

PERSONNEL & ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Ref No. BPSCL/P&A/01/0694

Dated: 03.04.2023


CIRCULAR

**Sub: Submission of Joint Option by eligible employees/ ex-employees in
pursuance of the Hon'ble Supreme Court's order dated 04.11.2022**

This has reference to the Hon'ble Supreme Court Order under reference; circular issued by EPFO dated 20.02.2023 and our circular dated 09.03.2023 on the subject.

1. EPFO vide its Circular no. Pension/2022/56259/16541 dated 20.02.2023 has enabled the URL on its website for exercising joint option for higher pension for employees who were members prior to 01.09.2014 and continue to be members on or after 01.09.2014.
2. As per the modalities indicated in the above EPFO circular, the following documents are required to be uploaded while submitting the joint option through EPFO website:
 - a) Permission required under clause 26(6) of EPS for contribution on actual wages.
 - b) PF account balance on the date of filing option and relevant documentary proof for the same.
 - c) Undertaking by the member to deposit the contribution along with interest due till the date of payment.
3. The URL for exercising Joint Option of EPS-95 for higher pension available on EPFO site is as below:
<https://unifiedportal-mem.epfindia.gov.in/memberInterfacePohw/>
4. Interested and eligible members (Employees/Ex-Employees) are advised to strictly follow the EPFO guidelines while submitting online joint option and are requested to submit the same preferably by **17.04.2023**. Members may please note that mere submission of joint option doesn't confer any right to higher pension and the same is subject to final decision of EPFO authority.
5. In view of above, the following documents shall be made available at
 - a) **For On-Roll Employees:**
Link: <https://intranet.bpscl.com/user/frmlogin.aspx>
 - I. Employer's Certificate required under clause 26(6) of EPS (Annexure-1).
 - II. Undertaking by the members (Annexure-2).
 - III. Documentary proof of PF account balance: PF Account balance statement as on 31.03.2022
 - b) **For Ex-Employees:**
Link: <https://intranet.bpscl.com/pension/user/frmLogin.aspx>
 - I. Employer's Certificate required under clause 26(6) of EPS (Annexure-1).
 - II. Undertaking by the members (Annexure-2).
6. Further details with regard to directions/guidelines on EPS-95 will be made available on BPSCL website from time to time. All members are advised to keep themselves updated on any further instructions being issued by EPFO in this regard. For any queries/help, members can contact the nodal officers of the concerned Plant/Unit, details of which are available on the BPSCL website.

This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.


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