



**STEEL AUTHORITY OF INDIA LIMITED  
CENTRAL MARKETING ORGANISATION  
PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT  
ISPAT BHAVAN, KOLKATA**

**CIRCULAR**

<b>Running Sl. No -4 of 2023-24</b>	<b>Sub – Submission of Joint Option by eligible employees/ex-employees in pursuance of the Hon'ble Supreme Court's order dated 04.11.2022.</b>
<b>Ref.No: Pers/Rules/ 06/2023-24/04</b>	<b>Date of Issue – 05-04-2023</b>
	<b>Issued by - Mgr (P&amp;A)</b>

Further to our circular dated 04.04.2023 regarding submission of Joint Option by eligible employees/ex-employees in pursuance of the Hon'ble Supreme Courts' order dated 04.11.2022, the following are reiterated for clarity of all concerned.

**A) For On-roll employees**

The following documents as to be uploaded:-

- Employer's Certificate (Annexure -1) issued by BoT Hindustan Steel Limited , Central Purchase Organisation Sales and Transport, Kolkata Provident Fund issued in lieu of permission required under para 26 (6) of the EPF Scheme 1952.**
- PF account balance as on 31.03.2022 of employees, for attaching as documentary proof of PF account balance.**
- Employee's undertaking (Annexure -2) to deposit contribution along with interest due till the date of payment.**

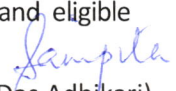
**B) For Ex-employees**

- Employer's Certificate (Annexure -1) issued by BoT Hindustan Steel Limited , Central Purchase Organisation Sales and Transport, Kolkata Provident Fund issued in lieu of permission required under para 26 (6) of the EPF Scheme 1952.**
- PF account balance as on date of retirement.**
- Employee's undertaking (Annexure -2) to deposit contribution along with interest due till the date of payment.**

Annexure-1 and Annexure-2 are available with HQ, P&A Deptt (Welfare Section) and with RPMs from 4<sup>th</sup> April to 17<sup>th</sup> April and also uploaded in P&A Home Page.

- Interested and eligible employees and ex-employees are requested to submit the online joint option in EPFO Portal **within 17.04.2023** by logging on URL as mentioned below for filling the joint option form: <https://unifiedportal-mem.epfindia.gov.in/memberInterfacePohw/>

They may also note that mere submission of joint option doesn't confer any right to higher pension and the same is subject to final decision of EPFO authority. Also, the responsibility of submitting the joint option online in EPFO portal within the stipulated time lies with the interested and eligible employees and ex-employees.

  
(Sampita Das Adhikari)  
Manager (P&A)

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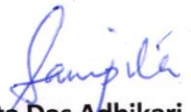
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CIRCULAR

Running Sl. No - 2 of 2023-24	Sub – Submission of Joint Option by eligible employees/ex-employees in pursuance of the Hon'ble Supreme Court's order dated 04.11.2022.
Ref.No: Pers/Rules/06/2023-24/2	Date of Issue – 04.04.2023
	Issued by - Mgr(P&A)

This is with reference to circular issued by SAIL Corporate Office, New Delhi dated 24.03.2023 regarding submission of Joint Option by eligible employees/ex-employees in pursuance of the Hon'ble Supreme Court's order dated 04.11.2022.

1. The **following documents** are to be uploaded in EPFO Portal, by interested and eligible members for exercising Joint Option for higher Pension.
  - i. **Permission** required under clause 26 (6) of EPS Scheme for contribution on actual wages. The Certificate is available, at CMO, P&A Homepage.
  - ii. **PF Account balance** on the date of filling option and relevant documentary proof for the same. For ex-employees, on settlement of each member, the PF statement has been shared with individuals. For on-roll employees, the same is available in HRMS portal.
  - iii. **Blank undertaking format** available, at CMO, P&A Homepage, which is to be downloaded by employees/ex-employees and thereafter the filled-in and signed undertaking may be uploaded in EPFO Portal, by them.
2. Interested and eligible employees and ex-employees are requested to submit the online joint option in EPFO Portal **within 17.04.2023** by logging on URL as mentioned below for filling the joint option form: <https://unifiedportal-mem.epfindia.gov.in/memberInterfacePohw/>
3. They may also note that mere submission of joint option doesn't confer any right to higher pension and the same is subject to final decision of EPFO authority.
4. The responsibility of submitting the joint option online in EPFO portal within the stipulated time lies with the interested and eligible employees and ex-employees.
5. You may contact the PF Section at HQ, Kolkata or the Nodal Officer for any further assistance.

