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Ministry of L & E, Government of India
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(हि.प्र.)



No.762(68)(2023)RO/HP/SML/HigherPen./4022/1218

Dated: 13.07.2023

To,

M/s HPTDC,
RITZ ANNEXE, The Mall.
Shimla, 171001

Sub: Application for Joint Option on Higher Wages in r/o Sh. SURESH CHAND bearing P.F. Code No. HPSML4022/1218- reg.

Madam/Sir,

This is to inform that the Application form for Joint Option of the above pensioner has been examined and on the basis of details of wages submitted by you based on which due contributions with interest for pension on higher wages have been calculated.

2. The total dues with interest to be deposited to Pension Fund on behalf of Sh. SURESH CHAND having PF Account No. HPSML00040220000001218 is shown as under:

Month/Year (Amount due by the end of month)	No.	Total Amount (Rs.)	Due	Amount to be diverted/transferred with interest <u>from</u> provident fund (Rs.)	Amount to be deposited with interest (Rs.)
Up to 31/07/2023		5,89,024/-		0	5,89,024/-
Up to 31/08/2023		5,92,919/-		0	5,92,919/-
Up to 30/09/2023		5,96,814/-		0	5,96,814/-
Up to 31/10/2023		6,00,708/-		0	6,00,708/-

3. The deposits will be made by **Shri SURESH CHAND** only from the bank account available in EPFO records. The deposits may be made as under:

- Any online facility, if provided by EPFO
- Cheque (payable at par at all branches) drawn in favor of Regional P F Commissioner, Shimla.

It is to be ensured that cheque should have following details on its back side:

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- Acknowledgement no.
- UAN/PF Account No./PPO number
- Name and Mobile number
- Demand notice number and date

4. It is further informed that the Joint Option of pensioner for pension on higher wages is subject to deposit of due contribution with interest as detailed in point 2. If the due amount is not received within **03 months** from receipt of this demand notice, it will be treated as a case of the pensioner no longer being interested in option for pension on higher wages and accordingly, the Joint Option shall be rejected without further notice.

5. Further, as per direction/compliance of Head Office circular no. Pension/PoHW/23/Circular- 26(6)/139610/1648 dated 14/06/2023, a Proforma of Joint Option under para 26(6) of the Employees' Provident Fund Scheme, 1952 is enclosed to be submitted along with reply of demand notice complete in all respects.

6. It is clarified that this demand letter shall not be treated as acceptance of application for joint option for pension on higher wages and shall not confer any right to the pensioner for pension on higher wages.

7. It may please be noted that the monthly superannuation/ retirement pension payable to the pensioner shall be calculated in accordance with the provisions of Employees' Pension Scheme, 1995 or any other Scheme applicable to be read with EPFO instructions contemporaneous in this regard at the time of entitlement/ release of monthly superannuation/ retirement pension.

8. In this context, it will be relevant to mention that in the year 2017, the notification GSR No. 609(E) dated 22.08.2014 was dealt erroneously leading to revision of pension on higher wages to Rs 11,639/- in 2017-18.

9 In August, 2018 the quantum of pension being disbursed to the pensioner has been examined and the erroneously paid pension on higher wages was revised correctly on statutory wage ceiling of Rs 2,334/- in August 2018.

10. Member had deposited Rs 3,75,940/- for revision of pension on higher wages. On subsequent revision of pension on statutory rate in August 2018, excess amount of Rs. 4,25,239/- was already paid to member by way of higher pension for the period 10/2016 to 07/2018 and Rs. 49,299/- was recovered from pensioner through DD.

11. Therefore, the total amount of Rs 3,75,940/- deposited by the member for revision of pension on higher wages was finally adjusted in September, 2018 and nothing is pending with the department. Now, the pensioner has submitted joint option for higher pension and he/she has already given his/her undertaking to deposit the contributions along with interest due till date of payment through his/her last employer in case his/her PF account has no/ insufficient balance. Hence, as a principle of natural justice, the pensioner is requested to deposit the amount as stated at point no. 2 above by due date.

12. Further, EPFO shall not be liable to give any interest on the amount deposited in lieu of this demand notice, in case the amount is returned if the pensioner is found ineligible for pension on higher wages.

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13. This demand notice and the calculation of due amount to be deposited by the pensioner is based on the information and details provided by the pensioner as well as the establishment and also as per the wage details available in office records.

14. Any false information or false representation of facts shall result in rejection of the Joint Option of the pensioner along with any other appropriate legal action against the establishment as well as the pensioner.

Sd/-
Regional PF Commissioner-II
Regional office, Shimla

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Shri SURESH CHAND through email-MADANLAL.TAX@GMAIL.COM

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