

Minutes of the 38th meeting of the Authority held on 3rd November, 2004 at IRDA Headquarters, Hyderabad

Authority's meeting was held on 3rd November, 2004 in the office of the Authority. The meeting commenced its proceedings at 11.30 a.m.

The following members were present at the meeting :-

Shri C.S. Rao, Chairman
Shri T K Banerjee, Member
Shri Mathew Verghese, Member
Shri Vivek Mehrotra, Member

In attendance: Mr. Prabodh Chander, Designated Officer

Also present as Special Invitee:

Dr D V S Sastry, Director General (R & D)
Shri K. Subrahmanyam, Executive Director
Smt. V Vedakumari, Executive Director

Leave of absence was granted to:

Shri P A Balasubramanian and Shri Sunil Goyal.

Chairman called the meeting to order at 11.30 AM to consider the regular agenda and also introduced Dr. D V S Sastry and Smt V Vedakumari to the Members of the Authority.

Agenda Item No. 1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the meeting of the Authority held on 2nd July, 2004.

The minutes of the 37th meeting of the Authority held on 2nd July, 2004 were adopted with deletion of the following sentence in (ii) of the General item after the Agenda Item No.8 on page 7.

“Mr. Mehrotra pointed out that SEBI is also concerned about this activity as the management of funds by the third party by an Asset Management Company raises issues of moral hazard.”

Members also discussed the following issues and decided that:

- i. The minutes shall normally record only the decisions taken and not make references to the views of the individual Members.

- ii. The Action Taken Report would invariably form part of the Agenda
- iii. The approach followed by the Authority for the redressal of grievances would be placed on the website of the Authority. The Authority would make it clear that it does not settle individual claims but it ensures the protection of policyholders by monitoring solvency of the insurers and that the consumers should get their grievances redressed through the existing appellate channels.
- iv. The Authority would continue its efforts to provide opportunities to Ombudsman to exchange information and facilitate conduct of workshops/seminars.

Agenda Item No.2: Adoption of Annual Statement of Accounts of the Authority for the year 2003-04.

After detailed discussion the following resolution was passed:

“Resolved that Annual Statement of Accounts of the Authority for the year ended on 31.03.2004 as presented to the meeting after scrutiny by the consultants and authenticated by Chief Accounts Officer, Chairman and two Members of the Authority be adopted and be then submitted to C&AG for their audit-report, comments and certification as required by IRDA Act, 1999”

Agenda Item No. 3: Approval of Draft IRDA (Tariff Advisory Committee – Election of Members, Meeting, Functions & Miscellaneous) Regulations, 2004.

Chairman explained the urgency of reconstitution of the Board of the Tariff Advisory Committee in terms of Section 64UA of the Insurance Act and Rules (GSR 623 (E) dated 20th September, 2004) notified by the Government which required the Authority to notify the regulations for election procedure, meetings, functions and other incidental matters pertaining to TAC so that the reconstituted TAC is in position by 1st January, 2005. The Chairman indicated that the draft Regulation circulated with the Agenda notes has been modified incorporating some of the comments/suggestions received from the Members of the Insurance Advisory Committee. He placed before the Authority the revised draft for consideration and approval by the Authority. The Authority approved the revised Regulations as placed in the meeting.

Agenda Item No. 4: Delegation of Powers and functions of Authority to the Chairperson by general order under Section 23 of IRDA Act, 1999.

The delegation of powers of the Authority to the Chairman as proposed in the Agenda note is approved. It was further recommended that a comprehensive note obtaining proposals for further delegation to the Chairman and the other Members/officers of the Authority may also be placed for the consideration of the Authority expeditiously.

Agenda Item No. 5: Any other matter with the permission of the Chair

Supplemental Agenda Item No.1:

Permission of the Chairman was sought to introduce the supplementary agenda No.1 for the post facto approval of the Authority to telecast IRDA spots during the telecast of India-Australia, South Africa cricket series and platinum jubilee one-day international cricket match with Pakistan on Doordarshan.

After the permission was granted, the agenda item, as placed before the Meeting, was discussed and approved. The suggestion of the Members to introduce jingles highlighting Grievance Redressal mechanism and role of ombudsman was accepted.

There was no other item for discussion and the meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the chair.

(C.S Rao)
Chairman