

Form-A
Application for Seeking Information Under RTI Act 2005
(See rule 3)

To
The Public Information Officer
Human Resource Div.
Power Grid Corporation of India Limited,
Plot No. 54, Opposite Ambe Vidhyalaya,
Sama-Savli Road, Vadodara - 390008

1. Name of the Applicant: **Anil Anand**
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3. Information sought: We understand that your office cooperate in the implementation of Government schemes Prime Minister Garib Kalyan Yojana (PMGKY) and Atmnirbhar Bharat Rojgar Yojana (ABRY). In Paragraph 4, Chapter 9, Page No. 143 of "EPFO 69th Annual Report 2021-22" (**Annexure A**), it is written that data regarding Principal Employer and Contractors are also being maintained. At page No. 50 (**Annexure B**) it is written that information has to be maintained and verified by the Principal Employers. Thereby, list of contractors who claimed PMGKY and ABRY is available with your office for being a **Principal Employer**. As a Principal Employer your office also have details of ABRY / PMGKY Declarations of contractors or suppliers since March 2020. Information is required in this regard as follows:
 - 3.1. Your office may have verified the claims of contractors under PMGKY or ABRY since March 2020. Please provide the list of these contractors whose claims have been verified.
 - 3.2. Total amount of the claims under ABRY and PMGKY by each contractor (pointed at paragraph 3.1) since March 2020. Please provide the information for ABRY and PMGKY separately. (Note: We don't require list of employees mentioned in ECR. We also don't require ABRY and PMGKY disbursement details for individual employees. We require total amount claimed by each contractor under ABRY and PMGKY since 2020)
 - 3.3. Please furnish the contact details of each contractor (pointed at Para 3.1) including their mobile number and email addresses.
 - 3.4. If any information or its part doesn't belong to your office then kindly transfer this application to the other concerned responsible official (custodian of information) under section 6(3) of RTI Act 2005 under intimation to the applicant.

PLEASE PROVIDE PARA WISE INFORMATION

4. To the best of my knowledge the information sought does not fall within the restrictions contained in section 8 and 9 of the Act and it pertains to your office
5. Indian Postal Order (IPO) No. 57F...59139.2 of Rs. 10/- is attached herewith with a request to fill up the correct name and address of the authority /person /account to which this fee is to be paid.

Place : Lucknow (UP)
Date : 6.6.10.2023

Email: lucknowanil11@gmail.com

Signature of Applicant


(Anil Anand)

CHAPTER 9

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVES

EPFO, as a public service organisation, aspires to use information technology to meet stakeholders' expectations with ease and efficiency. On that front, the Information Services Division (IS) implemented the Government of India's e-governance initiatives especially during Covid times such as PMGKY or ABRY. It took special steps to introduce multi location claims for load balancing in response to staff presence restrictions.

9.1 The UAN and linking it with KYC transformed the way EPFO operated in the past. With the advent of online services, the initiative empowered common citizens by ushering in transparency to online services like Claim Receipt, Online Filing of Returns and Auto Transfer of accounts on change in employment among others. Further, these services extended on UMANG App for making it convenient for a PF member to access online services either through their desktops or mobile phones.

Major initiatives are as under:

1 - DSC/ ESign Authorization letter upload facility in Employer login

In an effort to make EPFO paperless, a facility has been made available in the Unified portal to upload the DSC/ E-sign authorization letter digitally. This will help the organisation in improving transparency and better monitoring of the DSC/ E-sign approval applications.

2 - Functionality for release of ROC-III in Application Software

Earlier, the pensioner had the option for commutation of pension in three modes as per Para 12 A of the Scheme. These options were available prior to 26th September 2008. A new functionality has been added in the Field office Application software to release benefits to the pensioners who had opted for ROC-III (One time Lump Sum) and are now eligible for the benefit.

3 - Facility for Employers to declare closure

Facility for non contributing Employers to declare closure through a portal helps in early settlement and necessary action that needs to be taken by the Field Office. It will also help in keeping employers' databases updated. Previously, employers had to proceed manually for declaring closure.

4 - Principal Employer And Contractor (Contractor Side Functionality)

A provision has been given at Employer Interface where contractors can declare their Principal Employers and also upload the month wise details of employees provided to the Principal Employers. In turn, Principal Employers can view the EPF Compliance status of contract employees through their login.

(iv) **Compliance e-proceedings -**

- E-proceedings management system for inquiries under the EPF & MP Act, 1952 is enabled through the Compliance e-Proceedings Portal.
- All Field Offices initiate and conduct all inquiries only through Compliance e-Proceedings Portal.
- URL of Compliance e-Proceedings Portal to enable the employer to know case status including next date of hearing & daily orders-<https://eproceedings.epfindia.gov.in/epfo/public/caseenowisearch.h.php>

(v) **Initiation of Virtual Hearing from 01.10.2020**

- The Organisation has launched virtual hearings in inquiries under Section 7A and 14B of the Act to fast track dispute resolution and assessment of the dues of workers. The move is a step towards the EPFO's objective of faceless hearings with a view to providing expeditious and affordable adjudication to covered employers and members.
- It has eliminated the need for the physical presence of parties in hearings before the Adjudicating Officer leading to ease and convenience for employers and employees to appear in hearings from the remote location of their choice.
- E-notices and online recordings of proceedings and communication of orders have become possible by combined use of secure video conferencing tools and Compliance e-Proceedings Portal.

(vi) **Principal Employers Functionality**

- EPFO deployed on 4.3.2021, an electronic facility at Employer Interface of EPFO's Unified Portal <https://unifiedportal-emp.epfindia.gov.in/epfo>. This has enabled the Principal Employer to view in their login the ECR filed by their Contractors in respect of contract employees by adding the **EPF code number** contractor(s) & UANs of contract employees. The Principal Employer can verify whether the wages and EPF contributions paid to the contractor have been reported and remitted through ECR by the contractors.
- Even the Principal Employers (PE) not registered with EPFO can register on EPFO's Unified Portal to receive Login ID/password to add details of their contractor(s) & contract employees.
- The information captured on the functionality serves as intelligence input for the EPFO Field Offices to ensure compliance by the contractor establishments and now the Principle Employers have been empowered to verify compliances made by their contractors.

