
FUTURE REGULATION OF THE INSURANCE SECTOR IN INDIA

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ABSTRACT

India's insurance industry has experienced a dramatic change in the last 20 years due to the liberalization, technological development as well as heightened regulatory scrutiny. The regulatory framework should adapt to the new challenges as the sector gains size, complexity, and penetration with increasing challenges including digital disruption, climate risks, cyber threats, and consumer protection issues. This chapter is a critical analysis of the future direction of the insurance regulation in India with the necessity to have a more dynamic, technology-driven and risk-sensitive regulatory architecture. It examines the role of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) towards innovation and financial stability and protection of the policyholders. The chapter also considers the best practices worldwide and how the same can be applied in the Indian environment especially in the areas of sandbox regulation, incorporation of InsurTech, and sustainability frameworks. Moreover, it sheds light on the major policy changes, such as liberalization of foreign direct investment (FDI), the move towards universal insurance coverage, and electronic regulation. The last section of the chapter reminds that the regulatory approach must be balanced to facilitate growth, inclusivity, and resilience in the Indian insurance industry.¹

Keywords: Indian insurance sector; insurance regulation; IRDAI; liberalization; foreign direct investment (FDI); InsurTech; regulatory sandbox; digital transformation; consumer protection; financial stability; climate risk; cyber risk; policyholder protection; universal insurance coverage; sustainability in insurance.

¹ V.V. Acharya & N. Kulkarni, *Financial Sector Regulation and Reforms in India* (Cambridge University Press, 2020).

Research Objective

To critically analyse the existing and emerging regulatory framework of the insurance sector in India and propose a future-oriented, dynamic, and technology-driven regulatory model.

Introduction

The insurance industry is a major economic determinant within the economy of a country since it provides a means of transferring risks, a channel of financial intermediation, and long term formation of capital. Insurance helps in economic stability within the micro and macro economy because of financial security against unforeseen contingencies like sickness, accidents, natural disasters, and property or life loss. It is also the mobilization of household savings and putting them into productive investments thus helping to promote infrastructure development and capital markets. The role of a properly operating insurance industry in the context of a developing economy is even greater in such countries as India as it is not only safeguarding people and companies but also their financial stability.

The insurance sector in India has been experiencing an incredible revolution over the decades. The sector was originally marked by private involvements in the pre-independence period, but then it was nationalized, and became a state-monopolized position of state-owned organizations. The liberalization reforms of the late 1990s however acted as a turning point hence exposing the sector to the players of both the private and foreign sectors. The birth of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) under the IRDA Act, 1999, was a historic move in that it institutionalised regulatory controls and at the same time enhanced competition and expansion. Since that time, the industry has seen greater product diversification, high service quality and introduction of new business models.

In spite of the developments, the Indian insurance industry still has some structural and emerging challenges. The level of insurance penetration is also not much as compared to the international standards, which implies that there is a significant gap in protection. The acquisition of insurance products is also limited by the lack of financial literacy particularly the rural and semi urban population. Also, innovation and responsiveness to market have been hampered by regulatory complexity and delays in the procedures. The industry is also struggling with emerging risks of the new age due to the rapid development of technologies, such as cybersecurity, information privacy, and the increasing role of online platforms.

Furthermore, climate change has also brought the additional element of uncertainty, making the occurrence rate and impact of disastrous events more frequent and overwhelming to the risk management systems of insurers. With India progressing towards greater integration into the global economy, the insurance industry will be improved according to the international standards and best practice. The recent shift in the use of technologies like artificial intelligence, blockchain, and big data analytics is transforming the traditional insurance operations, which requires the development of the regulatory approach accordingly. In this respect, the necessity to have a progressive, flexible, and reactive regulatory framework is urgent. This type of structure has to have a delicate balance between maintaining financial stability and protection of the consumer on the one hand, and the encouragement of innovation, competition, and market efficiency on the other.²

This chapter attempts to discuss the future regulation of the Indian insurance industry by critically exploring the current regulatory environment, major issues in the industry, and future trends. It seeks to offer an in-depth insight into how regulatory changes would be able to deal with the existing loopholes and how the sector would be able to deal with uncertainties that would arise in the future. The chapter highlights the significance of developing a vibrant and open insurance ecosystem that can help in achieving the overall economic and developmental goals of India by focusing on a balanced solution that will foster the growth of the insurance sector through regulatory control and market-driven development.

