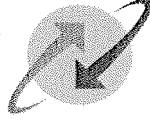


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BHARAT SANCHAR NIGAM LIMITED  
(A Govt. of India Enterprise)

No-BSNLCO-CA/30/2022-CA-ERP-FICO

Dated-24.04.2023

To,

The Chief General Managers/IFAs

Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited

All Circles,

**Subject- Regarding Furnishing of Joint Declaration Under Para 26(6) Of The EPF Scheme, 1952 for exercising option for higher pension under EPF**

Ref-

- EPFO Circular No.-Pension/2022/54877/15149 dated-20.02.2023 and Pension/2022/54877/15149 dated-29.12.2022 regarding Instructions in compliance of orders contained in PARA 44 (iii) & (iv) read with Para (v) of Hon'ble Supreme Court Judgment dated 04.11.2022 in the matter of Special Leave Petition (C) Nos. 8658-8659 of 2019.
- This office Letter No-BSNLCO-CA/30/2022/CA-ERP-FICO Dated: 20.02.2023, BSNLCO-CA/30/2022-CA-ERP-FICO/01 Dated: 19.04.2023, BSNLCO-CA/30/2022-CA-ERP-FICO/02 Dated: 19.04.2023 and No-BSNLCO-CA/30/2022-CA-ERP-FICO/03 Dated:- 21.04.2023 regarding Furnishing of certificate under Para 26(6) for exercising option for higher pension under EPFO.

Kindly refer to the letters cited under reference on the exercise of option for higher Pension under EPF Scheme. This letter is issued in continuation of the earlier instructions issued under references.

In this connection, you are requested to provide the duly signed Joint Declaration under Para 26(6) Of The EPF Scheme, 1952 attached herewith to willing employees/retired employees. The same will be uploaded on the EPFO Portal by the concerned employee alongwith certificate under Para 26(6), as per BSNL CO letter under reference above, downloaded from ESS portal.

The letter is being issued to ensure adequate preparedness and to adhere to the time limit and is subject to any subsequent guidelines that will be issued by EPFO from time to time.

Rajeev Singh  
PGM (CA)

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1. CS & GM (Legal)/PGM(Corp. Restg/WS & I),/PGM(Estt)/ GM(EF and R&P), BSNL CO New Delhi for information
2. Sr. GM (CIT) may kindly make the above circular available on bsnl.co.in

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JOINT DECLARATION UNDER PARA 26(6) OF THE EPF SCHEME, 1952

I/438344/2023  
To

**Regional EPF Commissioner.**

**Subject:** Application for regularizing membership/Provident Fund Contributions deducted on Salaries over & above Rs.5,000/- or Rs. 6,500/- or 15,000/- per month.

Sir,

I, \_\_\_\_\_ the undersigned Shri/Smt. \_\_\_\_\_ Bearing Account Number \_\_\_\_\_ employee of M/s. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) hereby declare that,

1. For the period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, the contribution for Provident Fund was made by deducting 12% from my entire salary (Basic Pay + DA) (i.e above the wage ceiling of Rs.5,000/- or Rs. 6,500/- or 15,000/- per month) as per EPFO provisions.
2. Further, I request that, I may be permitted to continue to contribute voluntarily on my entire salary (Basic Pay+DA) exceeding the limits declared by EPFO from time to time in future.

Yours faithfully

**(Member's Signature)**

We M/s. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) bearing Employer's Code No. \_\_\_\_\_ hereby declare that;

1. We have voluntarily enrolled Shri/Smt. \_\_\_\_\_ as member of the EPF Scheme, 1952, w.e.f. \_\_\_\_\_ and his present EPF Account, Number is \_\_\_\_\_. We have been deducting contribution on his/her entire salary (Pay+DA) w.e.f. \_\_\_\_\_.
2. We have been making matching employer's contribution on entire salary (Basic Pay+DA)/month i.e above the wage ceiling of Rs.5,000/- or Rs. 6,500/- or 15,000/- per month w.e.f. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. We will continue to deduct Provident Fund contribution voluntarily @ 12% of entire salary (Basic Pay+DA) and make matching employer's contribution @ 12% of entire salary (Basic Pay+DA).
4. We have paid Administrative Charges and submitted all the Returns in respect of the above Member accordingly and will continue to do so.

We request that this case be regularised by permitting voluntary membership and contribute employee's and employer's contribution @ 12% of entire salary as stated above.

Yours faithfully

**(Employer's Signature)**