

## **Punjab Panchayat Samitis and Zila Parishads Employees Pension and Provident Fund Rules, 2000**

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### ✓ **NOTE**

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**No. G.S.R. 68/P.A.9/94/Ss. 28, 155, 196 and 227/2000.** - With reference to the Government of Punjab, Department of Rural Development and Panchayats, Notification No. G.S.R. 83/P.A. 9/94/Ss. 28, 155, 196 and 228/99, dated the 18th November, 1999, and in exercised of the powers conferred by section 227 read with sections 28, 155 and 196 of the Punjab Panchayati Raj Act, 1994 (Punjab Act No. 9 of 1994), and all other powers enabling him in this behalf, the Governor of Punjab is pleased to make the following rules, namely :-

**1. Short title, commencement and application.** - (1) These rules may be called the Punjab Panchayat Samitis and Zila Parishads Employees Pension and Provident Fund Rules, 2000.

(2) They shall be deemed to have come into force on and with effect from the 1st day of July, 1999, in the case of employees of the Panchayat Samitis and Zila Parishads, who were working immediately before that date on whole time regular basis and who opt for these rules, and in the case of employees of the Panchayat Samitis and Zila Parishads, who are appointed on or after the 1st day of July, 1999 on whole time regular basis.

(3) They shall apply to the employees of the Panchayat Samitis and Zila Parishads:-

(i) Who were working immediately before the 1st of July, 1999 on whole time regular basis and opt for these rules; and

(ii) Who are appointed on or after the 1st day of July, 1999 on whole time regular basis.

(4) They shall not apply to the employees of the Panchayat Samitis and Zila Parishads, who were working immediately before the 1st day of July, 1999 and who do not opt for these rules, such employees shall, however, be governed by the Punjab Panchayat Samitis and Zila Parishads Provident Fund Rules, 1965.

**2.** In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires, -

(a) "Act" means the Punjab Panchayati Raj Act, 1994;

(b) "Appendix" means Appendix appended to these rules;

(c) "Competent authority" means the authority specified as such in Appendix 'A' and 'B' and includes any other officer to whom the competent authority may delegates its powers under the rules;

(d) "Controller" means the Controller Panchayati Raj Finances in the Department of Rural Development and Panchayats;

(e) "Family" means the family as defined in rule 2.17 of the Punjab Civil Services Rules, Volume I, Part I;

- (f) "Form" means the form appended to these rules;
- (g) "Fund" means the pension fund established under rule 4 of these rules;
- (h) "Government" means the Government of State of Punjab in the Department of Rural Development and Panchayats;
- (i) "Pay" means the pay as defined in rule 2.44 of the Punjab Civil Services Rules, Volume I, Part I;
- (j) "Pension" includes family pension;
- (k) "qualifying service" means., the service of an employee of a Panchayat Samiti or Zila Parishad, as the case may be, for which he has made contribution towards the Contributory Provident Fund before and after the commencement of these rules; and
- (l) "section" means the section of the Act.

**3. Exercise of Option.** - (1) The option under clause (i) of sub-rule (3) of rule 1 to elect to be governed by these rules, shall be exercised in form I appended to these rules so as to reach Competent Authority within a period of four months from the date of publication of these rules in the Official Gazette :

Provided that, -

- (a) in the case of an employee, who on the date of publication of these rules was on leave, the option shall be exercised within a period of four months from the date he joins his duty after returning from leave;
- (b) where an employee is under suspension on that date, the option shall be exercised within a period of four months from the date he joins his duty; and
- (c) in the case of an employee, who dies without exercising his option within the stipulated period, he shall be deemed to have opted for these rules.

(2) The employees who opt for these rules shall cease to avail the benefit of Contributory Provident Fund and the employees who opt out of these rules, shall continue to avail the benefit of the Contributory Provident Fund.

**4. Establishment of the Fund.** - For the purpose of payment of pension, there shall be established a fund to be known as Pension Fund (hereinafter referred to as the Fund) by the Director.

**5. Transfer of the amount of the Fund.** - (1) The share of money contributed by a Panchayat Samiti or a Zila Parishad as the case may be, alongwith interest accrued thereon, standing in the Contributory Provident Account to the credit of an employee of a Panchayat Samiti or a Zila Parishad, who opts for these rules, or who is governed by these rules, shall stand transferred to the Fund during the period of service of the said employee.

(2) The Panchayat Samiti or Zila Parishad, as the case may be, shall make monthly contribution towards the fund at the rate of twelve percent of the basic pay of the employee. The rate of monthly contribution shall be subject to any change, which may be made by the Government from time to time.

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(3) The amount of the Fund shall be kept in any branch of a Nationalised Bank or a Scheduled Bank, as the case may be or as may be specified by the Director.

**6. Operation of the Fund.** - (1) The Fund, shall be kept and administered by the Director.

(2) The monthly contribution as specified in sub-rule (2) of rule 5, shall be drawn out of the Panchayat Samiti Fund or Zila Parishad Fund, as the case may be, and shall be credited into the Fund through a bank draft by the Drawing and Disbursing Officer of the Panchayat Samiti or Zila Parishad, as the case may be, not later than the seventh day of the month following the month to which these contributions relate and in the event of any default in making contribution within the stipulated period, the defaulting Panchayat Samiti or Zila Parishad, as the case may be, shall pay interest at the rate of eighteen percent per annum for the period of the default on the amount so defaulted.

(3) All payments to be made to the employees under these rules, shall be paid through the bank, as specified in sub-rule (3) of rule 5.

**7. Maintenance of the Accounts of Funds.** - (1) The Accounts, Fund shall be maintained by the Director. The Bank through which pension is disbursed, shall also maintain the accounts as per guidelines given in this behalf by the Director from time to time.

**8. General Provisions relating to grant of Pension.** - (1) Subject to the provisions of the Act and these rules and sub-rule (2), for the purpose of grant of pension, the rules relating to pension as contained in the Punjab Civil Services Rules, Volume-II, shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the employees of Panchayat Samitis or Zila Parishads and for that purpose, the terms and expressions not expressly or otherwise defined in these rules, shall have the same meanings as assigned to them in the Punjab Civil Services Rules, Volume I, Part I, as amended from time to time.

(2) The pension to be given under these rules shall not be commuted.

**9. Nominations.** - (1) An employee subscribing to the Fund (hereinafter called the subscriber) shall, at the time of joining the Fund, send to the Director a nomination in Form-II or Form II-A conferring on one or more persons, the right to receive the amount, that may stand to his credit in the Fund, in the event of his death, before that amount has become payable or having become payable has not been paid :

Provided that if, at the time of making the nomination, the subscriber has a family, the nomination shall not be in favour of any person or persons other than the member or members of his family;

(2) If a subscriber, nominates more than one person under sub-rule (1), he shall specify in the nomination the amount or share payable of the nominees in such manner as to cover the whole of the amount that may stand to his credit in the Fund at any time.

(3) Every nomination shall be made in Form-II or Form II-A.

(4) A subscriber may at any time, cancel a nomination by sending a notice in writing to the Director.

Provided that the subscriber shall alongwith such notice, send a fresh nomination made in accordance with the provisions of sub-rule (1) to (3).

