



कर्मचारी भविष्य निधि संगठन
EMPLOYEES' PROVIDENT FUND ORGANIZATION

(श्रम एवं रोजगार मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार)

(Ministry of Labour and Employment, Govt. of India)

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सं. के. आर/के. एन. आर/लीगल/अधिवक्ताओं के नामिकायन /2019-21

दिनांक: 30/04/2019

अधिवक्ताओं के नामिकायन के लिए आवेदन की सूचना

केंद्रीय न्यायी बोर्ड, कर्मचारी भविष्य निधि संगठन, श्रम एवं रोजगार मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार के अधीन की एक सांविधिक निकाय है, की ओर से कर्मचारी भविष्य निधि संगठन, क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, कण्णूर, केंद्रीय बोर्ड को विविध विधिक फोरमों में जैसे केरल उच्च न्यायालय, विविध निम्न स्तर के न्यायालयों, जिला उपभोक्ता फोरम, न्यायाधिकरणों आदि में प्रतिनितित्व करने के लिए परामर्शदाता (ओं) को नामिकायन सूची तैयार करना प्रस्तावित है।

भारत के बार काउंसिल /स्टेट बार काउंसिल में पंजीकृत अधिवक्ता नामिकायन हेतु पात्र है। शैक्षणिक योग्यता, कार्य अनुभव, अन्य नियम व शर्तें और आवेदन प्रपत्र जिसमें आवेदन किया जाना है, संलग्न है।

कर्मचारी भविष्य निधि संगठन के वर्तमान नामसूची के अधिवक्ता इस सूचना के आधार पर नए नामसूची बनने के बाद नामसूची से बाहर होंगे। अतः उन सभी अधिवक्ता नए सिरे से इस सूचना का संदर्भ लेते हुए आवेदन करें।

पात्र कार्यरत अधिवक्ता अनुलग्नक 'क' एवं अनुलग्नक 'ख' में निर्धारित प्रारूप में आवश्यक दस्तावेजों के साथ मुहर बंद लिफाफे में निम्न पते पर अपना आवेदन प्रस्तुत करें: -

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कर्मचारी भविष्य निधि संगठन
क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, वी.के. कॉम्प्लेक्स
फोर्ट रोड, कण्णूर - 670 001

लिफाफे निम्न प्रकार से अधोलिखित करें -

'केरल उच्च न्यायालय, जिला उपभोक्ता फोरम, निम्न स्तर के न्यायालयों में अधिवक्ताओं के नामिकायन हेतु आवेदन'

निर्धारित प्रपत्र में सहायक दस्तावेजों के साथ आवेदन प्राप्त होने की अंतिम तिथि दिनांक 21/5/2019 अपः 4.00 बजे तक है।

कर्मचारी भविष्य निधि संगठन में नामिकायन हेतु आवेदन करने से आवेदकों को किसी भी रूप से यह अधिकार या आश्वासन नहीं मिल जाता कि आवेदकों को कर्मचारी भविष्य निधि संगठन के नामिकायन में सूचीबद्ध किया जाएगा। क. भ. नि. स अधिवक्ताओं को अपने नामिकायन की पुष्टि करते हुए पत्र अलग से जारी करेंगे।

(उमेश कुमार)

सहायक भविष्य निधि आयुक्त (प्रशा.)



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KR/KNR/Legal/Panel Advocates/2019-21

Dated: 30.04.2019

**NOTICE INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR EMPANELMENT OF
ADVOCATES**

Employees Provident Fund Organisation, Regional Office, Kannur on behalf of the Central Board of Trustees, Employees Provident Fund, a statutory body under Ministry of Labour & Employment, Government of India, proposes to engage Panel Counsel(s) to represent the Central Board, EPFO before various Legal Forum viz. High Court of Kerala, Lower Courts, District Consumer Forum, Tribunal etc.

The participating Advocates who are registered with Bar Council of India/State Bar Council are eligible for empanelment. The qualification, experience, other terms and conditions and application format in which application has to be made are attached herewith.

The Advocates who are on the existing panel of EPFO shall cease to be on the panel of EPFO after new panel is finalised against this notice. Therefore, they may also apply afresh in response to the notice.