Development of Insurance Regulation in India

The regulatory environment of the Indian insurance industry has existed through several stages of change which indicates general economic, political, and institutional changes in India. During the pre-independence era, insurance business was mainly led by the private enterprises, most of which were not regulated properly. This enabled expansion and creativity but also caused cases of mismanagement, bankruptcy, and non-protectiveness of the policyholders. The post-independence government responded to these concerns by becoming more interventionist. The industry was nationalized gradually and in stages life insurance in 1956 with the creation of the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) and general insurance in 1972 with the creation of the General Insurance Corporation (GIC) and its subsidiaries. This brought about a

² A. Agarwal & R. Singh, “Digital Transformation in the Indian Insurance Sector: Opportunities and Regulatory Challenges” (2022) 15(4) *Journal of Risk and Financial Management*.

state of monopoly in order to protect the interest of the people as well as covering a broader area. Yet, by the end of the 20th century, the weaknesses of the state-controlled system became clear, such as inefficiencies, absence of competition, and inability to innovate products. In 1991, the economic liberalization changed the paradigm of the Indian policy system and the opening up of various sectors such as insurance began. This set of reforms was shaped by the Malhotra Committee which was formed in 1993. Its recommendations in 1994 highlighted how it was necessary to bring in private participation, foreign investment, and to have a separate regulatory agency to supervise the sector.³

Thus, the adoption of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority Act, 1999, was a breaking point in the history of insurance regulation in India. The Act created the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) responsible to control, develop and secure proper development of the insurance industry. The involvement of private and foreign insurance companies led to the growth of competition in the sector, quality of services and diversification of products.

In the past years, IRDAI has come up with an elaborate regulatory framework that focuses on enhancing the integrity and resilience of the sector. It has brought in prudential norms like, solvency margin requirements to make the insurers financially stable and high capital adequacy norms to protect the interests of policyholders. The regulator has also simplified product approval processes, enforced disclosures to promote transparency and put in place effective grievance redressal mechanisms to deal with complaints by consumers. Moreover, IRDAI has made efforts to control the conduct of intermediaries, ethical market practices, and increase insurance penetration by including every individual.

In spite of these developments, the insurance industry is still operating in a very dynamic environment. Through fast technological changes, shifting customer demands, globalization and emerging threats like climate changes and cyber threats, regulatory change is always required. Regulators have a challenging task of balancing the need to be stable and innovative at the same time. With the changing nature of the sector, the regulatory framework should be more flexible, future-oriented, and adaptable to the emerging trends, thus providing chances to

³ D.W. Arner, J. Barberis & R.P. Buckley, “FinTech and RegTech: Impact on Regulators and Banks” (2017) 19(4) *Journal of Banking Regulation*.

guarantee sustainable growth and long-term sustainability.⁴

Existing Regulatory System

The current regulatory framework applied to the insurance sector in India is organized in a blend of statutory legislations, subsidiary legislations or guidelines set by Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI). The main legislations are the Insurance Act, 1938 which sets out the basic principles of law, the IRDA Act, 1999 that creates the regulatory authority, the Companies Act, 2013 that regulates the operations of the corporation, and the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA), 1999, that governs the foreign investment in the industry. All these laws come together to form a holistic legal framework which is directed to maintain the stability and proper development of the insurance sector.

In this context, IRDAI has a high regulatory and supervisory authority. It also has the role of licensing the insurers, the reinsurers, and the middlemen, thus regulating the entry into the market and only those that are sound are allowed to have business in the market. It is also involved in overseeing the solvency of the insurers by imposing the solvency margin requirement and the prudential norms. Also, IRDAI controls the structures of the premiums and the provisions of the policies to ensure there are no unfair practices, and at the same time, protect the interests of the policyholders by imposing stringent consumer protection practices and redressal procedures. The authority is also involved in development of the same by enhancing financial inclusion and increasing insurance coverage in the under-served regions.⁵

The framework has also had its weaknesses including being too prescriptive and heavy on compliance. The over-regulation of processes may result in delays in the processes especially in approving products, which limits innovation and makes the sector react quickly to the changing market needs and technologies.

