



STEEL AUTHORITY OF INDIA LIMITED
SAIL REFRACTORY UNIT
BOKARO STEEL CITY

Ref No: SRU/HO/(Pers)/2023-391

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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/2022/562 59/16541 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 are being made available at <https://sailsru.co.in> under EPS-95 Tab

- i. Employer's Certificate (**Annexure -1**) issued by Bharat Refractories Provident Fund Trust/IFICO PF Trust.
- ii. PF account balance as on 31.03.2022 of members of BRPF Trust, for attaching as documentary proof of PF account balance. Employees can login to PF account from SRU website <https://sailsru.co.in> as below:

Login Tab → PF Login → PF EMP Login

- iii. 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 download the following documents from SRU website <https://sailsru.co.in> under EPS-95 Tab.

1. Employer's Certificate (**Annexure -1**) issued by Bharat Refractories Provident Fund Trust/IFICO PF Trust under clause 26(6) of EPS scheme.
2. Format for Employee's undertaking (**Annexure -2**) to deposit Contribution along with interest due till the date of payment.
6. For any queries regarding **EPS-95**, employees may contact their concerned Plant Personnel executives and Nodal officer at Bokaro during working hours.

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