



## GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Finance (Provident Fund) Department

### CIRCULAR

No.65/2009/Fin.

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 06/08/09.

Sub: - General Provident Fund - Unification of Retirement Age – Subscription to the Fund and centralizing of admission to General Provident Fund - regarding.

Ref: - (1) G.O. (P) No. 154/2009/Fin. dated 24.04.09.  
(2) Lr. No. FMIII/9-534/09-10/52 dated 01/06/09 received from A.G. (A&E), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.  
(3) Lr. No. FM1/9-511/2009-10/112 dated 31/07/09 from the Accountant General (A&E) Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.

As per Rule 10 read with Rule 30 of General Provident Fund (K) Rules, a subscriber to the Fund can voluntarily stop subscribing to General Provident Fund during the last one year of service and has to compulsorily stop subscribing during the last 3 months of service. Before the issuance of the Government Order cited, the date of compulsory retirement of an Officer shall take effect from the After Noon of the last day of the month in which he attains the age of 55 years. But due to unification of the date of retirement as on 31st March every year / close of the academic year for teaching staff, many are getting extension of service. Since the Government Order unifying the date of retirement was issued only in April, those who would have normally retired in April last and subsequent months closed their General Provident Fund accounts based on the pre existing rule of retirement. Certain applications are under various stages of process in the AG's Office. In the meanwhile, some of the employees who are under extension of service have requested to permit them to resume remittances to General provident Fund.

The Accountant General (A&E) in the letter 2<sup>nd</sup> cited has informed that it would be difficult to reopen Provident Fund Accounts which have already been closed and ask the employees who are due for retirement on 31/03/2010 to resume the remittances to General Provident Fund. It is also not feasible to cancel the authorisation already issued and get the withdrawn amounts refunded.

Similarly, the Accountant General in the letter 3<sup>rd</sup> cited has informed that with a view to streamlining the admissions to General Provident Fund, the receipt of applications and the allotment of account numbers are being centralized from August 2009. Accordingly, the applications for admissions will be received and admitted only in the Main Office at Thiruvananthapuram.

In the circumstances, the following directions are issued for strict observance by all the Drawing and Disbursing Officers and Self Drawing Officers.

(i) The already closed General Provident Fund accounts of those Government Employees who are continuing in service consequent on the unification of the date of retirement shall be treated as closed and no further remittances shall be permitted in those accounts.

(ii) Forward the General Provident Fund closure applications by December every year in order to settle the accounts properly before the date of retirement.

(iii) Applications for admissions to General Provident Fund of new recruits shall be forwarded to the main office at Thiruvananthapuram for the allotment of account numbers.

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To

The Principal Accountant General (Audit), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.  
 The Accountant General (A&E), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.  
 The Director of Treasuries, Thiruvananthapuram.  
 The District Treasury Officer, Thiruvananthapuram.  
 All District Treasuries Kerala.  
 The Director of Public Relations.  
 All Heads of Departments & Offices etc..  
 All Department and Sections of the Secretariat.  
 The Registrar, High Court, Ernakulam (with C.L.).  
 The Registrar, University of Kerala/Calicut/Cochin and Kottayam (with C.L.).  
 The Advocate General, Kerala, Ernakulam (with C.L.).  
 The Registrar, Kerala Agricultural University, Mannuthy, Thrissur (with C.L.)  
 The Secretary, Kerala Public Service Commission (with C.L.)  
 The Chairman, Kerala Electricity Board, Thiruvananthapuram.  
 The Managing Director, Kerala State Road Transport Corporation,  
 Thiruvananthapuram (with C.L.).  
 The Secretaries, Additional Secretaries, Joint Secretaries, Deputy secretaries  
 and Under Secretaries to Government.  
 The Secretary to Governor.  
 The Private Secretary to the Chief Minister and other Ministers.  
 The P.A. to Speaker.  
 The Private secretary to the Leader of opposition, MLA Hostel,  
 Thiruvananthapuram.  
 The Additional Secretary to the Chief Secretary.  
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