1. General

Your Policy is a Regular Premium with profits pension product. Being a with profits product your Policy will participate in the profits of the Pension Participating Policyholders Fund of HDFC Standard Life Insurance Company Limited and, providing premiums continue to be paid for the entire premium paying term, reversionary and interim bonus, as applicable, will be added to your Policy.

The reversionary bonus rate declared by the company is guaranteed to be a minimum of 3% p.a. up until 31 March 2021. Where applicable, a terminal bonus may also be added to your Policy. The terminal bonus is, however not guaranteed to be paid.

We reserve the right to change any of these policy provisions if it becomes impossible or impractical to enact the provision.

2. Benefits

If you pay the premiums that are due, we will pay the following benefits to you or to any other person who is entitled to receive them:

(i) Vesting Benefit:
On Survival of the Life Assured till the Vesting Date and the payment of all premiums due under the policy, the Sum Assured as stated against Vesting Benefit in the Schedule of Benefits, plus any attaching reversionary bonus plus interim and terminal bonus (if any), will be available to secure pension benefits.

In the event your policy has acquired paid-up status, the sum assured reduces and the paid-up sum assured as specified in Provision 5(i) plus reversionary bonus attaching to the date the policy became paid-up will be available to secure pension benefits.

Subject to the prevailing regulations, part of this value can be taken in the form of a cash lump sum and the rest is converted to an annuity at the rate then offered by HDFC Standard Life Insurance Company Limited. Alternatively, if it is permitted by the prevailing regulations, the proceeds net of any cash lump sum can be used to buy an annuity with any other insurance company who will accept such business. The current maximum limit for any cash lump sum is one-third of the vesting benefit. Upon this payment the Policy terminates and no further benefits are payable.

(ii) Death Benefit:
On death of the Life Assured before the expiry date of this Benefit, the amount payable will be the total of the premiums paid to date accumulated at an interest rate of 6% per annum, from the premium due date to the date of death.

Upon this payment the Policy terminates and no further benefits are payable.

(iii) Level of the Sum Assured cannot be increased or decreased by the policyholder anytime during the policy term.

(iv) The premium paying term cannot be increased or decreased anytime during the policy term.

Pre-requisites for payment of benefits:

Before we pay the benefit under your Policy we will require to be satisfied that:

(i) the policy has not been surrendered, terminated or cancelled;

(ii) the information that were given in the application are correct; and

(iii) all Policy provisions including any endorsement to your Policy have been met; and

(iv) the person to whom the benefits are to be paid is entitled to receive them;

and in addition:

Vesting Benefit – We will pay the vesting benefit only if this benefit has not been surrendered or cancelled or terminated; and no claim has been made on the Policy; and we are satisfied that the Policy has matured and the Life Assured is surviving to the expiry date of this benefit; and all relevant documents in support of your claim have been provided. These would normally include the original Policy document.

Death Benefit – We will pay the death benefit only if this benefit has not been surrendered or cancelled or terminated; and we are satisfied that the death of the Life Assured has occurred before the expiry date of this benefit; the standard policy provisions specified in Provision 8 (Exclusion) and Provision 9 (Incorrect Information and Non Disclosure) are not attracted; and all relevant documents in support of the claim have been provided. These would normally include fully completed claim form, original Policy document, original or certified copy of death registration certificate, original or certified copy of certificate of doctor certifying death, original or certified copy of certificate of cremation or burial, and originals or certified copy of any medical reports that we consider relevant to the death. Depending on the circumstances of the death further documents as we might reasonably require may need to be provided.
3. Payment and cessation of premiums

(i) The first premium must be paid along with the submission of your completed application. Subsequent premiums are due in full on the date(s) (called here the “Due Dates”) and at the frequency set out in your Policy schedule. There will be a 15 day grace period after the premium Due Date, for the payment of each renewal premium after the initial premium. We will not accept part payment of the premium.

(ii) If any premium remains unpaid 15 days after the Due Date, your Policy may lapse or become Paid-Up, as described in Provision 5, with effect from the Due Date of the first unpaid premium.

(iii) If premiums cease your Policy may acquire a surrender value, to be determined by us at our sole discretion.

(iv) If, however, you pay premiums for a continuous period of 3 years, your Policy will acquire a guaranteed minimum surrender value, which will be calculated in accordance with Provision 4.

