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Dear Madam/Sir,

I am to invite your kind attention to the recent decision whereby it was decided to ease the process in the acquiring of the Aadhar based e-sign facility by the establishments. It has been reported that in the current scenario of lockdown announced by the Government to control the spread of COVID-19 pandemic and other disruptions, several establishments are not able to function normally and are facing problems in using their digital signatures or Aadhar based e-sign on EPFO portal.

Many important tasks like KYC attestation, transfer claim attestation etc are being done online using digital signatures (DSC) or Aadhar based e-Signs on EPFO portal. For acquiring a DSC/e-Sign, one time approval from Regional Offices is required. Due to lockdown, many employers are facing difficulties to send the one time registration requests to the Regional Offices.

Keeping in view the above situation and to further ease the compliance procedure, it was decided to accept such requests through email also. Employers can send the scanned copy of duly signed request letter to the concerned Regional Office on the official email. It is accordingly requested that every office should endeavour to ensure that all such request letters that are received over emails and processed for approval are kept safe and stored both digitally (in the email folder itself) as well as downloaded backup and a hard copy printout for all future references and followup. Any cross-verification that needs to be done, should also be carried out with phone calls or emails exercising due diligence.

Yours faithful V. Ranganath

(V. Ranganath) Addl. Central PF Commissioner (IS)

EPFO introduces email mechanism to obtain e-Sign for easing the Process of EPF Compliance by Employers during Lockdown Period as employers were finding difficult to use digital or Aadhaar based e-Sign

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In the current scenario of lockdown announced by the Government to control the spread of COVID-19 pandemic and other disruptions, the employers are not able to function normally and are facing problems in using their digital signatures or Aadhaar based e-sign on EPFO portal.

Many important tasks like KYC attestation, transfer claim attestation etc are being done online by the authorized persons of employers using their Digital Signatures (DSC) or Aadhar based e-Signs on EPFO portal. For using DSC/e-Sign, one time approval from Regional Offices is required. Due to lockdown, many employers are facing difficulties to send the one time registration requests to the Regional Offices.

Keeping in view the above situation and to further ease the compliance procedure, EPFO has decided to accept such requests through email also. Employer can send the scanned copy of duly signed request letter to the concerned Regional Office through mail. Official email addresses of the Regional Offices are available at <u>www.epfindia.gov.in</u>.

Further, such establishments, whose authorized officers have approved digital signatures but are not able to locate the dongle, can login to the employer portal and register their e-sign through the link for registration of already registered authorized signatories. If their name against the approved digital signature is same as that in their Aadhar, the registration of e-sign will not require any further approval. Other authorized signatories can register their e-signs and send the request letters approved by the employers and seek approval of the concerned EPFO Offices.

This facility provides further relief to the employers and EPF members adversely impacted by the Pandemic.

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