



Circular No -078/2023

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To

All Members of the Association

EPFO EXTENDS LAST DATE FOR OPTING FOR HIGHER PENSION

The last date for submitting applications for higher pension in terms of the judgment of the Supreme Court was 26.06.2023. Karnataka Employers Association had taken up with the Central Provident Fund Commissioner for extension to time opting for higher pension. The letter addressed to the Central Provident Fund Commissioner was circulated to the members vide circular no. 77 of 2023 dated 19.06.2023.

The Ministry of Labour & Employment Government of India has issued press release dated 26.06.2023 extending the time for submitting the applications for validation of option/joint options by employees for claiming higher pension upto **11.07.2023**.

The Ministry of Labour and Employment also considered the representations received from Employers and Employer's Associations and has extended the time period for Employers to submit wage details etc. of applicant pensioners/members by three months i.e. **till 30.09.2023**.



A copy of the press release issued by the Ministry of Labour & Employment is attached for information of the members.

All the members may inform the claimants for higher pension about the extension of the date for submitting the application upto 11.07.2023.

For KARNATAKA EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION
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President



EPFO provides last opportunity to employees to submit options within fifteen days to get pension on higher wages and Employers given three months time for uploading wage details online

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Online facility has been made available by EPFO for submitting Applications for Validation of Option /Joint Options for pension on higher wages. The facility is for eligible pensioners / members in compliance with the Hon'ble Supreme Court order dated 04.11.2022. The facility was launched on 26.02.2023 and was to remain available only till 03.05.2023. However, considering the representations of the employees, the time limit was extended to 26.06.2023 in order to provide complete four months time to eligible pensioners / members for filing applications. 16.06 lakh Applications for Validation of Option / Joint Options have been received till 26.06.2023.

Last opportunity of 15 days is being given to remove any difficulty faced by the eligible pensioners/ members. Accordingly, the last date for submission of Applications for Validation of Option / Joint Options by employees is extended to 11.07.2023.

Any eligible pensioner / member who on account of any issue in updation of KYC, faces difficulty in submitting online Application for Validation of Option / Joint Option, may immediately lodge such grievance on EPFiGMS for resolution. The grievance may please be submitted by selecting the grievance category of ' Higher Pensionary benefits on higher wages'. This will ensure proper record of such a grievance for further action.

Meanwhile, many representations have been received from Employers & Employers' Associations wherein requests have been made to extend time period for uploading wage details of applicant pensioners / members. The request has been considered sympathetically and the employers are being given further period of three months to submit wage details etc. online latest by 30.09.2023.