



# SOUTH BENGAL STATE TRANSPORT CORPORATION

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## CIRCULAR

**Sub: Online Submission of 'Joint Option Form' under Para 11 (3) and Para 11 (4) of Employees Pension Scheme, 1995 as per direction of Hon'ble Supreme Court Judgment dated 04<sup>th</sup> November, 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 20.03.2023.

2. EPFO New Delhi vide it's circular No. Pension/2022/56259/16541 Dated 20.02.2023 has enabled the URL on it's website for exercising Joint Option Form for higher Pension for employees who were members prior to 01.09.2014 and continue to be members on or after 01.09.2014, through online URL available on the EPFO website on or before 03.05.2023.

3. In this connection, the following categories of employees who enrolled as members of EPS 95 prior to 01.09.2014 are may submit Joint Option Forms;

- a) Members prior to 01.09.2014 and retired subsequently.
- b) Members prior to 01.09.2014 and still on rolls of the Corporation.

It is to note that the members retired before 01.09.2014 are not eligible to submit Joint Option Form.

4. As per the modalities indicated in the above EPFO circular, the following documents are required to be uploaded while submitting Joint Option Forms through the specified URL.

- a) Permission required under clause 26(6) of EPF 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, who has no/insufficient balance in their PF account. [This is referred to the employees who have withdrawn maximum accumulation of employees' share from their PF account and the retired employees of SBSTC within the meaning of point 3(a) above].

5. In view of the above it has been decided that the following documents may be uploaded by interested and eligible members, against the above requirement as given below.

i) Certificate in lieu of permission required under clause 26(6) of EPF Scheme for contribution on higher wages than statutory wage ceiling issued by the Managing Director, SBSTC. The certificate, in the given format will be made available in the SBSTC website. The same would then have to be uploaded by interested and eligible members in the specified format if the eligible employees/ex-employees so desired.

ii) The PF Account balance statement as on 31.03.2022 for on roll employees issued by the Concerned section would then have to be uploaded in case of interested and eligible employees in the specified format. The said statement will be made available in the Head Quarter Office/ respective Divisional Offices/ Depot Offices for reference.

iii) The interested and eligible retired employees (ex- employees) are required to upload Undertaking cum Indemnity in the prescribed format, signed by the employees. This undertaking is also applicable to the members who have fully/partially withdrawn PF amount from SBSTC PF Trust. The blank format of the said Undertaking cum Indemnity is also available in our website.



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6. The 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 27.04.2023 through the above stated URL, so as to facilitate verification and forwarding of Such forms to EPFO by the designated authority of SBSTC PF Trust on or before 03.05.2023.

7. All eligible employees are advised to keep themselves updated on any further instructions issued by EPFO in this regards, further for any queries / help, employees can contact the concerned officers of the respective Divisional/Depot offices in this regard.

Eligible employees may please note that mere submission of online Joint Option doesn't confer any right to Higher Pension and the same is subject to final decision of EPFO authority.

Managing Director,  
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Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to:-

1) The C.A.O., SBSTC, 2) The Dy. M.D. (Tech.) 3) The Dy. M.D. (Op)(Officiating) & Division Manager, Durgapur, 4)The Divisional Manager, Belghoria Division, 5) The Divisional Manager (Acting), Jangal Mahal Division, 6) The Sr. Administrative Officer, 7) The Traffic Manager, 8) The W.I., Durgapur Divisional Workshop, 9) The Dy. C.O.S.P., 10) The P.R.O., 11) The M.O., 12) The Secretary, SBSTC C.P.F., 13-32) The Depot In-Charge, Durgapur / Asansol / Bankura / Burdwan / Suri / Rampurhat / BarnoParichay, Beharampur / Kalna / Arambag / Belghoria / Howrah / Haldia / Digha / Medinipur / Purulia / Jhargram / Falta / Khirpai / Manbazar / Bandwan Depot.- all Depot In-Charge(s) are requested to depute one or more personnel having knowledge on computer from his depot for this job to enable to complete the process within the time limit, 33-34) The In-Charge, EDP Section, Durgapur / Belghoria.,- he is requested to upload the circular in the official website of this Corporation immediately, 35-36) The In-Charge, S.B. Section, Durgapur / Belghoria, 37) The In-Charge, Pension Cell, SBSTC 38-40) Notice Board- Durgapur / Belghoria / Jangal Mahal Division.

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