Eligible practising Advocate must submit application in the format prescribed in Annexure "A" and Annexure "B" enclosed herewith, alongwith all supporting documents in sealed envelope to:

Assistant Provident Fund Commissioner
Employees Provideant Fund Organisation
Regional Office, V.K. Complex
Fort Road, KANNUR - 670 001

The envelope should be superscripted as following:

**"Application for Empanelment of Advocate for High Court of Kerala,
District Consumer Forum, Lower Courts & Tribunal"**

The last date of receiving of application in the prescribed format alongwith supporting documents is **21st May, 2019** till 16.00 hours.

Application for empanelment at EPFO does not confer any right/assurance whatsoever, to an applicant that he/she will be empanelled on the panel of EPFO. Letters to advocates confirming their empanelment will be issued by EPFO separately.

(UMESH KUMAR)
ASST. P.F.COMMISSIONER

GUIDELINES FOR EMPANELMENT OF ADVOCATES

Following guidelines are designed to provide and regulate the manner and procedure for empanelling the advocates to represent and assist EPFO before various courts and for regulating the referrals of the cases and payment of fee/remuneration. These guidelines shall supersede all existing instruction in this regard, if any, and is subject to change without assigning any reason.

1. ELIGIBILITY OF EMPANELMENT

Before filling the application form, the candidates are advised to carefully read and follow the eligibility criteria , instructions and terms & conditions for empanelment of Advocates in EPFO mentioned herein below:

(a) Qualification and experience for conducting cases in High Court;

- i) Be enrolled/registered as an advocate with the State Bar Council.
- ii) Have a minimum, relevant experience of Ten years of handling Civil, Criminal, Service, Labour, Arbitration matters and other cases before a High Court with a fair knowledge of Labour laws with special reference to Employees' Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 (E.P.F. and M.P. Act, 1952).

(b) Qualification and experience for conducting cases in CGIT, Ernakulam

- i) Be enrolled/registered as an advocates with the State Bar Council.
- ii) Have a minimum, relevant experience of Ten years of handling Civil, Criminal, Service, Labour, Arbitration matters and other cases before a High Court with a fair Knowledge of labour laws with special reference to Employees' Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 (E.P.F. and M.P. Act, 1952).

(c) Qualification and experience for conducting cases in District courts, Lower Courts and DCDRF

- i) Be enrolled/registered as an advocate with the State Bar Council.
- ii) Have a minimum, relevant experience of Ten years of handling Civil, Criminal Service, Labour, Arbitration matters and other cases before a High Court with a fair Knowledge of labour Laws ,Consumer Protection and affairs with special reference to Employees' Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 (E.P.F. and M.P. Act, 1952).

2. TENURE OF EMPANELMENT

The initial empanelment will be for the period from the date of empanelment to 31.03.2021. Performance of empanelled advocates shall be reviewed at regular interval for continuance in the panel of Advocate.

3. PAYMENT OF FEE AND OTHER CONDITIONS

- (i) The fee payable to the Advocates shall be governed by the schedule of fee annexed as Annexure 'C' with these guidelines as amended from time to time.
- (ii) The Competent Authority shall have the right in exceptional cases to approve the payment of a higher fee than the fee mentioned in the schedule keeping in view the importance of the matter and the efforts put in by the advocate in a particular case.
- (iii) No retainer fee shall be paid to any panel Advocate merely because such advocate has been empanelled.

4. PROCEDURE FOR EMPANELMENT

- a. The applicant advocate must apply on the format prescribed by the EPFO only. No other format will be entertained.
- b. An applicant advocate willing to be empanelled for more than one forum (i.e. for High Court/CGIT/DCDRF/ Lower Court/District Court etc.) may apply separately for each forum in separate envelope superscribed as mentioned earlier.
- c. Any application received after the last date prescribed in the advertisement shall not be entertained.
- d. No applicant advocate shall be called for interview/interaction unless he/she satisfies the eligibility conditions and is shortlisted for the same.
- e. Depending upon the requirement and number of applications received, EPFO reserves the right to be shortlist the candidates to be called for interview/interaction and to be empanelled.
- f. Merely fulfilling the eligibility criteria will not confer any right on an applicant advocate to be called for interview/interaction and to be selected.
- g. The decision of the competent authority regarding short listing and selection of the candidates shall be final.
- h. Canvassing in any form shall be treated as a disqualification. The candidature of such applicants shall be cancelled forthwith.
- i. A list of shortlisted applicant advocates with the date, time and venue of interview will be uploaded on our website i.e. www.epfindia.gov.in
- j. The applicant advocate shall bring original documents at the time of interview.
- k. The list of selected advocates will be made available on EPFO website www.epfindia.gov.in. Letter to applicant advocates confirming their empanelment will be issued by EPFO separately.

