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भारत संचार निगम लिमिटेड
(भारत सरकार का उपक्रम)
BHARAT SANCHAR NIGAM LIMITED
(A Govt. of India Enterprise)

No. BSNLCO-CA/30/2022-CA-ERP-FICO

Dated: 23.02.2023

To,
The Chief General Managers/IFAs,
Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited
All Circles

Subject- Instructions in compliance of orders contained in PARA 44 (iii) & (iv) read with Para (v) of Hon'ble Supreme Court Judgment dated 04.11.2022 in the matter of Special Leave Petition (C) Nos. 8658-8659 of 2019.

Reference - BSNL CO Letter No - BSNLCO-CA/30/2022-CA-ERP-FICO Dated-20.02.2023, 30.01.2023 and 19.01.2023 regarding exercise of option for higher pension.

Please refer to BSNL CO Letters under reference vide which certain guidelines were issued in the context of Hon'ble Supreme Court Judgment referred above and EPFO Letter dated 20.02.2023.

BSNL Corporate Office has also taken up the matter with EPFO for providing necessary guidelines regarding the methodology/manner for applying, documents to be submitted for higher pension. However, the guidelines are still to be issued by the EPFO.

It is presumed that all the eligible employees have submitted the duly completed Joint option form to respective Claim Officer as circulated vide this office letters under reference and the Claim Officers have checked all the documents in due course.

Considering the time line of 4 months for submitting the option form as per Hon'ble Supreme Court decision dated 04.11.2022, all concerned are advised to submit the duly checked joint option form along with undertaking by employer (proforma enclosed) and required documents to the concerned RPFs by 27.02.2023 under acknowledgement from EPFO.

Employees who have yet not submitted the option form, may also submit the same by 25.02.2023.

The letter is being issued to ensure adequate preparedness and to adhere to the time limit and is subject to any subsequent guidelines that will be issued by EPFO from time to time.


(Surajit Mandol)

Sr. General Manager (CA)

Copy to:

1. The Director(F)/ Director(HR), BSNL CO, New Delhi.
2. The PGM(Estt.)/PGM(SR)/PGM(EF)/GM(PERS), BSNL CO, New Delhi
3. The DGM(R&P), BSNL CO, New Delhi

UNDERTAKING BY THE EMPLOYER

I, _____ (Name & Designation) being the Authorized Signatory of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited, with Establishment PF Code Number _____) do hereby certify that Shri/ Smt./ Ms. _____, having UAN _____ and present EPF A/c No. _____ is an employee of this establishment. The member has been contributing towards Provident Fund on his actual salary / wages, as per the terms of Para 26(6) of the EPF Scheme, 1952. Equal share is also contributed by this Establishment too. This Establishment has no objection if he/she deposits / transfers/ diverts the differential amount @8.33% of the employers share w.e.f. from his /her date of joining EPF/EPS or when his/her salary/wages exceeded the statutory limit, whichever is later, along with due interest as declared under EPF Scheme, 1952 from time to time, from his/her PF A/c. to Pension Fund maintained by EPFO, thus making him/her eligible for drawing pension on his/her actual salary/wages, instead of on the statutory limit as per erstwhile Para 11(3) & 11(4) of EPS, 1995. This exercise is being carried out in consonance with the Judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme court dated 04/11/2022.

I certify that the particulars furnished above are correct as per the available Office Records.

Place:

(Signature of authorized signatory with seal)

Date: