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Clarification on Mandatory Covid 19 Insurance for Tourists

There are numerous social media communications on the mandatory Covid 19 insurance implemented by the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority (SLTDA) as guided by the Director General Health Services. Since above social media posts are mi-informing the public, we would like to make following clarification.

According to Treasury Circular no. PED/ITIT/INCM/pro dated 12.09.2019, government entities are not in a position to obtain insurance services through direct method. Accordingly, the SLTDA called quotations in December 2020 from all the medical insurance providers registered under the Insurance Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka. When quotations were called, a condition was given that the service provider should remit USD 3 to the SLTDA for administration and promotional purposes as per the Cabinet approval obtained.

Only 04 bids were received during the given time period and the Procurement Committee selected the People's Insurance PLC for this service provision. People's Insurance PLC is a government owned company with People's Leasing being the major shareholder and audited by the Auditor General.

According to their bid, they had offered a comprehensive Covid 19 insurance for tourists and agreed to pay the SLTDA a commission of USD 3 we requested and an additional USD 0.5 administration, promotion and staff welfare.

Accordingly, People's Insurance PLC provided the Covid 19 insurance at a sum of USD 12 (cost of insurance USD 8.5 + commission USD 3.5) and they have increased the insurance cover up to USD 75,000.

The USD 3.5 received by SLTDA has been duly accounted and is being used for administration, promotion and staff welfare.