5. DUTIES OF THE EMPANELLED ADVOCATES:

1. The Advocate shall not advise any party or accept any case against the EPFO in which he/she has appeared or is likely to be called upon to appear for or advise which is likely to affect or lead to litigation against the EPFO.
2. Timely appearance of the Counsel to contest the cases for EPFO in the court is a must. His/her absence in the Court, without any reasonable ground and notice in advance, will not be accepted.
3. EPFO sends the information to the panel advocates through email regarding entrustment of a case and after receiving the e-mail, it is duty of the panel Advocates to collect the brief/copy of petition along with assignment letter from the concerned office of EPFO at the earliest.
4. EPFO is free to engage any advocate of its own choice and an empanelled Advocate shall make no claim that he/she alone should be entrusted with EPFO's legal matter(s).
5. Refusal by any advocate to accept any work without any reasonable cause (e.g. on grounds of conflict of interest) may entail removal of such advocate from the panel forthwith without any further notice.

6. The advocates shall accept the terms and conditions of the empanelment as determined by the EPFO from time to time.
7. In order to ensure that there is effective check on the cases being conducted, the Advocates on the panel must report the status of the cases after each date of hearing. Failure to submit status report will be a ground for removal of the name of the lawyer concerned from the panel.
8. In cases where on the request of the union of India Ministry of Labour & Employment have also to be represented, no extra fee shall be paid to the advocate to watch and safe guard the interests of union of India, Ministry of Labour & Employment.
9. If required render all assistance to special or senior Counsel engaged in a particular cases before the Supreme Court, High Court and other judicial bodies.
10. Keep EPFO informed and updated on all-important developments in the designated cases, dates of hearing, order of the court on the date of its pronouncement, supplying copy of orders /judgment etc.
11. Furnish monthly statement about the cases represented by him/her before the concerned courts or any other authority and their outcomes.
12. When any case attended by him/her is decided against the Organisation, the Advocate concerned must give considered opinion regarding the reasons for such adverse order and the advisability of filing an appeal from such a decision not later than 5 working days of the order (kuchha copy).
13. 30% of the fees payable to the counsel shall be deducted if the certified copy of the judgment is not handed over to the Legal cell of EPFO within three days (excluding the time taken by the court in preparation of the copy) from the date of judgment.

6. REMOVAL FROM PANEL:

EPFO reserves the right to terminate the empanelment of a Counsel with one month's notice in writing without assigning any reason. The counsel may also resign from the Organisation by serving one month's notice.

Empanelment shall be liable to be cancelled due to occurring of any of the following disablements on the part of the Advocate.

- (i) Giving false information in the application for empanelment;
- (ii) Failing to attend the hearing of the case without any sufficient reason and/are prior information;
- (iii) Not acting as per EPFO's instructions or going again against specific instructions; Threatening, intimidating or abusing any of the EPFO's employees, officers, or representatives;
- (iv) Passing on information relating to EPFO's case on to the opposite parties or their advocates or any third party which is likely to cost any damage to the EPFO's interests;
- (v) Giving false or misleading information to the EPFO relating to the proceedings of the case;
- (vi) Seeking frequent adjournments or not objecting the adjournment moved by other party without sufficient reason; and
- (vii) Frequent absence from the Court proceeding even if "pass over" or "proxy" is obtained by an Advocate.


(UMESH KUMAR)
ASST. PF COMMISSIONER

APPLICATION NO (To be filled by EPFO)

APPLICATION FORM FOR EMPANELMENT IN EPFO

(TO BE FILLED IN BY ALL APPLICANT ADVOCATES)

To

**Assistant Provident Fund Commissioner
EPFO - Regional Office
V.K. Complex, Fort Road
KANNUR, KERALA - 670 001**

Name (in Block letter);	
Father's name;	
Court for which applied ;	

CHECKLIST

List of documents attached (please ✓)

Copy of all certificates & marks - sheets (Xth. onwards)

Experience certificate

Duly filled Annexure-A & B

Others (Please specify) 1.

2.

