



Circular No – 059 / 2023

Date: 03.05.2023

To
All Members of The Association

EPFO EXTENDS DATE FOR CLAIMING HIGHER PENSION UPTO 26.06.2023

1. Employees Provident Fund Organization has extended the time limit for submitting application claiming higher pension upto 26.06.2023.
2. The press release issued by EPFO on 02.05.2023 is extracted below:
"EPFO has made arrangements for obtaining Applications for Validation of Option / Joint Option from pensioners/ members as per the Hon'ble Supreme Court order dated 04.11.2022. To facilitate this process, online facility has been made available. More than 12 lakhs applications have been received till date. The online facility was to remain available only till 03.05.2023. In the meantime, many representations have been received from various quarters seeking extension of time. The issue has been considered and it has been decided that in order to provide a larger window of opportunity and in order to enable all eligible persons to file their applications, the timeline for filing applications would now be till 26th June, 2023. The timeline is being extended to facilitate and provide ample opportunity to the pensioners/ members so as to ease out any difficulty being faced by them. This has been decided after sympathetically considering the various demands received from employees, employers and their associations."
3. The member establishment are requested to bring it to the notice of the retired employees as well as the employees in service about the extended

date for claiming higher pension and render assistance to claim higher pension if they are eligible for the same.

4. The KEA has issued the following circulars with regard to the procedure for claiming higher pension.
 - Circular No. 89/2022 dated 07.11.2022 containing the gist of the judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of EPFO Vs. Sunil Kumar and Others.
 - Circular No. 103/2022 dated 30.12.2022 in respect of the instructions issue by the EPFO for implementation of the Judgment of the Supreme Court referred to above.
 - Circular No. 17/2023 dated 31.01.2023 containing the further guidelines issued by the EPFO with regard to the pensioners who retired from service prior to 01.09.2014.
 - Circular No.20/2023 dated 09.02.2023 containing the procedure for claiming higher pension in terms of the decision of the Supreme Court in the case of EPFO Vs. Sunil Kumar and others.
 - Circular No.26/2023 dated 07.02.2023 informing the members that if the application for higher pension cannot be uploaded online for any reason, the applications may be sent by RPAD and the acknowledgement thereof be preserved.
 - Circular No.30/2023 dated 22.02.2023 containing the further instructions issued by the EPFO for claiming higher pension by the employees who were contributing to the provident fund on actual salary prior to 01.09.2014 and continue to be the members of the pension scheme after 01.09.2014.



- Circular No. 32/2023 dated 25.02.2023 with regard to extension of the last date for submission of the joint declaration for higher pension by 2 months i.e. upto 03.05.2023.
 - Circular No. 48/2023 dated 13.04.2023 informing the members that KEA takes up with the Central Provident Fund Commissioner, EPFO to revise the guidelines and dispense with production of proof of declaration under para 26(6) for claiming higher pension as directed by the Kerala High Court in its Order dated 12.04.2023.
 - Circular No. 49/2023 dated 17.04.2023 suggested drafts of the joint declaration having regard to the interim order dated 12.04.2023 was circulated to the members.
5. The establishments may guide the employees (both in service and retired) about the procedure for claiming higher pension in accordance with the guidelines contained in the circulars referred to above.

For KARNATAKA EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

**Sd/
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President**



Ministry of Labour & Employment



EPFO extends date for filing Applications regarding pension on Higher Wages

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