THE COTTON CORPORATION OF INDIA LIMITED
HEAD OFFICE, NAVI MUMBAI

No. CCI/HO/CPF/2022-23/98 13th March 2023

CIRCULAR

Subject: Submission of Joint Option form under Para 11(3) and Para 11(4) of Employees' Pension Scheme, 1995 (hereinafter called EPS' 1995) in line with the direction given by Hon'ble Supreme Court vide order dated 4th November 2022 passed in SLP no. 8658-8659 of 2019.

In continuance of earlier circular dated 16th January 2023 on the above subject it is stated that Employees Provident Fund Office (hereinafter called EPFO) as mentioned in their circular number Pension/2022/56259/16541 dated 20.02.2023 has now activated the online facility for filing the joint option form. Further, as per the information available on the website of EPFO, the last date for exercising the joint option is extended up to 3rd May 2023. The extract of the same is given below:-

Quote:-

"Joint options under erstwhile para 11 (3) and para 11 (4) of EPS 1995 for employees who were in service prior to 1st September 2014 and continued to the in service on or after 01.09.2014 but could not exercise joint option under erstwhile provision to para 11 (3) of EPS 1995 to be exercised on or before 3rd May 2023."

Unquote:-

Accordingly, the eligible and interested employees/ex-employees may visit the website of EPFO (https://www.epfindia.gov.in) and exercise the joint option within the stipulated time limit. The same can also be accessed directly through the following link:-

https://unifiedportal-mem.epfindia.gov.in/memberInterfacePohw/

Further, physical joint option forms shared by employees/ex-employees to the Cotton Corporation of India Employees Contributory Provident Fund have become infructuous and hence are not being forwarded to EPFO.

All, eligible employees/ex-employees are therefore advised to submit their option form online as detailed above. Exercising the joint option for higher pension is purely individual's decision and voluntary. All eligible employees may like to consider the following before making such option that EPFO in it's circular dated 20th February 2023 states that method of deposit and that of computation of pension will follow through subsequent circular. In case of any clarification/help while exercising the online joint option following nodal officer falling under jurisdiction of eligible employees may be contacted:-

Srl. No.	Branch Office	Name of the Nodal Officer	Address of the branch office	Landline no. of the nodal officer	Mobile number of the nodal officer
1	Sirsa	Mr. Mohit Sharma	The Cotton Corporation of India Ltd., Kapas Bhavan, SCO 7-11, New Housing Board, Barnala Rd, Sirsa 125055 (Haryana)	01666 248605/248602	7674063390
2	Bathinda	Mr. Vinod Kumar	The Cotton Corporation of India Ltd., Kapas Bhavan, 136 A, 60 Foot Road, Kamla Nehru Colony, Bhatinda 151 001 (Punjab)	0164-2210371/72/74	9649755222
3	Sriganganagar	Mr. Neeraj Kumar Bhatt	The Cotton Corporation of India Ltd., Kapas Bhavan, 158-185, Jawahar Nagar, District Centre, Sriganganagar 335 001 (Rajasthan)	0154 2463377/2461741	8007258685

