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Parliament has amended the Insurance Act to provide for the new framework for nominations of beneficiaries under an insurance policy. Previously, nominations of beneficiaries are valid only if they are made under Section 73 of the Conveyancing and Law of Property Act and Section 45 of the Co-operative Societies Act. The amendments provide for irrevocable nominations and revocable nominations under Sections 49L and 49M of the Insurance Act respectively. The insurer has to keep proper records of nominations and revocations of nominations.

“Do the amendments allow for the continued application of S73, CLPA and S45, Co-operative Societies Act? What happens to such nominations made before the amendments came into force? What is the difference between a S49L nomination and a S49M nomination? Will such nominations override S73 statutory trust and S45 nomination? What policies are eligible for nomination? Who can be nominated under the new framework? What is the impact of the legislative changes on the insurer and the financial adviser?” were just questions that were flying throughout the entire conference.