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Most Urgent

To,

All Circle Heads/IFAs
All BSNLTerritorial and Non Territorial Circles

Sub: Extension of last date for submission of Higher pension cases to EPFO as a last opportunity for employers.

- Ref: 1. E 180523/BSNL CO-CA/30/1/2022-CA-ERP-FICO dated 18.10.2024
2. E 357319/ BSNL CO-CA/30/1/2022-CA-ERP-FICO dated 27.09.2023

Kindly refer to letters under reference and find attached herewith PIB press release dated 18.12.2024 vide which EPFO has extended the date for employers to upload applications for pension on Higher wages to EPFO by 31.01.2025. In this connection, BSNL Corporate office has already issued various instructions/guidelines regarding EPF higher pension cases to all BSNL circles/Field units from time to time. **As per EPFO this will be the final opportunity for the employers to process and upload the pending wage details and submission of replies for any additional information/ clarification sought by EPFO pertaining to higher pension cases.**

In view of the above, all Circle Heads and IFAs are requested to ensure that all higher pension cases submitted by eligible BSNL recruited employees and pending at BSNL end shall be uploaded on EPFO Portal by 31.01.2025 without fail.

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07/01/25
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Enclosure:- EPFO press release dated 18.12.2024, issued by Press Information Bureau, New Delhi.

Ministry of Labour & Employment



EPFO Gives Final Opportunity till 31st January 2025 to Employers to upload wage details etc. regarding over 3.1 Lakh pending applications for Pension on Higher Wages

Employers also requested to submit replies/update the information in 4.66 Lakh cases by 15th January 2025 where clarification has been sought by EPFO

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An online facility was made available by EPFO for submitting Applications for Validation of Options/Joint Options for pension on higher wages. The facility was 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 a complete four months time to eligible pensioners/members for filing applications.

A last opportunity of 15 days was further 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 was extended to 11.07.2023 and a total of 17.49 lakh Applications for Validation of Option / Joint Options were received from pensioners/members till 11.07.2023.

In view of representations received from Employers & Employers' Associations wherein requests were made to extend the time period for uploading wage details of applicant pensioners/members, the employers were given multiple opportunities to submit wage details etc. online till 30.09.2023, again till 31.12.2023 and thereafter till 31.05.2024 to ensure that employers are able to process the applications.

In spite of so many extensions, it has been observed that more than 3.1 lakh Applications for Validation of Options / Joint Options are still pending with employers. Many representations have also been received from Employers & Employers' Associations wherein requests have been made to extend further time period for uploading wage details of applicant pensioners/members.

Therefore, a final opportunity is being given to the employers till 31.01.2025 to ensure that employers process and upload these pending Applications for Validation of Option / Joint Options.

Employers are also requested to submit replies/update the information by 15.01.2025, in over 4.66 Lakh cases where EPFO has sought additional information/ clarification in respect of applications that have been received and examined by EPFO.

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