

**Government of West Bengal
Finance Department
Audit Branch**

No: 734-F(J)W.B.

Dated:- 28.02.2018.

NOTIFICATION

**Sub:-Change in control and management of General Provident Fund of
Group D employees of the State**

At present, the General Provident Fund (GPF) Accounts of the State Government Employees of Group A, B and C are maintained by the Accountant General, West Bengal and the General Provident Fund (GPF) Accounts of the Group D State Government Employees are maintained by their respective Head of Office. Since the General Provident Fund (GPF) Accounts are not maintained on any online platform, status of the GPF Account, i.e. balance, outstanding loan, recovery, nominations etc are not available to employees as well as the Head of Office on real-time basis.

Since the rollout of IFMS across the State, the State Government has been contemplating maintenance of the General Provident Fund (GPF) Accounts in IFMS under the supervision of a centralised office to enhance the transparency and accuracy in management of GPF Accounts and to provide employees real time access to their GPF Accounts. Therefore, to extend such facilities to Government employees of the State, a dedicated GPF module has been developed in IFMS.

Now, the Governor is pleased to decide the rollout of the said Online GPF module for the Group D State Government employees. Accordingly, as a prerequisite, the GPF balances of the employees are to be recorded in IFMS in the following manner:-

1. Opening Balance standing to the credit of the GPF Accounts of the Group D employees as on 01/04/2018 are to be entered online in GPF Module by the Head of Offices on the basis of manual GPF register maintained at their end. However, opening balance as on 01/04/2018 may also be entered by the Group D employees themselves by using their own user credentials, i.e. the login ID/Unique ID and password created by them for ESS in IFMS Portal, on the basis of GPF Account Statement to be issued by respective Head of Office for the financial year 2017-18.
2. The opening balances as on 01.04.2018 are to be entered only in respect of those Group D employees who will be in service on or after 01.04.2018.
3. The balances entered as per Serial No.1 in whatever manner as above are to be approved by the respective Head of Office. GPF balances as on 01/04/2018 can be approved only by using Digital Signature Certificate (DSC).

In case of not having a DSC at present, procurement and use of DSC will be guided by G.O. No 6138-F(Y) dated- 28/11/2016 read with G.O No.5209-F(Y) dated- 22.08.2017.

4. Once approved, the Head of Office shall arrange to send signed hard copies of the list of employees for whom opening balance has been approved in the format as given in Annexure I (to be generated from system) to the Director, Directorate of Pension, Provident Fund and Group Insurance, West Bengal, Purta Bhavan, 2nd Floor, Salt Lake, Kolkata-700091. Annexure-I shall be accompanied by GPF Accounts Statements for the financial year 2017-18 for Group D employees in the format given in Annexure II as to be prepared from manual records maintained by the Head of Office.

5. On receipt of Annexure I and II from the Offices, Directorate of Pension, Provident Fund and Group Insurance, West Bengal shall approve the balances on the basis of Annexure-I & II. In case of any discrepancy in between Annexure I and II, the balances may not be accepted and the Head of Offices shall have to re-initiate the process as stated in serial no. 1-4 above afresh for such employees.
6. The Head of Offices shall update the manual GPF registers of Group D employees within March, 2018 and issue the Accounts Statement to the Group D employees after crediting interest for the Financial Year 2017-18 within 09.04.2018.
7. The Head of Offices shall discontinue to maintain manual GPF register from 1st April, 2018. The manual register for maintenance of GPF Accounts of Group D employees' updated upto March, 2018 shall be permanently preserved in the respective Heads of Offices.
8. Claim for final payment of GPF money of the Group D employees arising due to retirement, resignation, death or otherwise on or after 01.04.2018 shall be made as per the authority to be issued by Directorate of Pension, Provident Fund and Group Insurance, West Bengal against submission of online sanction in Form 10A/10B, as the case may be.
9. Henceforth, Unique Id generated in the Human Resource Management System (HRMS) shall be treated as the GPF Account Number for the Group D Employees and the Heads of Offices need not allot any separate GPF Account Number to the new entrants.
10. Approval of balances of all Group D employees by the Heads of Offices shall be completed within 20/04/2018 and the documents as mentioned in serial no. 4 shall be sent to the Directorate of Pension, Provident Fund and Group Insurance, West Bengal within 27/04/2018 without fail.
11. The user manual for GPF module and registration of DSC is available under the 'Guidelines' tab of the IFMS portal.
12. The Head of Office shall cease to maintain GPF Accounts of Group D employees from the Financial Year 2018-19 and the Director of Pension, Provident Fund and Group Insurance, West Bengal shall maintain the GPF Accounts for Group D employees with effect from Financial Year 2018-19. Director of Pension, Provident Fund and Group Insurance, West Bengal shall initiate necessary actions which are pre-requisite to such switchover with effect from 01/04/2018.
13. This order will take immediate effect and shall cover employees having HRMS unique Id only. Employees posted in deputation and not having unique Id in HRMS shall not be brought into the purview of this Online GPF module at present. Maintenance of the GPF accounts in respect of the Group D employees posted in deputation shall continue to be maintained as per existing process until further order.
14. Necessary amendments in 'The General Provident Fund (West Bengal Services) Rules' will be made in due course.



