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Shri V P Joy Sir,
The Central Provident Fund Commissioner,
Bhavishya Nidhi Bhawan, 14 Bhikaji Cama Palace,
New Delhi

Sub: Representation relating to Sub Regional Office Rajkot concerning the Stakeholders of the SRO in following matters. :

1. Matters related to 7-A & 14B inquiries. Strong appeal to start hearing of 7-A cases in Gandhidham - Kutch districts.
2. Non Acceptance of Withdrawal Forms and Communication letters at Gandhidham Local PF Office. Quick Action needed on this matter.
3. Non settlement of claims due to Pending Verification with Enforcement Officers.

Dear Sir,

At this outset we heartily congratulate the Government of India & EPFO for starting online Services to its stake holders in form of UAN services, LIN Mechanism and e file labour return.

With reference to the subject matter, we hereby communicate the grievances faced by our members and various Stakeholders:

- 1. Matters related to 7-A and 14B inquiries. Strong appeal to start hearing of 7-A & 14B cases in Gandhidham Kutch districts:**

The EPFO has issued Administrative Guidelines for Proceedings under Section 7-A, of the EPF & MP Act 1952 which is enclosed herewith for your ready reference. Circular No. C-111/110001/4/3(7) MIS C/2013 VOL.II/6511 dated 15/06/2016

Sir in terms of the reference to the above, we represent as under:

Time Period of Inquiry and Documents to be produced:

There is no clarity whatsoever about the time period for which the records and documents can be asked for from the assesses Recently there was an incident when the establishment was asked for to produce records and documents from the year 1995 onwards. This instances are causing lots of harassments and hardships to the assesses and stakeholders of EPFO.

When an establishment is to be inspected a SMS is received in the Mobile phone that between such and such dates the establishment shall be inspected by the team of officers. A copy of SMS is reproduced hereby for illustrative purposes :

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*"Your establishment SHRI XYZ ENTERPRISE,
..Address... will be inspected by our team between
Apr 23, 2016 and Apr 28, 2016. Be prepared with
necessary documents. LIN - X-XXXX-XXXX-X EPFO
NO. GJRAJXXXXXXXXXX Regional Head, Rajkot
(EPFO)"*

Our contentions are as under :

- a. There is no mention about Time Period pertaining to which the inspection is to be conducted by the authorities.
- b. There is no mention about what documents shall be inspected by the authorities at the time of their visit.
- c. Also, there is no clarity about why the establishment is being chosen for inspection by the Department and what are the Facts which are relied upon before inspecting an establishment.

Hearing at Rajkot SRO only:

At present there are hundreds of 7-A cases which are pending before the Assistant Provident Fund Commissioner and Regional Provident Fund Commissioner, Rajkot. The assesses and the stakeholders are supposed to appear in person at Rajkot office for every hearing. Sometimes due to unavailability of authority there is an adjournment and sometimes the assesses are called in person despite of producing all the records. Due to such methodology and policy, the assesses and the stakeholders have to face a lot of hardships and inconvenience.

Our Contention and strong Appeal

We strongly request your good self to start the hearing of 7-A inquiries at Gandhidham Local offices every month for 5 days where the cases of Gandhidham Kutch District are heard and quick disposal is possible.

You are requested to start hearing the cases in Gandhidham office on top Priority basis.

2. Non Acceptance of Withdrawal Forms and Communication letters at Gandhidham Local PF Office. Quick Action needed on this matter:

Gandhidham Local office has Not accepting EPF withdrawal claims and communications in hard copy. The workers and EPF members have to send the letters to Rajkot SRO through post or Registered AD which has a considerable cost.

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Our Contention

There is a Local EPF office in Gandhidham and if there are no claim forms and other communications accepted here at this office in person, the very reason of having a local office in Gandhidham is jeopardised.

We make a strong appeal that all the Communications and claim forms be accepted at Gandhidham Local office of EPFO with immediate effect.

Following is the Summary of our representation and strong Appeals :

1. You are requested to Start a facility for hearing of 7-A & 14B matters at Gandhidham Local office for establishments located in Gandhidham Kutch District.
2. You are requested to start accepting the EPF claim forms and written communications at Gandhidham Local office with immediate effect.
3. There is a strong appeal from the stakeholders to kindly provide us the clarity about the time period for which the Data and information can be asked by the EPFO authorities and the list of documents that can be asked by the respected authorities.

Thanking You.

Yours faithfully,



Babubhai Humbal

President

Copy to: The Minister, Ministry of Labour & Employment, New Delhi
The Regional Provident Fund Commissioner – II, New Delhi
The Regional Provident Fund Commissioner, Rajkot