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To

All Zonal Heads/PDNASS
All Officers in-charge of Regional Offices

7 APR 2022

Sub: Clarification regarding final withdrawal of PF for International Workers (IWs)- Reg.

Madam/Sir,

An audit observation has been brought to the notice of the Head Office regarding settlement of claims for final withdrawal of PF in respect of IWs who are from countries not having a Social Security Agreement with India (Non-SSA Countries), along with some grievances on the subject.

Substituted Para 69(1)(a) under Para 83 of the EPF Scheme permits final withdrawal by an IW from a Non-SSA country only after attaining 58 years of age in the following terms:

"69. Circumstances in which accumulations in the Fund are payable to an International Worker. - (1) An International Worker may withdraw the full amount standing to his credit in the Fund -

(a) On retirement from service in the establishment at any time after the attainment of 58 years:".

In this regard, it is clarified that the IWs from Non-SSA countries are eligible for full withdrawal of their PF accumulations as per the provisions, after they attain the age of 58 years, provided they have ceased to be in employment of an EPF covered establishment.

Accordingly, the claims of IWs from Non SSA countries under substituted Para 69(1)(a) under Para 83 may please be processed on the above lines.

Yours faithfully,

(Uditia Chowdhary)
Addl. Central PF Commissioner (HQ), IW Division

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All Officers in charge of Regional Offices

Subject: Classification regarding final withdrawal of PF for International Workers (IWs) - Reg.

Madam Sir,
An audit observation has been brought to the notice of the Head Office regarding settlement of claims for final withdrawal of PF in respect of IWs who are born outside but having a Social Security Agreement with India (Non-SSA Countries) along with some grievances on the subject.

Submitted Part 69(1)(a) under Part 83 of the EPF Scheme permits final withdrawal by an IW from a Non-SSA country only after attaining 58 years of age in the following terms:

69. Circumstances in which an international worker in the Fund may be eligible to get his credit in the Fund -
- (a) An international worker in the Fund may be eligible to get his credit in the Fund -
 - (i) if he has attained 58 years of age after the date of the date of his retirement from service in the establishment at any time after the attainment of 58 years;

In this regard, it is clarified that the IW from Non-SSA countries are eligible for full withdrawal of their PF accumulations as per the provisions after they attain the age of 58 years provided they have opted for the employment of an IIT covered establishment.

Accordingly, the claims of IWs from Non-SSA countries under sub-section 69(1)(a) under Part 83 may please be processed on the above lines.

Yours faithfully,

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