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Whereas the insured by a proposal and declaration dated as stated in the Schedule which shall be basis of this contract and is deemed to be incorporated herein has applied to the Company for the insurance hereinafter contained and has paid the premium as consideration for such insurance in respect of events occurring during the period of insurance.

NOW THIS POLICY WITNESSETH:

That subject to the Terms, Exceptions and Conditions contained herein or endorsed or expressed hereon:

i. LIABILITY TO THIRD PARTIES

- Subject to the Limit of liability as laid down in the schedule hereto, the Company will indemnify the insured in the event of accident caused by or arising out of the use of the Motor Vehicle anywhere in India against all sums including claimant's costs and expenses which the insured shall become legally liable to pay in respect of
 - Death of or bodily injury to any person so far as it is necessary to meet the requirements of the Motor Vehicles Act.
 - Damage to property other than property belonging to the insured or held in trust or in the custody or control of the insured up to the limit specified in the schedule.
- The Company will also pay all costs and expenses incurred with its written consent.
- 3. In terms of and subject to the limitations of the indemnity which is granted by this policy to the insured, the Company will indemnify any driver who is driving the Motor Vehicle on the insured's order or with insured's permission provided that such driver shall as though he/she were the insured observe fulfill and be subject to the terms exceptions and conditions of this policy in so far as they apply.
- 4. In the event of the death of any person entitled to indemnity under this policy the Company will in respect of the liability incurred by such person indemnify his/her personal representative in terms of and subject to the limitations of this Policy provided that such personal representative shall as though such representative was the insured observe fulfill and be subject to the terms exceptions and conditions of this Policy in so far as they apply.
- 5. The Company may at its own option
 - A. Arrange for representation at any Inquest or Fatal Inquiry in respect of any death which may be the subject of indemnity under this Policy and
 - B. Undertake the defense of proceedings in any Court of Law in respect of any act or alleged offence causing or relating to any event which may be the subject of indemnity under this Policy.

AVOIDANCE OF CERTAIN TERMS AND RIGHT OF RECOVERY

Nothing in this Policy or any endorsement hereon shall affect the right of any person indemnified by this Policy or any other person to recover an amount under or by virtue of the provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act.

But the insured shall repay to the Company all sums paid by the Company which the Company would not have been liable to pay but for the said provisions.

APPLICATION OF LIMITS OF INDEMNITY

In the event of any accident involving indemnity to more than one person any limitation by the terms of this Policy and/or of any Endorsement thereon of the amount of any indemnity shall apply to the aggregate amount of indemnity to all persons indemnified and such indemnity shall apply in priority to the insured.

PERSONAL ACCIDENT COVER FOR OWNER-DRIVER

Subject otherwise to the terms exceptions conditions and limitations of this Policy, the Company undertakes to pay compensation as per the following scale for bodily injury/ death sustained by the owner-driver of the vehicle in direct connection with the vehicle insured or whilst mounting into/dismounting from or traveling in the insured vehicle as a co-driver, caused by violent, accidental, external and visible means which independently of any other cause shall within six calendar months of such injury result in

Nature of injury		Scale of compensation
i.	Death	100%
ii.	Loss of two limbs or sight of two eyes or one limb and sight of one eye.	100%
iii.	Loss of one limb or sight of one eye	50%
iv.	Permanent total disablement from injuries other than named above.	100%

Provided always that,

- the compensation shall be payable under only one of the items (i) to (iv) above in respect of the owner-driver arising out of any one occurrence and the total liability of the insurer shall not in the aggregate exceed the sum of Rs. during any one period of insurance.
- No compensation shall be payable in respect of death or bodily injury directly
 or indirectly wholly or in part arising or resulting from or traceable to (a)
 intentional self injury suicide or attempted suicide physical defect or infirmity or
 (b) an accident happening whilst such person is under the influence of
 intoxicating liquor or drugs.

This cover is subject to

- a. the owner-driver is the registered owner of the vehicle insured herein;
- b. the owner-driver is the insured named in this policy.
- the owner-driver holds an effective driving license, in accordance with the provisions of Rule 3 of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989, at the time of the accident

GENERAL EXCEPTIONS

- The Company shall not be liable in respect of any claim arising whilst the vehicle insured herein
 - a. being used otherwise than in accordance with the 'Limitations as to Use'.