New threats in the Insurance Industry

Low Insurance Penetration

The insurance penetration of India as a ratio of the insurance premiums to the GDP is still very

⁴ National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, FDI Reforms and Financial Sector Growth in India (NIPFP Working Paper, 2021).

⁵ R. Bhattacharya & U. Patel, "Insurance Penetration and Financial Inclusion in India" (2021) 56(12) Economic and Political Weekly.

low compared to the global average. Although the situation has been better in recent years, a large portion of the population, especially rural areas, informal employed, and economically weak population, either lacks insurance or they are underinsured. The problem is aggravated by structural barriers which include low levels of financial literacy, mistrust of financial institutions, complex policy frameworks and insufficient distribution channels. Moreover, the traditional insurance products do not ensure that the marginalized groups, including small farmers or gig workers, are served. Regulatorily, inclusive insurance should be stimulated urgently with the help of micro insurance schemes, simplified products, and digital delivery. The policies should also be designed to encourage the insurers to move out of the urban markets and make it affordable without undermining the sustainability.⁶

Technological Disruption and InsurTech

With the advent of InsurTech, the insurance sector has been transformed by the introduction of modern technologies like artificial intelligence (AI), blockchain, machine learning, and big data analytics into the basic workflow. The innovations allow the insurers to increase the accuracy of underwriting, simplify the claims processing, decrease operation costs, and even provide personalized products. Nevertheless, more intricate regulatory issues are also brought up. Several concerns, including transparency in algorithms, ethical AI application, ownership of the data, and the flow of the data across the borders, require effective regulatory control. Moreover, technological change can be very fast and therefore regulating it can be quite difficult. To counter such issues, we need a progressive regulatory system which balances innovation and accountability. Sandbox regulation, evolving compliance, and engagement through technological stakeholders can be used in ensuring that innovation does not undermine consumer interests and systemic stability.⁷

Climate Change and Catastrophic Risks

Climate change is a major and increasingly important threat to the insurance sector, especially in a geographically diverse country such as India that is vulnerable to climate. The rising rate and severity of natural disasters, including floods, cyclones, drought and heatwaves, has resulted in a high number of insurance claims and has reflected on the financial stability of

⁶ World Bank, *Insurance Regulation and Supervision in Developing Countries* (World Bank, 2020).

⁷ J.D. Cummins & M.A. Weiss, "Systemic Risk and the U.S. Insurance Sector" (2014) 81(3) *Journal of Risk and Insurance*.

insurers. Conventional actuarial models that are based on past records are no longer effective in estimating future risks. In turn, insurers need to implement the forward-looking risk assessment models based on the climate projections and scenario analysis. The regulators, in their turn, should enforce climate risk disclosures, promote creation of catastrophe insurance products, and make partnerships between the state and the private sector in pooling risks. It will be necessary to incorporate environmental, social, and governance (ESG) issues in regulatory frameworks to create long-term resilience in the sector.⁸

Data Protection and Cybersecurity

The insurance industry has been exposed to cyber risks to a great extent owing to the digital transformation. The insurers are the source of enormous quantities of sensitive personal and financial information and thus, are easy targets of cyberattacks, data breaches, and fraud. The impacts of these occurrences are not limited to loss of money but reputational devaluation and loss of consumer confidence. Against this backdrop, proper cybersecurity and data protection is now a significant regulatory imperative. Insurers are forced to introduce strict data management systems and practices, use superior data security features and policies and conform to the changing data protection regulations. Regulators will also have to define the rules of data storage, sharing, and breach reporting and liaise with wider bodies of law such as data protection laws. To protect the integrity of the insurance ecosystem, a proactive method of cybersecurity such as regular audits and stress testing is necessary.⁹

Consumer Protection and Mis-selling

The consumer protection issue has been at the center stage of the Indian insurance industry with mis-selling of policies being a major problem. Very many consumers, especially the first-time purchasers, are not financially literate enough to comprehend the terms and conditions of insurance products. This exposes them to deceitful sales activities, concealed costs and inappropriate policy suggestions. Insurance contracts are also very complicated, which makes the situation even more challenging. To overcome these issues, the regulators should reinforce the norms of disclosure, practice transparency in the design of products, and make the penalties against unethical practices severe. Also, it must improve grievance redressal mechanisms and