(v) Change in the Premium Paying Frequency is allowed.

(vi) The Annualised Premium Level cannot be decreased or increased at any point of time except due to a change in premium paying frequency and only to that extent.

(vii) If you have chosen Monthly premium payment frequency, you are required to pay the first 3 months premium along with the proposal form.

The premiums that are paid before the Due Date will be deemed to have been received on the Due Date for that Regular Premium respectively and no interest will be paid on such advance premiums.

4. Guaranteed Minimum Surrender Value

If you pay premiums for a continuous period of 3 years, the guaranteed minimum surrender value of your Policy, including the value of any attaching bonuses, will be:

- Zero in respect of premiums paid in the first year; and
- 50% of premiums paid subsequent to the first year.

5. Lapsed Policies, Paid-Up policies and Reinstatement

(i) Lapsed and Paid-Up policies

If any Premium remains unpaid 15 days after the Due Date during the first 3 years of the Policy, the policy will be altered to lapsed status and no benefits would be payable. The company may choose, at its sole discretion, to offer a discretionary surrender value.

In the event that any premium remains unpaid 15 days after the Due Date and your Policy has acquired a guaranteed surrender value, your Policy will be altered to a paid-up Policy, subject to any terms and conditions, which we may specify from time to time. These terms will involve a reduction in benefits and you will be informed accordingly.

Once your Policy is made paid-up it will cease to participate in profits and will not qualify for addition of any future bonus. Reversionary bonus attached to the policy on the date the policy is altered to paid-up status, will continue to be attached.

For a paid-up policy, the sum assured would reduce to paid-up sum assured. The paid-up sum assured will be sum assured multiplied by the ratio of the number of the premiums due and paid to the number of the premiums payable under the policy.

(ii) Reinstatement of Lapsed and Paid-Up policies

If your Policy has been paid-up or lapsed, it may be reinstated, subject to our consent and such terms and conditions as we may specify from time to time. The terms and conditions would include the payment of all outstanding premiums and interest on all outstanding premiums.

6. Loans

Subject to the prevailing taxation and applicable rules and regulations, your Policy provides the facility to avail a loan from us against this policy after it has acquired a guaranteed surrender value. Please note that this is a facility and not a right. Based on our internal appraisal process we reserve the right of refusal to grant a loan against your policy without stating any reason.

7. Assignments and Nominations

This policy cannot be assigned. However, if the policyholder avails loan against this policy (in accordance with Provision 6) from us, then we will place a lien on the proceeds of this policy, to the extent of the outstanding loan amount with interest.

Any change in nomination must be notified in writing to us at our Correspondence Address noted in your Policy schedule.
8. Exclusions:

There are no exclusions in this plan.

9. Incorrect Information and Non-Disclosure

Your Policy is based on the application and declaration which you have made to us and other information provided by you/on your behalf. However, if any of the information provided is incomplete or incorrect, we reserve the right to vary the benefits, which may be payable and, further, if there has been non-disclosure of a material fact then we may treat your Policy as void from inception.

For your benefit, Section 45 of the Insurance Act, 1938 is reproduced below:

No policy of life insurance effected before the commencement of this Act shall after the expiry of two years from the date of commencement of this Act and no policy of life insurance effected after the coming into force of this Act shall, after the expiry of two years from the date on which it was effected, be called in question by an insurer on the ground that a statement made in the proposal for insurance or in any report of a medical officer, or referee, or friend of the insured, or in any other document leading to the issue of the policy, was inaccurate or false, unless the insurer shows that such statement was on a material matter or suppressed facts which it was material to disclose and that it was fraudulently made by the policy-holder and that the policy-holder knew at the time of making it that the statement was false or that it suppressed facts which it was material to disclose:

Provided that nothing in this section shall prevent the insurer from calling for proof of age at any time if he is entitled to do so, and no policy shall be deemed to be called in question merely because the terms of the policy are adjusted on subsequent proof that the age of the life insured was incorrectly stated in the proposal.

10. Service Tax

As per the service tax laws, service tax is applicable on life insurance premium. Any indirect tax or statutory levy becoming applicable in future may become payable by you by any method we deem appropriate including levy of an additional monetary amount in addition to the premium.