware of the penal provisions of the Code on Social Security, 2020 and if in future anything mentioned in the above self-assessment of cess amount, is found to be incorrect or inappropriate or any incidence of hiding the facts or under calculation of cess amount is found, punitive action may be taken against me/us.

Signature and seal of employer

Name:

Date:

Place:

Mobile Number:

E-mail (if any):

FORM – XX

[See Rule 51(3)(a)]

Format for Self- assessment of contribution by Aggregators of gig workers and platform workers (to be submitted by 30th June of the current year in which the contribution is payable)

1.	Registration number of Aggregator / platform		
2.	Name of the Aggregator / platform and address/ location of Aggregator / platform		
3.	Name and address of the authorised person along with contact details		
4.	Number of gig workers and platform workers associated with the Aggregator / platform / as on opening day of the current financial year, i.e. 1 st day of April in the year in which contribution is payable.		
5.	Annual turn-over of such Aggregator / platform of the preceding year		
6.	Liability of the aggregator, payable to gig workers and platform workers, during the preceding year		
7.	Provisional Contribution assessment		(Amount in Rs.)
	7.1	% of the annual turnover as notified under sub- section (4) of section 114 for the preceding year	
	7.2	5% of the liability of the aggregator to gig workers and platform workers	
8.	Amount of contribution payable (minimum of 7.1 and 7.2) (in Rs.)		
9.	Payment of provisional contribution as assessed above.		
10.	Details of the Provisional payment		
11.	Remark, if any		

Note-1: For purposes of calculating contribution, turnover of an aggregator as defined under sub-section (91) under Section 2 of the Companies Act, 2013, means the gross amount of revenue recognised in the profit and loss account from the sale, supply, or distribution of goods or on account of services rendered, or both, by a company during a financial year.

Note-2: For this purpose, the annual turnover of an aggregator shall not include any tax, levy and cess paid or payable to the Central Government.

Declaration

1. I/We hereby declare that the particulars given above are true to the best of my/our knowledge and belief and I/We hereby declare that nothing has been concealed or any fact has been mis-represented in the above calculation made by me/us.
2. I/We hereby declare that I/We are quite aware of the penal provisions of the Code on Social Security, 2020 and if in future anything mentioned in the above self-assessment of contribution amount, is found to be incorrect or inappropriate or any incidence of hiding the facts or under calculation of contribution amount is found, punitive action may be taken against me/us.

Signature of authorized
person Along with seal and stamp

Name:

Date:

Place:

Mobile Number:

E-mail (if any):

FORM – XXI

[See Rule 51 (3)(b) and (c)]

**Format for return to be submitted by Aggregators of gig workers and platform workers
(To be submitted by 31st October, of the current year in which the contribution is payable)**

1.	Registration number of Aggregator / platform		
2.	Name of the Aggregator / platform and address/ location of Aggregator / platform		
3.	Name and address of the authorised person along with contact details		
4.	Number of gig workers and platform workers associated with the Aggregator / platform / as on opening day of the current financial year, i.e. 1 st day of April in the year in which contribution is payable.		
5.	Annual turn-over of such Aggregator / platforms of the preceding year		
6.	Liability of the aggregator, payable to gig workers and platform workers, during the preceding year		
7.	Final Contribution assessment after audited statement of account		(Amount in Rs.)
	7.1	% of the annual turnover as notified under sub- section (4) of section 114 for the preceding year	
	7.2	5% of the liability of the aggregator to gig workers and platform workers	
8.	Amount of contribution payable (minimum of 7.1 and 7.2) (in Rs.)		
9.	Amount paid as provisional contribution based on self-assessment.		
10.	Details of the Provisional payment (along with receipt)		
11.	Amount of outstanding contribution to be paid (Srl. No. 8- Srl.No.9)		
11.	Proof of payment of outstanding contribution, if any		
12.	Amount of excess paid contribution, if any		
13.	In case excess paid, details of the bank account in which refund amount is to be refunded		
14.	Remark, if any		

Note-1: For purposes of calculating contribution, turnover of an aggregator as defined under sub-section (91) under section 2 of the Companies Act, 2013, means the gross amount of revenue recognised in the profit and loss account from the sale, supply, or distribution of goods or on account of services rendered, or both, by a company during a financial year.