⁸ Deloitte, *Future of Insurance: Turning Challenges into Opportunities* (Deloitte Insights, 2023). ⁹ Financial Stability Board, *Enhancing the Resilience of the Insurance Sector* (FSB, 2023).

make them more efficient, responsive, and easy to access. Financial literacy enhancement via particular awareness campaigns and incorporation of consumer education with the regulatory policy will allow individuals to make sufficient decisions and develop trust in the insurance market.⁹

Trends in future insurance regulation

Principle-Based Regulation

One of the major regulatory trends being experienced in the insurance industry worldwide is the change towards fixed, more rule based regulation to a more relaxed, principle based regulation. In contrast to prescriptive rules, which require the creation of certain actions, principle-based regulations establish broad standards and expected results, which will enable insurers to have much more freedom in their compliance. This method becomes especially pertinent in a dynamically changing industry where technology and the market are shifting and need to be adjusted to. The case of Indian context where the regulatory authority gradually adopts principle-based norms is indicative of a bid to minimise the procedural delays and promote product design and distribution innovation. It also helps the insurers to shape their practices to suit evolving consumer demands and still be responsible to deliver results. Nevertheless, implementation should be well supervised and a clear interpretation must be made to avoid ambiguity and introduce uniformity in the applications of the industry.¹⁰

Sandbox Framework of Regulators

The advent of the regulatory sandbox model is a positive development in terms of innovation being realized in a regulated setting. The sandbox lowers the costs of entry by enabling insurers, intermediaries and technology companies to experiment with new products, services and business models on a small scale. This comes in handy especially to the InsurTech startups who might not have the resources to meet full-scale regulatory requirements initially. The sandbox approach can be used in India to monitor the innovative technologies developed by the regulator in real time, evaluate the associated risks, and adjust regulatory responses in response. It also enhances cooperation of the old fashioned insurers and technology providers.

⁹ United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Insurance and Risk Financing for Sustainable Development (2021).

¹⁰ Swiss Re Institute, Sigma Report: World Insurance Trends (Swiss Re, 2023).

However, this structure is only effective with effective clear-cut eligibility policies, effective vetting procedures and prompt assessment of pilot projects to guarantee that viable innovations are scaled to success without violating consumer protection.¹¹

RegTech and Digital Transformation

Regulatory Technology (RegTech) is changing how compliance and oversight are being conducted in the insurance industry. RegTech solutions are based on the use of modern technologies, including artificial intelligence, machine learning, and data analytics, to automatize compliance, identify anomalies, and increase the accuracy of reporting. To the regulators, digital transformation makes it easier to monitor the financial health of the insurers, their financial exposure and their behavior on the market in real-time. Digital platforms used in the regulatory process in India can greatly decrease administrative overheads, increase transparency, and engagement among the stakeholders. Also, it allows the enhancement of coordination between regulatory authorities and an evidence-based policy making process. Nevertheless, the switch to RegTech demands a significant amount of investment in infrastructure, capacity building, and cybersecurity measures that would guarantee the reliability and integrity of the digital systems.

Liberalization of FDI Norms

The opening up of foreign direct investment (FDI) regulations in the insurance sector has been one of the main factors to development and modernization. India has opened up the possible FDI cap which has led to inflow of global insurers, capital inflows and transfer of technical knowledge and best practices. This has come up with a better product offering, risk management and enhanced rivalry in the industry. Going forward, it can be thought of further liberalization to enhance financial capabilities of insurers, and make long-term investments in infrastructure and innovations. Nevertheless, there is the need to balance between openness to foreign investment and protecting domestic interests. The regulatory protection should give an assurance that foreign involvement should be in line with national interests especially in financial inclusion and protection of policyholders.¹²

¹¹ Government of India, Insurance Laws (Amendment) Act, 2021.

¹² Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI), Annual Report 2022–23.