Or

- b. being driven by or is for the purpose of being driven by him/her in the charge of any person other than a Driver as stated in the Driver's Clause.
- The Company shall not be liable in respect of any claim arising out of any contractual liability.
- 3. Except so far as is necessary to meet the requirements of the Motor Vehicles Act, the Company shall not be liable in respect of death arising out of and in the course of employment of a person in the employment of the insured or in the employment of any person who is indemnified under this policy or bodily injury sustained by such person arising out of and in the course of such employment.
- 4. Except so far as is necessary to meet the requirements of the Motor Vehicles Act, the Company shall not be liable in respect of death or bodily injury to any person (other than a passenger carried by reason of or in pursuance of a contract of employment) being carried in or upon or entering or mounting or alighting from the Motor Vehicle at the time of the occurrence of the event out of which any claim arises.
- 5. The Company shall not be liable in respect of any liability directly or indirectly or proximately or remotely occasioned by contributed by or traceable to or arising out of or in connection with War, Invasion, the Act of foreign enemies, hostilities or war like operations (whether before or after declaration of war), Civil War, Mutiny, Rebellion Military or usurped power or by any direct or indirect consequences of any of the said occurrences and in the event of any claim hereunder, the Insured shall prove that the accident, loss, damage and/or liability, arose independently of and was in no way connected with or occasioned by or contributed to by or traceable to any of the said occurrences or any consequences thereof and in default of such proof, the Company shall not be liable to make any payment in respect of such a claim.
- The Company shall not be liable in respect of any liability directly or indirectly
 caused by or contributed to by or arising from nuclear weapons material.

CONDITIONS

This Policy and the Schedule shall be read together and any word or expression to which a specific meaning has been attached in any part of this policy or of the Schedule shall bear the same meaning wherever it may appear.

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Notice shall be given in writing to the Company immediately upon the
occurrence of any accident and in the event of any claim. Every letter claim
write summons and/or process shall be forwarded to the Company
immediately on receipt by the insured. Notice shall also be given in writing to
the Company immediately the insured shall have knowledge of any impending
Prosecution Inquest or Fatal Inquiry in respect of any accident which may give
rise to a claim under this Policy.

Condonation of delay

The Company may condone delay in claim intimation/ document submission on merit, where it is proved that delay in reporting of claim or submission of claim documents, is due to reasons beyond the control of the insured.

Notwithstanding the above, delay in claim intimation or submission of claim documents due to reasons beyond the control of the insured shall not be condoned where such claims would have otherwise been rejected even if reported in time.

- 2. No admission, offer, promise, payment, or indemnity shall be made or given by or on behalf of the insured without the written consent of the Company which shall be entitled if it so desires to take over and conduct in the name of the insured the defence or settlement of any claim or to prosecute in the name of the insured for its own benefit any claim for indemnity or otherwise and shall have full discretion in the conduct of any proceedings or in the settlement of any claim and the insured shall give all such information and assistance as the Company may require. If the Company shall make any payment in settlement of any claim and such payment includes any amount not covered by this Policy the insured shall repay to the Company the amount not so covered.
- The insured shall take all reasonable steps to maintain the insured vehicle in efficient condition and the company shall have at all times free and full access to examine the insured vehicle or any part thereof or any driver or employee of the insured.
- 4. The Company may cancel the policy by sending seven days notice by recorded delivery to the insured at insured's last known address and in such event will return to the insured the premium paid less the pro rata portion thereof for the period the Policy has been in force or the policy may be cancelled at any time by the insured on seven days' notice by recorded delivery and (provided no claim has arisen during the currency of the policy) the insured shall be entitled to a return of premium less premium at the Company's Short Period rates for the period the Policy has been in force. Return of the premium by the company will be subject to retention of the minimum premium of Rs.100/- (or Rs.25/- in respect of vehicles specifically designed/modified for use by blind/handicapped/mentally challenged persons). Where the ownership of the vehicle is transferred, the policy cannot be cancelled unless evidence that the vehicle is insured elsewhere is produced.
- 5. If at the time of occurrence of an event that gives rise to any claim under this policy there is in existence any other insurance covering the same liability, the Company shall not be liable to pay or contribute more than its ratable proportion of any compensation, cost or expense.
- 6. If any dispute or difference shall arise as to the quantum to be paid under this policy (liability being otherwise admitted), such difference shall independent of all other questions be referred to the decision of a sole arbitrator to be appointed in writing by the parties to the dispute or if they cannot agree upon a single arbitrator within 30 days of any party invoking Arbitration, the same shall be referred to a panel of three arbitrators comprising two arbitrators one to be appointed by each of the parties to the dispute/ difference, and a third arbitrator to be appointed by such two arbitrators who shall act as the presiding arbitrator and Arbitration shall be conducted under and in accordance with the provisions of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996.

It is clearly agreed and understood that no difference or dispute shall be referable to Arbitration as hereinbefore provided, if the Company has disputed or not accepted liability under or in respect of this policy.