4	Bhilwara	Mr. T.K. Das	The Cotton Corporation of India Ltd., 2nd floor, Care Zone Plaza, 161-162 Main Sector, Shastri Nagar, Bhilwara 311 001. (Rajasthan)	01482-251326 /252766	9619300871
5	New Delhi	Mr. Tarun Joshi	The Cotton Corporation of India Ltd., Room No. 30, 3rd Floor, Handloom Marketing Complex, Handloom House, Janpath, New Delhi 110 001.	011-23323620	2377002753
6	Rajkot	Mr. Swapnil Dadmal	The Cotton Corporation of India Ltd., Ruda Bldg, 5th Floor, Jamnagar Road, Rajkot 360001. (Gujarat)	0281-2477560/2457760	8008600009
7	Ahmedabad	Mr. Adya Mishra	The Cotton Corporation of India Ltd., SAKAR-1, 10th Floor, Near Gandhigram Railway Station, Off Nehru Bridge, Ashram Road, Ahmedabad 380 009 (Gujarat)	079-26580179 /26588771	9867441800
8	Akola	Mr. Neeraj Kumar	The Cotton Corporation of India Ltd., Paraskar tower, Additional workshop of Paraskar Motor Bike, 1st Floor, Vidya Nagar, Akola 444 001 (Maharashtra)	0724-2401185 /2400470	9687080060
9	Aurangabad	Mr. Arjun Dave	The Cotton Corporation of India Ltd., Chandra Mowli Bldg, Plot No. 27, Samart Nagar, Vir Sawarkar Chowk, Aurangabad 431 005 (Maharashtra)	0240-2970050 /6096966	9617234000
10	Indore	Mr. Abhijeet Sharma	The Cotton Corporation of India Ltd., Kapas Bhavan, 27 A, Race Course Road, Near Yeshwant Club, Indore 452 003 (Madhya Pradesh)	0731 2532703 /2547877	9870334351
11	Kolkata	Mr. Sanjay Kumar	The Cotton Corporation of India Ltd., Constantia Building, 3rd Floor, 11 Dr. U.N. Brahmchari Street, Kolkata 700 017 (West Bengal)	033-22811160/22811358	9920447977
12	Rayagada	Mr. Pradeep Mahara	The Cotton Corporation of India Ltd., Bhavannarayana Nilayam Nivas, Convent Road, Near Jyoti Mahal Hotel, Rayagada 765 001 (Orissa)	06856 224616/224816	9110310287
13	Kalamboli	Mr. Rajbeer Bhullar	The Cotton Corporation of India Ltd., Plot No. S-5, Sector KWC, Kalamboli Warehousing Complex, Kalamboli, Navi Mumbai 410 218	-	9930761425
14	Adilabad	Mr. K. Maheshwara Reddy	The Cotton Corporation of India Ltd., 1st Floor, Door No. 4-2-198/2/11, GMR Tower, Bagawanpura, Cinema Road, Adilabad 504 001 (Andhra Pradesh)	08732 220629/226708	9493852401

15	Mahabubnagar	Mr. Brijesh Kasana	The Cotton Corporation of India Ltd., Industrial Estate, Mettugadda, Mahabubnagar 509 001 (Telangana)	08542 222213/222212	9502061617
16	Warangal	Mr. P. Amarnath Reddy	The Cotton Corporation of India Ltd., H.No. 16-07-109, V.L. Chittimalla Complex, 2nd & 3rd Floor, Laxmipuram, Near Old Grain Market, Warangal 506 002 (Telangana)	0870- 2565077/2429394	9440907799
17	Guntur	Mr. G. Sai Aditya K. Dev	The Cotton Corporation of India Ltd., Kapas Bhawan, 4/2 Ashoknagar, Guntur 522 002 (Andhra Pradesh)	0863 2251270/2233472	7901225555
18	Coimbatore	Mr. R. Jeyakumar	The Cotton Corporation of India Ltd. , 4th Street, B.R. Nagar, Site No. 46, Opp Coimbatore Stock Exchange, Trichy Road, Singanallur Post, Coimbatore 641 005 (Tamil Nadu)	0422-2317146/ 2322597	8657415866
19	Hubli	Mr. Sanjay Dwivedi	The Cotton Corporation of India Ltd., W.B.Plaza, 3rd floor,Opp. North Traffic Police Station, New Cotton Market, Hubli 580 029. (Karnataka)	0836-2356354/ 2356355	8431681143
20	Mumbai	Mr. Kamal Kant	the Cotton Corporation of India Limited, Kapas Bhawan, Plot no. 3A, Sector 10, CBD Belapur, Navi Mumbai-400614		9896059910

Further, it is stated that after exercising of the option for availing pension on higher wages by the eligible employees, CCI has to verify and validate the details in respect of each opting member and considering the quantum of the work involved at CCI end as well as the anticipated heavy load on EPFO website/URL, this exercise would require considerable time. Hence, all eligible members willing to exercise the option for higher pension are requested to submit their option by 31st March 2023.

This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

(R. K. Gupta)
CGM (Fin. /Admin.)

To:-
All employees –Working/Retired/Resigned/VRS