



Circular No -077/2023

Date: 19.06.2023

To

All Members of the Association

**KEA TAKES UP WITH CENTRAL PROVIDENT FUND COMMISSIONER, EPFO
FOR FURTHER EXTENSION OF TIME FOR SUBMITTING CLAIMS FOR
HIGHER PENSION**

The pensioners have been facing multiple problems in uploading the joint option which had been made mandatory for uploading the claim for higher pension.

EPFO clarified the position in terms of the circular issued on 02.06.2023 and also subsequently on 13.06.2023 about the procedure to be followed by their field officers in the event the claimants are unable to submit joint option contemplated under paragraph 26(6) of the EPF Scheme.

The pensioners will not be able to get any of the documents as contemplated in the circular dated 13.06.2023 of the EPFO. If the eligible employees will not be able to exercise the option within the time limit of 26.06.2023 the time limit has now fixed is not extended and thus the object with which the revised procedure was laid down by the EPFO itself may be defeated.

The Association has therefore, requested the EPFO to extend the time limit for a further period of 3 months from 26.06.2023.

A copy of the Association Letter dated 19-06-2023 is attached for the information of members.

**For KARNATAKA EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION
Sd/
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The Central Provident Fund Commissioner
Employees' Provident Fund Organization
Bhavishya Nidhi Bhawan
No.14, Bhikaji Cama Place
New Delhi – 110066.

Sir,

**Sub: Implementation of Hon'ble Supreme Court Judgment
on Claim for Higher Pension – Need to further
extension of time**

1. The Provident Fund Organization after considering the representation made by the Employers and Employees Organization was pleased to extend the time limit for submitting claim for higher pension in terms of the judgment of the Supreme Court in the case of EPFO vs. Sunil Kumar B. decided on 04.11.2022 vide Internal Circular No. Pension/2022/54877/15149 dated 29.12.2022 and the extended time limit would come to an end on 26.06.2023.
2. The pensioners have been facing multiple problems in uploading the joint option which had been made mandatory for uploading the claim for higher pension.

3. EPFO clarified the position in terms of the circular issued on 02.06.2023 and also subsequently on 13.06.2023 and thus, have smoothen the procedure for submitting joint option under paragraph 26(6) of the EPF Scheme.
4. The pensioners are spread across the country and many of the pensioners are residing in remote areas. It would obviously take time before such pensioners would get the information about the revised procedure. The present guidelines clearly stipulate that claim for higher pension should be submitted on or before 26.06.2023.
5. The time available is short. Many of the eligible pensioners may not be able to get the option from the employers particularly, those who have worked in different establishment during the period of their service.
6. EPFO has rightly eased the procedure which had been laid down in the earlier circulars and made the procedure user friendly obviously with a view to ensure that all the pensioners who are eligible for higher pension in terms of the judgement of the Supreme Court are able to submit their claim well in time. If the time is not extended, the eligible pensioners may not be able to upload their application for higher pension, the object with which the revised procedure was laid down by the EPFO itself may be defeated.

7. The Association, therefore, requests that in the larger interest of the pensioners spread across the country, the time limit may please be extended. The Association further suggests that it may be extended by further three months so that eligible pensioners may avail the benefits conferred by the decision of the Supreme Court.
8. An immediate action in the matter would be of great help to all the concerned.

Thanking you,

For Karnataka Employers' Association

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