It is hereby expressly stipulated and declared that it shall be condition precedent to any right of action or suit upon this policy that the award by such arbitrator/arbitrators of the amount of the loss or damage shall be first obtained.

It is also hereby further expressly agreed and declared that if the Company shall disclaim liability to the insured for any claim hereunder and such claim shall not, within twelve calendar months from the date of such disclaimer have been made the subject matter of a suit in a court of law, then the claim shall for all purposes be deemed to have been abandoned and shall not thereafter be

recoverable hereunder.

- 7. The due observance and fulfillment of the terms, conditions and endorsement of this Policy in so far as they relate to anything to be done or complied with by the insured and the truth of the statements and answers in the said proposal shall be conditions precedent to any liability of the Company to make any payment under this Policy.
- 8. In the event of the death of the sole insured, this policy will not immediately lapse but will remain valid for a period of three months from the date of the death of insured or until the expiry of this policy (whichever is earlier). During the said period, legal heir(s) of the insured to whom the custody and use of the Motor Vehicle passes may apply to have this Policy transferred to the name(s) of the heir(s) or obtain a new insurance policy for the Motor Vehicle.

Where such legal heir(s) desire(s) to apply for transfer of this policy or obtain a new policy for the vehicle such heir(s) should make an application to the Company accordingly within the aforesaid period. All such applications should be accompanied by:-

- a. Death Certificate in respect of the insured
- b Proof of title to the vehicle
- c. Original Policy.

NOTE: Where proposal forms are not received, information obtained from an insured whether orally or otherwise is captured in the cover note, if issued, and / or in the policy document. Discrepancies, if any, in the information contained in the policy document may be pointed out by an insured within 30 days from policy issue date after which information contained in the policy shall be deemed to have been accepted as correct.

9. Grievance Redressal Procedure

1 If Insured has a grievance that Insured wish the Company to redress, Insured may contact the Company with the details of Insured's grievance as given below

Contact Points	Scale of compensation
Contacts us at	https://www.hdfcergo.com/customer-care/grievances Call - 022-26234 6234
Write to us at	care@hdfcergo.com

ii. If Insured is not satisfied with the Company redressal of Insured's grievance through one of the above methods, Insured may approach the nearest Insurance Ombudsman for resolution of Insured's grievance. The contact details of Ombudsman offices are mentioned below

List of Ombudsman

Names of Ombudsman and Addresses of Ombudsmen Centres

Office Details	Jurisdiction of Office Union Territory,District)
Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, Jeevan Prakash Building, 6th floor, Tilak Marg, Relief Road, AHMEDABAD - 380 014. Tel.: 079 - 25501201 / 02/ 05/ 06 Email: bimalokpal.ahmedabad@gbic.co.in	Gujarat, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Daman and Diu
Smt. Neerja Shah Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, Jeevan Soudha Building, PID No. 57-27-N-19 Ground Floor, 19/19, 24th Main Road, JP Nagai Ist Phase, Bengaluru - 560 078. Tel.: 080 - 26652048 / 26652049 Email: bimalokpal.bengaluru@ecoi.co.in	r, Karnataka