Prioritize Financial Inclusion

Financial inclusion is one of the core purposes of future regulation of insurance in India. Even with significant improvement, a significant percentage of the people still do not have access to coverage of proper insurance. Regulatory efforts should thus be aimed at increasing outreach by coming up with innovative and economical solutions. In this respect, microinsurance products, designed to meet the demands of the low-income population, are very instrumental. Moreover, the utilization of the digital distribution channels, mobile platforms and online aggregators, could greatly increase accessibility, particularly in the remote locations. The collaboration of the two sectors in terms of the provision of affordable insurance solutions can further be achieved through the establishment of partnerships with the government. Besides, specific awareness campaigns and financial literacy training are necessary to establish trust and participation. Universal insurance coverage in India will be very important by incorporating a holistic strategy that includes regulatory encouragement, technological development and involvement of stakeholders.¹³

Comparison to International Practice

The United Kingdom, the United States and Singapore are examples of countries which have formulated advanced and progressive regulatory systems that strike the right balance between financial stability, consumer protection and innovation. These jurisdictions are also helpful in offering good comparative lessons to India, as it tries to modernize its insurance regulatory framework to meet the emerging global and domestic challenges.

In the United Kingdom, insurance regulation has been described as a two-peaks structure, in which the Prudential Regulation Authority (PRA) is engaged in the financial soundness and risk management of insurers, and the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) is involved in market behavior and consumer protection. The PRA applies a risk-based supervisory model; it focuses on capital sufficiency, standards of governance and resiliency in the long run. This model can be regulated selectively, and the systemic risks can be appropriately regulated without putting innovative ideas in the market into a strait-jacket.¹⁴

¹³ R. Yadav & S. Mohania, "Cybersecurity Challenges in the Indian Insurance Industry" (2022) 11(1) Asian Journal of Information Systems.

¹⁴ KPMG, Insurance Industry Outlook in India: Embracing Digital Transformation (KPMG India, 2022). ¹⁶ H. Malik & P. Sharma, "Regulatory Challenges in the Indian Insurance Sector" (2020) 62(5)

The insurance industry in the United States is subject to a decentralized regulatory regime that is state based. The regulatory authorities are the national authority of each state, which is organized on the basis of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC). With this framework, regulatory flexibility and sensitivity to local market conditions can be achieved. Meanwhile, the high consumer protection regulations and disclosure policies guarantee that the interest of policyholders is not violated. The US system also pays much attention to solvency regulation and market conduct investigations, which helps to maintain the general stability of the market.

Singapore, however, has established itself as an insurance innovation pioneer, at least in the InsurTech sector. The Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) has embarked on an active and enabling regulatory strategy, such as regulatory sandboxes, innovation centers, and enabling licensing environments. Through a culture of experimentation with a strong sense of control, Singapore has been able to draw international insurers and tech startups and build a vibrant and competitive insurance market.

These jurisdictions can be of great value in India by implementing a more adaptable, principles-driven, and technology-oriented regulatory system. Risk-based supervision, the enhancement of mechanisms of consumer protection, and the promotion of innovation with the support of regulations may increase the efficiency and resiliency of the Indian insurance sector. Concurrently, these international cultures should be well adjusted to the distinct socio-economic setting of India so as to bring about inclusivity and fair development.¹⁶

8. Future Regulation Policy Recommendations

Strengthening the Institutional capacity of IRDAI

The presence of a robust and futuristic regulatory system also demands a powerful institutional base. To successfully oversee an ever-changing insurance environment, the technical, financial and operational capacity of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) is necessary. This entails investing in talented human resources who are knowledgeable in the new area of knowledge like data analytics, cybersecurity, climate risk, and financial engineering. Also, IRDAI needs to improve its technological systems to allow real-time monitoring and making decisions based on the data. Enhancing collaboration with other regulatory bodies, both national and international will also enhance the responsiveness

and consistency of regulations. A properly empowered regulator will be in a better position to construct market development with systemic stability and protection of policyholders.

Promoting Innovation

The insurance industry depends on innovation as one of the primary drivers of growth and competitiveness. In order to promote innovation, the regulatory processes should be streamlined and made more adaptable to minimize unreasonable delays in procedure during product approvals and market entry. The increase in the size and openness of regulatory sandboxes can promote experimentation by insurers and startups with new technologies and business models in a regulated setting. Moreover, the principle-based approach to regulation will give the insurers the freedom to come up with innovative solutions without violating the general regulatory goals. Traditional insurers, technology companies and universities should be encouraged to work together as well, to form a dynamic ecosystem that encourages continuous innovation.