(H.K.Dwivedi)
Additional Chief Secretary
to the Government of West Bengal

Annexure-I
[G.O No.734-F(J)WB dated 28.02.2018]

Statement of GPF Opening Balance of 01.04.2018 approval in IFMS for Gr.D employees (Generated from IFMS)

For the period from ___/___/___ to ___/___/___

Report ID		Date	
Name of the office:		Designation of the Head of Office:	
Office Address		Office Telephone No.	
Name of the Head of Office:		HOO Code	
Mobile No of the H.O		Mail ID	
DDO Code		DDO Designation	

Sl. No.	Name of employee	Employee No	GPF Account No	Total No of employees			Total Rs.	No. Of months having missing credits	Remarks
				Opening Balance Summary					
				Balance-I (Withdrawable Balance) Rs.	Balance-II (Non-Withdrawable Balance) Rs.	Balance-III (Un-authorized Balance) Rs.			

Date:

Signature of the Head of Office

Annexure-II

[G.O No.734-F(J)WB dated 28.02.2018]

GPF Account Statement for the Group-D Employees

Office Name:			
Office Address:			
Name of the employee		HRMS Unique ID	
GPF Account No		Date of Retirement	
Designation of the Head of the Office		DDO Designation	
Telephone No		Mail Address	

Account Statement for the Financial Year 2017-18							
Month	Year	Credit Details			Debit Details		Remarks
		Subscription	Refund	Others	Withdrawal	Type of Withdrawal	
April	2017						
May	2017						
June	2017						
July	2017						
August	2017						
September	2017						
November	2017						
December	2017						
January	2018						
February	2018						
March	2018						
Total							

Summary					Missing Credits
	Balance-I	Balance-II	Total	Balance-III	
Opening Balance (01.04.2017)					
Deposits					
Withdrawals					
Interest (2017-18)					
Closing Balance (31.03.2018)					
In words:	Rupees				

Certified that:-

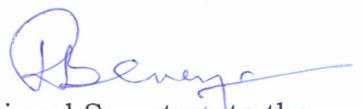
1. The Opening Balance entered in this schedule is verified with the manual GPF register maintained at the office and the entries made herein relating to Opening Balance, Deposits, Withdrawals and Interest are as per order issued by Government from time to time.
2. Missing credits entered herein are yet to be adjusted with the balance.
3. The details of deposits and withdrawals entered herein have also entered in the manual GPF register for the F.Y 2016-17 and upto date entry has also been made for the F.Y 2017-18.
4. Closing balance as on 31.03.2017 shown above is correct and entered accordingly in the IFMS.

Note: Columns Balance-I, Balance-II and Balance-III indicate the "Withdrawable", "Non-Withdrawable" and "Un-authorised" amount respectively.

Signature of the Head of Office

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to:

1. Principal Accountant General (A&E), West Bengal, Treasury Buildings, 2, Government Place West, Kolkata – 700001.
2. Principal Accountant General (Audit), West Bengal, Treasury Buildings, 2, Government Place West, Kolkata – 700001.
3. Accountant General (Receipt Works & Local Bodies Audit), West Bengal, CGO Complex, 3rd MSO Building, 5th Floor, Block DF, Sector I, Salt Lake, Kolkata – 700064.
4. Additional Chief Secretary / Principal Secretary / Secretary, _____ Department. He/She is requested to circulate this order to all the Offices/local bodies/Parastatals under the Department.
5. Financial Advisor, _____, Department.
6. Commissioner of Police, Kolkata, Lalbazar, Kolkata-700001.
7. Special Secretary/Additional Secretary/Commissioner/Joint Secretary/ Deputy Secretary, Finance Department.
8. _____ Department.
9. Commissioner, _____ Division.
10. Director, _____
11. Director of Treasuries & Accounts, West Bengal, Mitra Building, 8, Lyons Range, 3rd Floor, Kolkata – 700001.
12. Director, Directorate of Pension, Provident Fund and Group Insurance, West Bengal, Purta Bhavan, 2nd Floor, Salt Lake, Kolkata-700091
13. District Magistrate / District Judge / Superintendent of Police, _____
14. Sub-Divisional Officer, _____
15. Pay & Accounts Officer, Kolkata Pay & Accounts Office-I, 81/2/2, Phears Lane, Kolkata – 700012.
16. Pay & Accounts Officer, Kolkata Pay & Accounts Office-II, P-1, Hyde Lane, Kolkata – 700073.
17. Pay & Accounts Officer, Kolkata Pay & Accounts Office-III, IB Market, 1st Floor, Block IB, Sector III, Salt Lake, Kolkata – 700106.
18. Treasury Officer, _____
19. Group _____ / _____ Branch, Finance Department.
20. Sri Sumit Mitra, Network Administrator, Finance (Budget) Department. He is requested to upload copy of this order in the website of Finance Department.



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