Webinar on “Provisions of EPF in ULBs: Part 2”

The Urban Management Centre, ATI is conducting a series of lectures on the “Provisions of the Employees Provident Fund (EPF)”. The 2nd webinar of the series was held on 7th August 2020, Friday from 2.30 pm to 04.00 pm. The session was moderated by Shri Kaushik Ghosh, Assistant Professor, UMC, ATI and the key speaker for the session was Shri Rupak Gupta, Regional Provident Fund Commissioner-II [Retd.].

The Urban Local Bodies in India employ a sizeable number of contractual and casual employees who had been brought under the ambit of the Employees’ Provident Fund and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 by the Ministry of Labour & Employment, Govt. of India. To clarify and elaborate on the various provisions of the Act and allied acts among concerned municipal functionaries for enabling smooth extension of pension, provident fund and insurance benefits to thousands of municipal employees, a webinar series has been envisaged by the Urban Management Centre (UMC), ATI. The following are the topics to be discussed in the webinar series:

1. Concept of Social Security and background of the EPF organization
2. The Employees’ Provident Fund and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952
3. The Employees Provident Fund scheme, 1952
4. The Employees’ Pension Scheme, 1995
5. The Employees’ Deposit Linked Insurance Scheme, 1976 & nomination under all schemes

40 participants, mainly officials of Accounts & Finance departments, from 23 ULBs attended the webinar. The participating municipalities were Barrackpore, Tarakeswar, Jangipur, Coochbehar, Dankuni, Baranagar, Mathabhanga, Bansberia, Basirhat, Bongaon, Hooghly-Chinsurah, Ranaghat, Purulia, Budge Budge, Titagarh, Dum Dum, Haldibari, Kharagpur, Chandrakona, Malda, Jalpaiguri, Howrah Municipal Corporation, Bidhannagar Municipal Corporation. Some municipalities also participated in blended format in their Video Conferencing room.

The webinar was very interactive with participants clarifying their queries from time to time. The participants have also expressed their desire to email their queries in advance for discussion in the upcoming 3rd webinar in this series, which will be notified shortly.
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In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (b) of sub-section (3) of Section 1 of the Employees’ P. F. and Misc. Provisions Act, 1952 the Central Govt. hereby specifies the following establishments to which the said Act shall apply w.e.f. 08.01.2011 namely :-

“Municipal councils and Municipal Corporations constituted under sub-clauses (b) and (C) of clause(1) of article 243Q of the constitution of India.”

Shri Rupak Gupta, Regional Provident Fund Commissioner-II [Retd.]