Note-2: For this purpose, the annual turnover of an aggregator shall not include any tax, levy and cess paid or payable to the Central Government.

Declaration

1. I/We hereby declare that the particulars given above are true to the best of my/our knowledge and belief and I/We hereby declare that nothing has been concealed or any fact has been mis-represented in the above calculation made by me/us.

2. I/We hereby declare that I/We are quite aware of the penal provisions of the Code on Social Security, 2020 and if in future anything mentioned in the above self-assessment of contribution amount, is found to be incorrect or inappropriate or any incidence of hiding the facts or under calculation of contribution amount is found, punitive action may be taken against me/us.

Signature of authorized person Along
with seal and stamp

Name:

Date:

Place:

Mobile Number:

E-mail (if any):

FORM – XXII

[(See Rule 55 (1)(a)]

REGISTER OF WOMEN EMPLOYEES

Name of establishment

1. Serial Number.
2. Name of woman and her father's (or, if married, husband's) name.
3. Date of appointment.
4. Nature of work.
5. Dates with month and year in which she is employed, laid off and not employed.

Month	No. of days employed	No. of days laid off	No. of days not employed	Remark
a	b	c	d	e

6. Date on which the woman gives notice under section 62.
7. Date of discharge/dismissal, if any.
8. Date of production of proof of pregnancy under section 62.
9. Date of birth of child.
10. Date of production of proof of delivery/miscarriage/Medical Termination of pregnancy/tubectomy operation /death / adoption of child.
11. Date of production of proof of illness referred to in section 65.
12. Date with the amount of maternity benefit paid in advance of expected delivery.
13. Date with the amount of subsequent payment of maternity benefit.
14. Date with the amount of bonus, if paid, under section 64.
15. Date with the amount of wages paid on account of leave under section 65(1) & 65(3).
16. Date with the amount of wages paid on account of leave under section 65(2) and period of leave granted.
17. Name of the person nominated by the woman under section 62.
18. If the woman dies, the date of her death, the name of the person to whom maternity benefits and/or other amount was paid, the amount thereof, and the date of payment.
19. If the woman dies and the child survives, the name of the person to whom the amount of maternity benefit was paid on behalf of the child and the period for which it was paid.
20. Signature of the employer of the establishment authenticating the entries in the register of women employees.
21. Remarks column for the use of the Inspector-cum-Facilitator.

FORM XXIII

[(See Rule 55(3)(a)]

Unified Annual Return**A. General Part:**

(a) Name of the establishment.....
 Address of the establishment:
 House No./Flat No. Street No./Plot No.....
 Town..... District..... State.....pin code.....

(b) Name of the employer.....
 Address of the employer:
 House No./Flat No. Street No./Plot No.....
 Town..... District..... State..... pin code.....
 E-mail ID.....Telephone Number Mobile number.....

(c) Name of the manager or person responsible for supervision and control of establishment.....
 Address:
 House No./Flat No..... Street No./Plot No.....
 Town..... District..... State.....pin code.....
 E-mail ID.....Telephone Number Mobile number.....

B. Employer's Registration/Licence number under the Codes mentioned in column (2) of the table below:

S. No.	Name	Registration		If yes (Registration No.)
(1)	(2)	(3)		(4)
01.	The Code on Occupational Safety Health and working condition code 2020.			
02.	The Code on Social Security 2020.			
03.	Any other Law for the time being in force.			