PERSONAL DETAILS (IN BLOCK LETTERS)

1.	Name in FULL;	
2.	Father's/Husband's Name;	
3.	Date of Birth;	
4.	Age on (last date of receipt of application) ;	

5.	Nationality;	
6.	Marital status;	
7.	Address for correspondence with PIN and phone;	
8.	Permanent address with PIN and phone;	
9.	Address of office/chamber, if any, with PIN and phone;	
10.	Mobile Number(s)	
11.	Email ID:	
12.	Are you related to any EPFO employee? If so, please give details (Viz, Name, Designation, place of work & relationship with the applicant	

13. Details of Educational qualification (Commencing with the Matriculation or equivalent examination)

Examination Passed 10 th / Matriculation	Name of the Board/University	Class or Division	% of Marks	Subjects	Year of passing
12 th /Intermediate					
Graduation					
LLB/ Law Graduate Degree					
Post Graduation					
Other Professional Qualifications					

14. Whether the applicant is currently on the Panel of any other Government Department/PSU/ Statutory Body/Autonomous Body etc., and if yes, the details below: (Self certified Copy of the Office Order/ letter of empanelment may be attached):-

Name of the Department/ PSU / Statutory Body/ Autonomous Body	From	To
1.		
2.		

15. Whether the applicant has worked as Legal Researcher (LR) attached to any Court/judge? If yes, the details and the supporting documents:-

Name of Court/ judge	Period of Research	Supporting documents
1.		
2.		

16. If one or more advocates are associated as juniors of the applicant, their details be provided below:-

Sl.No.	Name of the Advocate	Enrolment No. with date

17. Infrastructural facilities available with the applicant (Please tick if available) be provided below:

Sl.No.	Office Space	Office Clerk	Steno/Typist	Support Staff

18. No. of cases relating to EPF and MP Act'1952, if handled earlier:-

Sl.No.	Type of case (Documentary proof must be attached)

19. Whether the applicant has been engaged (through Vakalatnama) as counsel in any landmark or mother case? If yes, the particulars of the case with copy of the judgement wherein his/her name is recorded as advocate for one of the parties (Copy of order/judgement be attached as proof):-

Name of the Court	Case Title	Nature of judgment

20. Whether Income Tax return filed for last five years? Yes/No (If yes, please attach the copies of the ITRs.)

21. Details of Bank Account/ Aadhar Number be provided below:-

Bank Account Details(Bank Account Number, Address of the branch and IFSC code)	PAN number	Aadhar Number

22. Whether any proceeding has ever been commenced or is continuing before the disciplinary Committee of the Bar Council for alleged professional misconduct:-

Sl. No.	Details of allegations and Proceedings	Finding made by the Disciplinary Committee

23. Whether any criminal complaint has ever been filed or FIR registered or any criminal proceeding has ever commenced against the applicant advocate:-

Sl. No.	Details of allegations and Proceedings	Finding made by the Court

24. Any additional professional qualification(s), which will further the candidature, including membership of professional societies, awards and honours etc. may be listed in the box below. (Documentary proofs may be attached):

UNDERTAKING

- 1) I hereby confirm and declare that the information furnished in the application and in the attached Certificate is true/correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and relief. I have not concealed any relevant information. I am fully aware that if any of the information furnished by me is found to be false/incorrect, my candidature for the empanelment will be treated as cancelled and matter will be referred to the appropriate authority.
- 2) I also undertake to maintain absolute secrecy about the cases of the EPFO as required under the Act, Rules and Regulations there under.
- 3) I also undertake to return all case files and records to the EPFO as and when required by EPFO.
- 4) I agree with the Fee Schedule notified by EPFO.

Signature of Advocate

Enrolment Number _____

Mobile Number _____

Place and Date:-

APPLICATION NO (To be filled by EPFO)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SHEET

(To be filled in by existing Panel advocates, applying for fresh empanelment)

1. Name of the Panel Advocate:-

2. Empanelled for : {Name of Court, Bench/District)

3. Duration in the Panel:-

4. Total No. of cases allotted:-

5. No. of cases decided:-

In favour case title	Against	Remanded back
1.		
2.		

6. No. of cases pending:-

7. Details of oldest pending with the advocate:

8. Special achievements , if any:-

9. Remarks of applicant advocate, if any:-

(Signature and name of the applicant)

Place:-

Date:-