  
Sampita Das Adhikari  
Mgr (P&A)





No. PERS/ITB&Med./EPS-95/2023

Dated : 24.03.2023

**CIRCULAR**

**Sub : Submission of Joint Option by eligible employees/ ex-employees in pursuance of the Hon'ble Supreme Court's order dated 04.11.2022**

1. This has reference to the Hon'ble Supreme Court Order under reference; circular issued by EPFO dated 20.02.2023 and our circular dated 28.02.2023 on the subject.
2. EPFO vide its Circular no. Pension/2022/56259/16541 dated 20.02.2023 has enabled the URL on its website for exercising joint option for higher pension for employees who were members prior to 01.09.2014 and continue to be members on or after 01.09.2014.
3. As per the modalities indicated in the above EPFO circular, the following documents are required to be uploaded while submitting the joint option through EPFO website:
  - a) Permission required under clause 26(6) of EPS scheme for contribution on actual wages.
  - b) PF account balance on the date of filing option and relevant documentary proof for the same.
  - c) Undertaking by the member to deposit the contribution along with interest due till the date of payment.
4. In view of above, it has been decided that the following documents may be uploaded by interested & eligible members, against the above requirement as given below:
  - i) Certificate, as per Annexure-1, to be submitted in lieu of permission required under clause 26(6) of EPS scheme. The certificate, in the given format, will be made available to the eligible employees/ ex-employees by PF trust of the concerned Plants/Units. The same would then have to be uploaded by interested & eligible members.
  - ii) The PF Account balance statement as on 31.03.2022 for on-roll employees and the final settlement PF statement issued by concerned Plant/Unit(s) at the time of separation in case of eligible ex-employees.
  - iii) Duly filled-in & signed undertaking by the members, as per Annexure-2.

The URL for exercising Joint Option of EPS-95 for higher pension available on EPFO site is as below:

<https://unifiedportal-mem.epfindia.gov.in/memberInterfacePohw/>

*Handwritten signature/initials*

5. Interested and eligible members are advised to strictly follow the EPFO guidelines while submitting online joint option and are requested to submit the same preferably by 17.04.2023. Members may please note that mere submission of joint option doesn't confer any right to higher pension and the same is subject to final decision of EPFO authority.
6. Further details with regard to directions/guidelines on EPS-95 will be made available on SAIL website from time to time. All members are advised to keep themselves updated on any further instructions being issued by EPFO in this regard. For any queries/help, members can contact the nodal officers of the concerned Plant/Unit, details of which are available on the SAIL website.

This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

*Vaani Kapoor*  
24/03/2023  
(Vaani Kapoor)  
GM (Personnel)

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**Hindustan Steel Limited, Central Purchase Organisation  
Sales & Transport, Calcutta Provident Fund**

(Provident Fund Trust of Steel Authority of India Ltd, CMO)

40, J L N Road, Kolkata 700 071. Tel 033-2288 3951 / Fax 033-2288 3954 / email cmo@pf@sail-steel.com

EPFO/23/1

Dated 31.03.2023

**CERTIFICATE**

(In lieu of permission required under para 26(6) of the EPF Scheme, 1952)

This certificate is being issued to the employees/ex-employees of **HINDUSTAN STEEL LIMITED PURCHASE SALES & TRANSPORT OFFICE** having PF Code WB/PRB/9057, as per the requirement mandated vide EPFO Circular No. Pension/2022/56259/16541 dated 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2023.

As per clause 6(vii) of EPFO Circular, members are required to submit the proof of remittance of employer's share in provident fund on higher wages/salary exceeding the prevalent wage ceiling and proof of joint option under para 26(6) of EPF Scheme.

**HINDUSTAN STEEL LIMITED PURCHASE SALES & TRANSPORT OFFICE** Kolkata, is an exempted Provident Fund Trust under Para 27A of the EPF & MP Act 1952 and the PF Trust Rules are duly approved by the EPFO, Kolkata.

It is, hereby, certified that the employees/ex-employees of **HINDUSTAN STEEL LIMITED PURCHASE SALES & TRANSPORT OFFICE**, are/were members of the PF Trust, Kolkata, an exempted Provident Fund Trust, under para 27A of the Employees' Provident Fund Scheme, 1952.