C. Details of Employer, Contractor and Contract Labour:

01.	Name of the employer in the case of a contractor's establishment.	
02.	Date of commencement of the establishment.	
03.	Number of Contractors engaged in the establishment during the year.	
04.	Total Number of days during the year on which Contract Labour was employed.	
05.	Total number of man-days worked by Contract Labour during the year.	
06.	Name of the Manager or Agent (in case of mines).	

07.	Address House No./Flat No.....Street/Plot No..... Town.....					
	District.....		State.....		Pin Code.....	
	E-mail ID.....		Telephone Number.....		Mobile Number.....	

D. Working hours and weekly rest day:

01.	Number of days worked during the year.	
02.	Number of mandays worked during the year.	
03.	Daily hours of work.	
04.	Weekly day of rest.	

E. Maximum number of persons employed in any day during the year:

Sl. No.	Males	Females	Adolescents (between the age of 14 to 18 years.)	Children (below 14 years of age.)	Total

F. Wage rates (Category Wise):

Category	Rates of Wages	No. of workers							
		Regular				Contract			
		Male	Female	Children	Adolescent	Male	Female	Children	Adolescent
Highly									
Skilled									
Skilled									
Semiskilled									
Unskilled									

G. (a) Details of Payments:

Gross wages paid			Deductions		Net wages paid	
In cash	In kind	Fines	Deductions for damage or loss	Others	In cash	In kind

(b) Number of workers who were granted leave with wages during the year:

Sl. No.	During the year	Number of workers	Granted leave with wages

H. Details of various welfare amenities provided under the statutory schemes:

Sl. No.	Nature of various welfare amenities provided	Statutory (specify the statute)

I. Maternity Benefit under the Code on Social Security, 2020:**(a) Details of establishment, medical and para-medical staff:**

01.	Date of opening of establishment		
02.	Date of closing, if closed		
03.	Name of Medical Officer		
03(i)	Qualification of Medical Officer		
03(ii)	Is Medical Officer at (the mines or circus) ?		
03(iii)	If a part time, how often does he/she pay visit to establishment?		
03(iv)	Is there any Hospital?		
03(v)	If so, how many beds are provided?		
03(vi)	Is there a lady Doctor?		
03(vii)	If so, what is her qualification?		
03(viii)	Is there a qualified mid-wife?		
03(ix)	Has any crèche been provided?		

(b) Leave Granted under the Code on Social Security, 2020

01.	Total number of female employees in the establishment	
02.	Total number days of leave granted	
03.	Number of employees granted maternity leave/benefited by ESI	

Declaration

It is to certify that the above information is true and correct and also, I certify that I have complied with the all provisions of Labour Laws applicable to my establishment.

Place

Date

Sign. Here

FORM-XXIV

[See Rule 56 (1)]

Notice to the Employer who committed an offence for the first time for compounding of offence under sub- section (1) of section 138 of the Code on Social Security, 2020

Notice No.....

Date:

On the basis of records and documents produced before me, the undersigned has reasons to believe that you, being the employer of the establishment..... (Registration No), have committed offence for the violation of provision of the Code or the Schemes or the Rules or the Regulations framed thereunder as per the details given below: -

PART – I

1.	Name of the Person:	
2.	Name and Address of the Establishment:	
3.	Registration No of the Establishment:	
4.	Particulars of the offence:	
5.	Provisions of the Code/Scheme/Rules/Regulations under which the offence is committed:	
6.	Compounding amount required to be paid towards composition of the offence:	
7.	Name and Details of Account for depositing the Amount specified in Column 6:	

PART –II

In view of the above, you have an option to pay the above-mentioned amount within fifteen days from the date of issue of this notice and return the application duly filled in Part – III of this notice.

In case the said amount is not paid within the specified time, necessary action for filing of prosecution shall be initiated without giving any further opportunity in this regard.

Date:

Place:

(Signature of the Compounding Officer)

PART – III

[See Rule 56 (2)]

Application under sub-section (4) of section 138 for compounding of offence

Ref: Notice No.....

