



Steel Authority of India Limited
Bokaro Steel Plant
Bokaro Steel City

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This is in reference to a circular issued by the SAIL Corporate Office, New Delhi dated 24.03.2022 regarding submission of Joint Option by eligible employees/ ex-employees in pursuance of the Hon'ble Supreme Court's order dated 04.11.2022.

Salient features of above circular are as under:

1. 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 and ex-employees, who were members prior to 01.09.2014 and continue to be members on or after 01.09.2014.
2. Documents required to be uploaded while submitting the joint option through EPFO website are :-
 - a) Required permission under clause 26(6) of EPS scheme for contribution on actual wages.
 - b) PF account balance on the date of filling option and relevant documentary proof thereof.
 - c) Undertaking by the member to deposit the contribution amount along with interest due, till the date of payment.
3. Interested and eligible members may login on URL as mentioned below for filling the joint option form

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

4. Eligible employees and ex-employees are requested to submit the online joint option in EPFO portal by 17.04.2023. It may also be noted 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.

5. A) For On-roll employees

In view of above guidelines in the circular issued by SAIL, following documents as are being made available at <https://edesk.sailbsl.in> .

- i) Employer's Certificate (**Annexure -1**) issued by BoT for Bokaro Steel Employees Provident Fund for submitting in lieu of permission required under clause 26(6) of EPS scheme.
- ii) PF account balance as on 31.03.2022 of employees, for attaching as documentary proof of PF account balance.
- iii) Pre-filled format for Employee's undertaking (**Annexure -2**) to deposit contribution along with interest due till the date of payment.

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B) For Ex-employees

Ex-employees may login with their staff no and date of birth on the EPS-95 link provided on website <https://sahyog.bokarosteel.in/> and download following documents:-

- i) Employer's Certificate (**Annexure -1**) issued by BoT for Bokaro Steel Employees Provident Fund for submitting in lieu of permission required under clause 26(6) of EPS scheme.
- ii) Pre-filled format for Employee's undertaking (**Annexure -2**) to deposit contribution along with interest due till the date of payment.

6. Help Desk

For facilitating ex-employees in filling of joint option form, help desks will be provided in Maitri Bhavan for the period from 4th April to 17th April except Sunday and holiday while employee may contact Shop Personnel Executive for the help needed.

7. For any queries regarding EPS-95, employees may contact their Shop Personnel Executive and Ex-Employees may contact Final Settlement Cell at the landline number 06542-240273, during working hours.

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