As per the approved Rules of **HINDUSTAN STEEL LIMITED PURCHASE SALES & TRANSPORT OFFICE** PF Trust, Kolkata (Rules governing the membership, contribution by member and contribution by employer are Rule 8, 10 & 11), employer and employee have been contributing/ have contributed to provident fund on full/actual wages/salary ever since the employee becoming a member of the Fund. It is, further, certified that inspection charges were/are being paid on actual wages/salary and Accounts of **HINDUSTAN STEEL LIMITED PURCHASE SALES & TRANSPORT OFFICE** PF Trust, Kolkata, were/are being audited by EPFO, on annual basis.

**HINDUSTAN STEEL LIMITED PURCHASE SALES & TRANSPORT OFFICE** employees are, therefore, fulfilling criteria stipulated in EPFO Circular dated 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2023 and are eligible for exercising option for higher pension. This certificate is being submitted as a proof of remittance of employer's share in provident fund on higher wages/salary exceeding the prevalent wage ceiling and proof of joint option under para 26(6) of Employees' Provident Fund Scheme (EPF), 1952 to enable the members to submit their option for higher pension.

For & on behalf of

**HINDUSTAN STEEL LIMITED PURCHASE SALES & TRANSPORT OFFICE**

*Chaitali Deb*  
**CHAITALI DEB** 31/3/2023  
GM (F&A), SAIL CMO-Hq & Secretary  
Board of Trustee  
Hindustan Steel Ltd.  
Central Purchase Organisation  
Sales & Transport Calcutta Provident Fund  
Ispat Bhawan, 40, J. L. N. Road, Kolkata-71

## UNDERTAKING

To,  
Hindustan Steel Limited, Central Marketing Organization  
Sales & Transport, Calcutta Provident Fund  
AND

Provident Fund Trust of Steel Authority of India Limited, CMO,  
Both at Ispat Bhawan, 40, J L Nehru Road,  
Kolkata – 700107

I, \_\_\_\_\_, [Son/Daughter/Wife] of \_\_\_\_\_, presently residing at \_\_\_\_\_, and [retired from/currently working in] Steel Authority of India Limited as \_\_\_\_\_ hereby declare and undertake as follows:

1. I have read and understood the terms of Employees Pension Scheme, 1995 ('Pension Scheme') as amended from time to time including as it was before the amendment of 2014.
2. I am aware of the Supreme Court judgment dated 04.11.2022 (in SLP (C) Nos. 8658-8659 of 2019).
3. Pursuant to the aforesaid judgment dated 04.11.2022 and Employee Provident Fund Organisation circulars/orders/notifications etc., I have exercised the joint option under para 11(3) and 11(4) of the Pension Scheme.
4. I agree and acknowledge that I will not be able to withdraw or modify my option once exercised, unless otherwise permitted by the Employees Provident Fund Organization or the applicable law, and I will be bound by the terms of the Pension Scheme as may be notified or modified or communicated by the Employees Provident Fund Organisation from time to time.
5. I undertake and agree to make payment of the due contribution along with interest up to the date of payment with *Provident Fund Trust of Steel Authority of India Limited, CMO*, for deposit with the Employees Provident Fund Organisation in terms of the Pension Scheme and any clarifications /notifications/circulars/orders in relation thereto, including any further payments as may be required, upon demand from EPFO or *Provident Fund Trust of Steel Authority of India Limited, CMO*, or SAIL without any delay or demur.
6. In case, where SAIL is required to make any payment on my behalf to EPFO owing to failure on my part to contribute the amount pursuant to joint option exercised by me under para 11(3) & 11(4) of the Pension Scheme, I hereby permit SAIL and/or *Provident Fund Trust of Steel Authority of India Limited, CMO*, to recover any due payments to the Employee Provident Fund Organisation in relation to the Pension Scheme from any dues/payment to me from SAIL.
7. I will not hold SAIL and/or *Provident Fund Trust of Steel Authority of India Limited, CMO*, responsible or liable in any manner whatsoever for any act, commission or omission on the part of SAIL and/or *Provident Fund Trust of Steel Authority of India Limited, CMO*, in relation to my exercise of joint option under the Pension Scheme.
8. I agree that *Provident Fund Trust of Steel Authority of India Limited, CMO*, and/or SAIL shall be entitled to initiate appropriate proceedings for recovery of any amount due in relation to aforesaid.

Signature	
Name of [Employee/Retired Employee], Employee P No.	
Address	
Mobile No.	
UAN No	
EPS No.	
PPO No	