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Hon'ble Minister for Finance
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Subject: Exemption of Contribution to RELHS & CTSE U/S
80D of I.Tax Act

Refence : Notification No. 55 /2018 (F.No. 178/15/2018-ITA-I)

Sir,

Section 80D of the Income Tax Act allows an individual to claim a deduction up to Rs. 25,000 per budgetary year for medical insurance premium instalments. In case the individual is over 60 years of age, the limit goes up to Rs. 30,000.

Vide Notification No. 55 /2018 dated 26.09.2018 (F.No. 178/15/2018-ITA-I) Contribution to Ex-Servicemen Health Scheme (ECHS) of the Department of Ex Servicemen Welfare, Ministry of Defence, has been exempted from Income Tax under section 80D of the Income Tax Act, 1961 for the assessment year 2019-20 and subsequent assessment years.

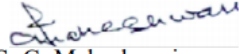
Bharat Pensioners Samaj submits that in the light of the fact that Railway Employees Liberalized Health Scheme (RELHS) & recently launched CTSE (Cashless Treatment Scheme in Emergency) of the Ministry of Railways are contributory Health Schemes designed exclusively for retired Railway Personnel, contribution to which are akin to payment for medical insurance are exact similar of Ex-Servicemen Health Scheme (ECHS) of the Department of Ex Servicemen Welfare, Ministry of Defence.

In view of the above it is very clear that the contribution to Railway Employees Liberalized Health Scheme (RELHS) & CTSE (Cashless Treatment Scheme in Emergency) of the Ministry of Railways is also entitled for the Income Tax exemption under Section 80 D.

You are, therefore, requested to cause to issue, suitable notification to this effect to accord justice & equality to retired Railway Personnel's.

Thanking you in anticipation

Yours Truly,


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