Date:

The undersigned has deposited the entire amount as specified in Column 6 of Part-I and the details of payment are given below with a request to compound the offences mentioned in Part-I.

1. Details of the compounding amount deposited (Copy of electronically generated receipt to be attached):
2. Details of the prosecution, if filed for the violation of above-mentioned offences may be given:
3. Whether the offence is first offence or the applicant had committed any other offence prior to this offence, if committed, then, full details of the offence:
4. Any other information which the applicant desires to provide:

Dated:

Place:

Signature of the applicant
(Name and Designation)

PART – IV**Composition Certificate**

[See Rule 56 (3)]

Ref: Notice No.....

Date:

This is to certify that the offence under sub-section of section 133 of the Code in respect of which Notice No. Dated: was issued to Sh..... (Applicant), the employer of..... (name and Registration Number of establishment) has been compounded on account of remission of full amount of Rs..... (Rupees.....) towards the composition of offences to the satisfaction of the said Notice.

Date:

(Signature)

Name and Designation of the Officer

Place:

FORM-XXV
[See Rule 58(3)(b)]
Form for Reporting Vacancies to Career Centres
 (Separate forms to be used for each type of posts)

1	Particulars of the employer: Name: Address with pin code: Telephone No.: Mobile No.: Email address : Name & Type of Establishment (Central Government, State Government, PSU, Autonomous, Private, etc) Registration No of establishment under Code: Economic activity details:		
2.	Particulars of the indenting Officer: Name: Designation: Telephone No.: Mobile No.: Email address:		
3.	Particulars of vacancy(ies): (a) Designation/nomenclature of the vacancy(ies) to be filled (b) Description of duties of the post (job role/functional role)		
	(c) Qualifications/Skills required (educational, technical, experience)	Essential	Desirable/Preferable
	(i) Educational Qualifications (ii) Technical Qualifications (iii) Skills (iv) Experience		
	(d) Age Limits, if any (Age as on last date of application)		
	(e) Preferences (such as Ex-servicemen, persons with disabilities, women, etc) if any		
	(f) duration of employment	Number of posts	
	(i) 3-6 months		
	(ii) 6-12 months		
	(iii) 12 months and more		

4.	Whether there is any obligation for arrangement for giving reservation/ preference to any category of persons such as Scheduled Caste(SC), Scheduled Tribe(ST), Economically Weaker Sections (EWS), Other Backward Classes(OBC), Ex-serviceman and persons with disabilities (pwd) , etc, in filling up the vacancies: Yes/No (if yes, give the number of vacancies to be filled by such categories of persons as detailed below)		
	Category	Number of vacancies to be filled	
	(a) Scheduled Caste (b) Scheduled Tribe (c) OBC (d) EWS (e) Ex-Serviceman (f) Persons with disabilities (pwd) (g) women (h) Others(specify)	Total	*By Priority candidates *(Applicable for Central Government vacancies)
6.	Pay and Allowances: For Government vacancies: Mention pay level/pay scale of the post with basic pay/pay per month with other details if any For others: Mention minimum total emoluments per month with other details, if any.		
7.	Place of work (Name of the town/village and district, pin code, etc. in which it is situated)		
8.	Mode of Application (email, online, in writing, etc) and Last date for receipt of applications.		
9.	Particulars of officer to whom the applications be sent/candidates should approach (Mention Name, designation, email id, address, telephone No., website address in case of online)		
10.	Mode of Recruitment {Through Career Centre, Placement Agency , self-management, any other mode(specify) }		
11.	Would like to prefer submission of list of eligible candidates registered with Career Centre		Yes/No
12.	Any other relevant information		

Signature,

Name & Designation of Authorised Signatory of establishment/ employer with seal & date
 (For Official Use- to be filled by Career Centre)

13.	Name, address, email id of the Career Centre	
14.	Date of receipt of Vacancies	
15.	NIC Code of the establishment/	
16.	NCO Code of the post	
17.	Unique Vacancy ID (number)	

