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विशाखपट्टणम VISAKHAPATNAM-530031

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विविध परिपत्र MISCELLANEOUS CIRCULAR NO.04/ 2023

**Sub: Submission of Joint Option by eligible employees/ ex-employees for higher pension under EPS-95 as per direction given by the Hon'ble Supreme Court vide Judgment dated 4<sup>th</sup> Nov,2022.**

This has reference to the Hon'ble Supreme Court Judgment dated 4th Nov,2022, EPFO circular dated 20.02.2023 and RINL Circular dated 21.02.2023 on the above subject.

2. 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.

3. 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 EPF Scheme for contribution on actual wages.
- b) PF account balance as 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.

4. In view of the above, it has been decided that the following documents may be uploaded by interested and eligible members, against the above requirements as given below:


- i. Certificate, as per **Annexure-1**, to be submitted in lieu of permission required under Clause 26(6) of EPF Scheme.
- ii. The PF Account balance statement, as per **Annexure-2**, for on rolls employees and the final settlement statement issued at the time of separation in case of eligible ex-employees.
- iii. Duly filled in and signed undertaking by the employees on rolls as per **Annexure-3** and ex-employees as per **Annexure- 3A**.

The above documents are made available at EPSS for employees on rolls and at REIS for separated employees.

The URL for exercising Joint Option for EPS-95 for higher pension available on EPFO site is as under:

<https://unifiedportal-mem.epfindia.gov.in/memberInterfacePohw/>

5. Interested and eligible members are advised to strictly follow the EPFO guidelines while submitting online option. Members may please note that mere submission of joint option does not confer any right to higher pension and the same is subject to final decision of EPFO authority.
6. Further details with regard to directions/guidelines on EPS-95 will be made available on RINL website from time to time. All members are advised to keep themselves updated on any further instructions being issued by EPFO in this regard.
7. This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

  
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