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NOTICE TO EMPLOYERS

<u>Subject-</u> Scheme to Promote Registration of Employers/ Employees (SPREE)

Reference is invited to notice dated 20.12.2016 whereby details of "Scheme to Promote Registration of Employers/Employees (SPREE)" was conveyed. The one time drive, was intended to extend the social security benefits to all-eligible under the Act, who had till then been kept out of the ESI coverage, and was open for the period w.e.f. 20th December 2016 to 31st March 2017.

ESIC is in receipt of reference from Employers and Employer associations seeking to extend the scheme for further period beyond 31.03.2017. The matter has been examined and it is to inform that the Competent Authority has approved the extension of Scheme from 01.04.2017 to 30.06.2017.

The salient feature of the Scheme remains as under:

- 1. The employers registering during the period will be treated as covered from the date of registration or as declared by them.
- 2. The newly registered employees shall be treated as covered from the date of their registration.
- 3. This will not have any bearing on actions taken/required under ESI Act, if any, prior to $20^{\rm th}$ December, 2016.

All the employers /employees are encouraged to use this opportunity & ensure that all the units /employees coverable under the ESI Act are registered availing the one time benefits of the Scheme.

(S. K. Garg)

Insurance Commissioner (P&D)