Signature,

Name& Designation of Authorised Signatory of Career Centre with seal & date

NOTE:

1. Career Centre to which the vacancies are reported, would provide a unique vacancy reporting number for the vacancy reported and convey it to the employer in writing, through email or digitally or through any other such media immediately but in any case not later than 3 working days from the date of receipt of reporting of vacancies.
2. An employer, if advertises that vacancy in any media or makes recruitment through any agency or any other mode, may invariably quote that unique vacancy reporting number in that advertisement or recruitment process.
3. Any change in the particulars already furnished to the Career Centre, shall be reported in writing or through valid official email or digitally(including through a portal) as the case may be, to the appropriate Career Centre.

FORM-XXVI**[See Rule 58(6)]****Form EIR (Employment Information Return)**

Yearly Return to be submitted to the Career Centre (Regional) for the Year ended.....

The following information is required to be submitted under the Code on Social Security (Chapter XIII – Employment Information & Monitoring) 2020.

Name & Address of the Employer			
Whether – Head Office			
Branch Office Type of Establishment (Public /Private Sector)			
Nature of business/Principal activity			
Establishment Registration No. under the Code			
1. (a) EMPLOYMENT			
Total number of <i>manpower of establishment</i> including working <i>proprietors' /partners//contingent</i> paid and contractual workers, out-sourced workers excluding part-time workers and apprentices. (The figures should include every person whose wage or salary <i>is paid</i>).			
Category	On the last working day of the previous Year	On the last working day of the Year under report	
MEN WOMEN Other (Transgender) TOTAL : PWD (persons with disabilities) out of above total			

(EIR-continued)

2. Number of vacancies* occurred and reported to Career Centre during the year and the number of vacancies filled during the year				
Occurred	Reported		Filled	Source (Career Centre/ NCS Portal/ Govt. Recruiting Agencies Private Placement Organisations/ others)
	Career Centre (Regional)	Career Centre (Central)		
1	2	3	4	5

*As per provisions of Code on Social Security, 2020(Chapter XIII) and Rules made there under,

3. MANPOWER SHORTAGES:

Vacancies/posts remained unfilled because of shortage of suitable applicants.

Name of the occupation or designation of the post	Number of unfilled vacancies/posts		
	Skill/ qualifications (educational / technical/ experience) prescribed	Essential	Desirable
1	2	3	4

(Please list any other occupations also for which this establishment had any difficulty in obtaining suitable applicants recently.)

4. Estimated Manpower Requirement by Occupational Classification during the next calendar year (Please give below the number of employees in each occupation separately).

Occupation	Number of employees				
	Please give as far as possible approximate number of vacancies in each occupation you are likely to fill during the next financial year due to retirement/ expansion or re-organisation.				
Description	Men	Women	Others (trans- gender)	Total	PWD (persons with disabilities) out of total
1	2	3	4	5	6
*					
Total :					

* In the column (description) -Use exact terms such as Engineer (Mechanical), Assistant Director (Metallurgist); Research Officer (Economist); Supervisor (Tailoring), Inspector (Sanitary), Superintendent (Office), Manager (Sales), Manager (Accounts), Executive (Marketing), Data Entry Operator..... so on.

Signature, Name & Designation of Authorised Signatory
of establishment/ employer with seal & date

To

The Career Centre,

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Note:- 1. This return is to be rendered to the Career Centre (Regional) within 30 days after the end of the financial year concerned by establishments/employers vide their obligation under the Code on Social Security, 2020 (Chapter XIII-Employment Information and Monitoring).

2. The main purpose in obtaining the information from employers is to know (i) the vacancies/employment opportunities available; (ii) type of personnel who are in short supply; and (iii) future job opportunities for providing vocational guidance to the jobseekers and connecting them with the employers. This is helpful in ascertaining the skill needs also. Employers too will be able to call on the Career Centres for getting suitable candidates as per their requirements.