

Subject : E.Mail sent by EPFO to GMVN regarding Application for Higher Wages Pension

Sir,

In the matter of Higher Wages Pension, all concerned employees who had retired prior to 1st September 2014 and exercised joint option under Para 11(3) of the Employees' Pension Scheme prior to 01.09.2014, may please refer to EPFO Head Office Circular no. **Pension/2022/54877/15149 dated 29.12.2022 placed at the serial number 297** (EPFO corner> For Office Use> Office Order/circulars) of the EPFO website (www.epfindia.gov.in). A circular no. **Pension/2022/55893/15785 dated 25.01.2023** was also issued in continuation of the said circular dated 29.12.2022 followed by its corrigendum having no. **Pension/2022/54877/15238 dated 05.01.2023** .

Employees who were members prior to 01.09.2014 and continued to be a member on or after 01.09.2014 may refer to EPFO Head office circular no. **Pension/2022/56259/16541 dated 20.02.2023** placed at the serial number 377 (EPFO corner> For Office Use> Office Order/circulars) of the EPFO website (www.epfindia.gov.in).

These circulars contain instructions in compliance of orders sentenced in Para 44 (v) & (vi) and orders sentenced in Para (iii) & (iv) read with Para 44(v) of Hon'ble Supreme Court judgement dated 04.11.2022 in the matter of Special Leave Petition (C) Nos. 8658-8659 of 2019.

You are, therefore requested to go through these circulars and check your eligibility through the parameters given in the said circulars. Accordingly, if the Member/Pensioner meets the parameters, only then they are required to apply online through the link given in EPFO website (www.epfindia.gov.in).

As already mentioned in aforementioned circulars related to higher wages pension, URL is now available to apply digitally/online at www.epfindia.gov.in for validating your options. Hence, you have only to apply online inspite of submission in hard copy.

Currently, the online facility on the EPFO website having links for following two categories :-

1- (1) Validation of joint options for the employees who had retired before 01.09.2014 and exercised joint option under para 11(3) of EPS scheme prior to 01.09.2014

2- (2) Exercise of joint option for the employees who were in service prior to 01.09.2014 and continued to be in service on or after 01.09.2014 but could not exercise joint option under erstwhile proviso to Para 11(3) of EPS 1995

Further, it is also mentioned in EPFO Head office circular no. **Pension/2022/56259/16541** dated 20.02.2023 that the method of deposit and that of computation of pension will follow through subsequent circular. So, the said computation for eligible employees alongwith method of deposit is expected in forthcoming circular of EPFO, Head Office.

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