


PRESS NOTE

With the introduction of the Electronic Challan cum Return (ECR) system in EPFO there is no need for the establishments covered under the EPF & MP Act, 1952 to file any return from the year 2012-13 onwards.

However, in order to utilise the various facilities available under ECR like viewing of upto date member balance, printing of member passbook etc., the accounts of all the establishments must be updated upto 2011-12 for which submission of annual returns in Form 3A/6A upto 2011-12 is necessary. Whereas, it is seen that still some establishments are yet to submit the Form 3A/6A upto 2011-12 causing avoidable delay in pressing all the facilities of ECR into service. Moreover, as per para 43 of the Employees' Provident Fund Scheme, 1952 the Form 3A/6A are required to be submitted by all the covered establishments before 30/04/2012. The non-submission of the above returns in time would not only delay the process of crediting of interest/reaping all the ECR facilities but would also attract penal action under Section 14(2) of the Act.

Accordingly, all the employers are hereby advised to immediately submit the pending returns in Form 3A/6A up to 2011-12 along with softcopy either in E-Return tool format available at www.epfindia.com or in the legacy format available at www.epfochennai.tn.nic.in so as to avail all the benefits available under ECR and also avoid any coercive actions as above.


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