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Shri Guru Saran Shrivastava Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, Janak Vihar Complex, 2nd Floor, 6, Malviya Nagar, Opp. Airtel Office, Near New Market, Bhopal - 462 003. Tel.: 0755 - 2769201 / 2769202 Email: bimalokpal.bhopal@ecoi.co.in	Madhya Pradesh Chattisgarh.
Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, 62, Forest park, Bhubneshwar – 751 009. Tel.: 0674 - 2596461 /2596455 Email: bimalokpal.bhubaneswar@ecoi.co.in	Orissa
Dr. Dinesh Kumar Verma S.C.O. No. 101, 102 & 103, 2nd Floor, Batra Building, Sector 17 – D, Chandigarh – 160 017. Tel.: 0172 - 2706196 / 2706468 Email: bimalokpal.chandigarh@ecoi.co.in	Punjab,Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Chandigarh
Shri M. Vasantha Krishna Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, Fatima Akhtar Court, 4th Floor, 453, Anna Salai, Teynampet, Chennai – 600 018. Tel.: 044 - 24333668 / 24335284 Email: bimalokpal.chennai@ecoi.co.in	Tamil Nadu, Pondicherry Town and Karaikal (which are part of Pondicherry).
Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, 2/2 A, Universal Insurance Building, Asaf Ali Road, New Delhi – 110 002. Tel.: 011 - 23232481/23213504 Email: bimalokpal.delhi@ecoi.co.in	Delhi
Shri Kiriti .B. Saha Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, Jeevan Nivesh, 5th Floor, Nr. Panbazar over bridge, S.S. Road, Guwahati – 781001(ASSAM). Tel.: 0361 - 2632204 / 2602205 Email: bimalokpal.guwahati@ecoi.co.in	Assam, Meghalaya, Manipur, Mizoram, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland and Tripura.
Shri I. Suresh Babu Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, 6-2-46, 1st floor, "Moin Court", Lane Opp. Saleer Function Palace, A. C. Guards, Lakdi-Ka-Pool, Hyderabad - 500 004. Tel.: 040 - 67504123 / 23312122 Email: bimalokpal.hyderabad@ecoi.co.in	Andhra Pradesh, 1 Telangana, Yanam and part of Territory of Pondicherry.
Smt. Sandhya Baliga Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, Jeevan Nidhi – II Bldg., Gr. Floor, Bhawani Singh Marg, Jaipur - 302 005. Tel.: 0141 - 2740363 Email: Bimalokpal.jaipur@ecoi.co.in	Rajasthan
Ms. Poonam Bodra Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, 2nd Floor, Pulinat Bldg., Opp. Cochin Shipyard, M. G. Road, Ernakulam - 682 015. Tel.: 0484 - 2358759 / 2359338 Email: bimalokpal.ernakulam@ecoi.co.in	Kerala, Lakshadweep, Mahe-a part of Pondicherry.

Office Details	Jurisdiction of Office Union Territory,District)
Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, Hindustan Bldg. Annexe, 4th Floor, 4, C.R. Avenue, Kolkata - 700 072. Tel.: 033 - 22124339 / 22124340 Email: bimalokpal.kolkata@ecoi.co.in	West Bengal, Sikkim, Andaman & Nicobar Islands.
Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, 6th Floor, Jeevan Bhawan, Phase-II, Nawal Kishore Road, Hazratganj, Lucknow - 226 001. Tel.: 0522 - 2231330 / 2231331 Email: bimalokpal.lucknow@ecoi.co.in	Districts of Uttar Pradesh: Laitpur, Jhansi, Mahoba, Hamirpur, Banda, Chitrakoot, Allahabad, Mirzapur, Sonbhabdra, Fatehpur, Pratapgarh, Jaunpur, Varanasi, Gazipur, Jalaun, Kanpur, Lucknow, Unnao, Sitapur, Lakhimpur, Bahraich, Barabanki, Raebareli, Sravasti, Gonda, Faizabad, Amethi, Kaushambi, Balrampur, Basti, Ambedkarnagar, Sultanpur, Maharajgang, Santkabirnagar, Azamgarh, Kushinagar, Gorkhpur, Deoria, Mau, Ghazipur, Chandauli, Ballia, Sidharathnagar.
Shri Milind A. Kharat Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, 3rd Floor, Jeevan Seva Annexe, S. V. Road, Santacruz (W), Mumbai - 400 054. Tel.: 022 - 26106552 / 26106960 Email: bimalokpal.mumbai@ecoi.co.in	Goa, Mumbai Metropolitan Region excluding Navi Mumbai & Thane.
Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, Bhagwan Sahai Palace, 4th Floor, Main Road, Naya Bans, Sector 15, Distt: Gautam Buddh Nagar, U.P-201301. Tel.: 0120-2514250 / 2514252 / 2514253 Email: bimalokpal.noida@ecoi.co.in	State of Uttaranchal and the following Districts of Uttar Pradesh: Agra, Aligarh, Bagpat, Bareilly, Bijnor, Budaun, Bulandshehar, Etah, Kanooj, Mainpuri, Mathura, Meerut, Moradabad, Muzaffarnagar, Oraiyya, Pilibhit, Etawah, Farrukhabad, Firozbad, Gautambodhanagar, Ghaziabad, Hardoi, Shahjahanpur, Hapur, Shamli, Rampur, Kashganj, Sambhal, Amroha, Hathras, Kanshiramnagar, Saharanpur.
Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, 1st Floor,Kalpana Arcade Building,, Bazar Samiti Road, Bahadurpur, Patna 800 006. Tel.: 0612-2680952 Email: bimalokpal.patna@ecoi.co.in	Bihar, Jharkhand.
Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, Jeevan Darshan Bldg., 3rd Floor, C.T.S. No.s. 195 to 198, N.C. Kelkar Road, Narayan Peth, Pune – 411 030. Tel.: 020-41312555 Email: bimalokpal.pune@ecoi.co.in	Maharashtra, Area of Navi Mumbai and Thane excluding Mumbai Metropolitan Region.