

UNITED FORUM OF RBI OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

The Governor,
Reserve Bank of India,
Central Office
Mumbai

24th July 2020

Respected Sir,

Final opportunity to exercise option for pension to the CPF optees

On the captioned matter we are constrained to draw your kind and urgent attention to the delay in issuance of Bank's office order following Government's communication in this respect dated the 26th June 2020, around a month ago. In pursuance of the extant letter of the Government, the Bank is to decide on modalities etc, issue relevant instructions for the concerned CPF optees and offices, where after the process will be set in motion. It is, however, taking a long time which causes justifiable anxiety, you will please appreciate.

As per Govt's instruction the Bank is to decide on "simple interest" on refund of Bank's contribution with accrued interest by the CPF retirees and eligible family members applying for family pension. In the current declining interest rate scenario, we would request the Bank to consider a reasonably modest rate of interest to enable the CPF optees to refund due amount to switch over to Bank's pension scheme. Besides, since the time period of coverage is pretty long – we have come across cases of CPF retirees as far back as 2000/2002, there might be some even before that, --we would fervently request you to consider **a cap** on total interest to be paid, which would be extremely beneficial for these very old ex-employees of the Bank.

The eligible family members will have to refund Bank's contribution with accrued interest paid to the deceased CPF optees, along with interest for the entire period, from the concerned CPF optees' retirement till the date, to be decided by the Bank. But the family pension they will be entitled to will be less than ordinary pension (less than 60% of that) and they will not be eligible for commutation of pension. Their load will, therefore, be more. The cap on total interest payment, as requested by us, will stand them in very good stead.

Sir, as we did not have the scope to suggest the above to the Bank, we take this opportunity to place these before your kind self for your compassionate consideration.

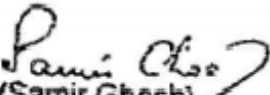
We may further add, for recapitulation, that option for switch over to pension from CPF was followed in the Bank on four occasions earlier, the modalities were return of CPF balance received, with simple interest, and payment of pension from the date of retirement.

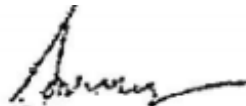
We gratefully remember that on the issue of pension updation which you clinched for RBI pensioners last year, the Government's clearance reached the Bank on 6th March 2019 and at your kind initiative Bank's circular was issued the very next day, the 7th March 2019.


We request you, Sir, for your kind intervention this time also, which will be highly welcome for the intending beneficiaries.

With best of regards,

Yours faithfully,


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