Improving Consumer Awareness

The insurance market requires a good level of consumer awareness and financial literacy in order to operate well. The vast percentage of Indian consumers do not have a clear picture of what insurance products are and therefore are prone to mis-selling and poor decisions. The focus of regulatory initiatives should therefore be on involving consumers in financial literacy programs that can teach them the value, risks and benefits of different kinds of insurance products.

Understanding and comparability can also be improved with the help of transparent disclosure norms such as simplified policy documents and standardized information forms. Also, using digital channels and local languages can be used to reach broader audiences, especially in rural and underserved regions. The empowered consumers will be more active in the insurance market which will enhance the overall penetration and trust.¹⁵

The incorporation of Sustainability will be integrated

The issue of sustainability is gaining momentum in the international insurance environment

¹⁵ International Journal of Law and Management. OECD, Insurance and Private Pensions Outlook (OECD Publishing, 2022).

especially with climate change and social responsibility. The regulators will be required to ensure that the business strategies and risk management systems that insurers have are integrated with the environmental, social, and governance (ESG) factors. This involves the mandate of disclosure of climate risks, investment practices and social impact. The promotion of insurers to come up with green insurance policies and promote sustainable investments can help achieve larger environmental goals. Besides, solvency and capital requirements will be more resilient to shocks in the environment through the inclusion of climate risk assessments. A regulatory policy that is sustainability-focused puts the insurance industry in tandem with both long-term economic and environmental objectives.

Leveraging Technology

Modernization of insurance regulation and better operational efficiency are all about effective use of technology. Risk assessment, fraud detection, and compliance with regulations can be effectively improved through the introduction of the latest technological opportunities, including artificial intelligence, big data analytics, and blockchain. To the regulators, this technology will bring about real-time supervision, automated reporting, and predictive analytics to allow them to intervene ahead of time. These tools can also enable insurers to enhance the customer experience, automate claims processing, and customize products. Nonetheless, technology integration should be supported by robust data management systems and cybersecurity to protect confidential data. Digital transformation will help the insurance industry to be more efficient, transparent, and resilient in a more complex environment.¹⁶

The Role of Government and Policy Initiatives

The government has a central role to play in determining the future path of the insurance sector in India by undertaking specific policy alterations and strategic policies. Programs like Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana, Ayushman Bharat, and other crop insurance schemes have led to increased insurance coverage and especially those people who were previously uninsured and those who are most economically vulnerable. Not only have these efforts made it easier to gain access but also they have boosted the awareness of the significance of risk protection and financial security.

In the future, the government is predicted to be more comprehensive and inclusive of insurance

¹⁶ PwC, *InsurTech: A Global Perspective* (PricewaterhouseCoopers, 2021).

development. The extension of the social insurance schemes will play a significant role in achieving universal cover particularly to the informal sector workers, small farmers as well as low-income households. Meanwhile, the increased involvement of the private sector can introduce innovation, efficiency and better service delivery and thus fortify the ecosystem. The empowerment of the public sector insurers is also equally crucial since they have still been paramount in offering low-cost and high cover multicast. This can be in the form of capital injection, reorganization of its operations and use of latest technologies to make it more competitive. Also, the alignment of the regulatory bodies (financial, health, and data protection regulators) will require improvement to guarantee the coherent and integrated regulatory framework. This integrated form of governance will be beneficial in coming up with solutions to the emerging challenges and sustainability of the insurance sector in India.¹⁷

Conclusion

The insurance industry regulation in India in the future should have a delicate balance between innovation promotion and consumer protection. Since the sector is constantly changing with the emergence of technologies, economic dynamics, and global trends, regulators need to become proactive and dynamic.

The future trends in regulation frameworks will involve a change towards a principle-based regulation, increased technology use and prioritizing sustainability. The increase of the institutional capacity, the improvement of the financial inclusion, and the creation of a competitive market environment will also contribute to the growth of the sector. Eventually, the properly controlled insurance industry will not only guarantee financial peace to people and companies but will also play a key role in the development and stability of the Indian economy.¹⁸

¹⁷ Reserve Bank of India, Financial Stability Report (RBI, 2022).

¹⁸ A. Sharma & G. Kaur, "Climate Risk and Insurance Regulation in Emerging Economies" (2023) 13(2) Journal of Sustainable Finance & Investment.

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