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**Q I am a 61-year old retired government employee. I have an ICICI Prudential life policy. The first annual instalment of Rs 1 lakh was paid on 23/01/2006, the second on 23/01/2007. Due to non-settlement of my retirement benefits, I could not pay the subsequent three premiums. I would like to know, the maximum period up to when the above policy can be revived.**

SYED SULTAN MOHIYUDDIN

**A** You have not named the policy. But nevertheless, the status of the plans available at that time with ICICI Prudential Life Insurance is different than the plans available now. Assuming that this plan is a ULIP, there were two plans available from this company in January 2006, i.e., Life Time and Premier Life. In both these plans, the policy can be reinstated within five years from the first unpaid premium and before the termination date of the policy. But the terms of revival is different for the plans that were launched later by the company. For these plans, the policy can only be reinstated within a period of two years from the first unpaid premium.

**Q I want a pension plan which offers me pension when I attain 61. I wish to pay my premiums after 61 from the amount which I start receiving at that age. Please suggest the best options available.**

YATISH KUMAR

**A** There are several options in the pension sphere. Since you have not specified your current age, I am assuming your age to be less than 40. I would like to share a unique but very effective option to get maximum pension with a lot of flexibility too. You should immediately start an SIP in a combination of plans, as per your asset allocation, for an amount that you wish to allocate for your retirement. This SIP should be for the maximum available tenure. This plan will also give you an option to prepone or postpone your retirement, based on your circumstances at that time. After retirement, you can just request the company to start a process called SWP, i.e. Systematic Withdrawal Plan for the required amount. This way you will get your pension and also be able to keep investing through SIPs as long as you desire. The pension received in this manner is also tax-free as per current tax laws.

**Q I am buying a house worth Rs 80 lakh, with a parking space worth Rs 6 lakh. Now I have a Honda City which is insured. What kind of policy should I opt for, in which both my house, furniture and other things, plus my parking space will be insured.**

RUPESH SHAH

**A** You should buy a comprehensive house holder insurance covering your house, furniture, costly electronics and other valuables in the house. There is no need to insure your parking space.