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The Employees State Insurance Corporation in its 188th meeting held at Hyderabad on Dated 19.6.2022 decided to create five zones headed by Commissioners level of officers for expansion, implementation and improving the service delivery mechanism throughout the country. The south zone office was set up at Bangalore for Karnataka, Tamilnadu, Kerala, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh & Pondicherry, Laccadives, A&N islands covering approx. 4 crores beneficiaries. Sh. Akshay Kala, MBA (Finance) from JBIMS, Mumbai and MA in Public Policy& Sustainable Development from TERI University, New Delhi, has assumed the charge of Insurance Commissioner (South Zone) on 28.03.2023 at Bengaluru. Prior to this, he worked as Additional commissioner & Regional director, West Bengal, as Regional Director, Gujarat & Director at Headquarters. He has experience of 26 years in administrating the ESI Scheme.

Sh. Akshay Kala, Insurance Commissioner, (South Zone) was welcomed by Sh. A. K. Sahu, Additional Commissioner & Regional Director, Karnataka along with other senior officers.

Dr. (Mrs.) Sunita Chopra, Medical Commissioner (South Zone) has joined the post earlier this year.