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SECTION 3, SUB-SECTION (i)]

MINISTRY OF FINANCE

(Department of Economic Affairs)

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 18th June, 2016

G.S.R.....(E) In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section of (4) of section 3 of the Public Provident Fund Act, 1968 (23 of 1968), the Central Government hereby makes the following scheme further to amend the **Public Provident Fund Scheme, 1968, namely:-**

1. (1) This Scheme may be called Public Provident Fund (Amendment) Scheme, 2016.

(2) It shall come into force on the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

2. In the Public Provident Fund Scheme, 1968, in Paragraph 9, for sub-rule 3(C), the following sub-paragraph shall be substituted, namely:-

"(3C) A subscriber shall be allowed premature closure of his account or the account of a minor of whom he is the guardian, on a written application to the Accounts Office, on any of the following grounds namely:-

- (i) that the amount is required for the treatment of serious ailments or life threatening diseases of the account holder, spouse or dependent children or parents, on production of supporting documents from competent medical authority;
- (ii) that the amount is required for higher education of the account holder or the minor account holder, on production of documents and fee bills in confirmation of admission in a recognised institute of higher education in India or abroad:


Provided that such premature closure shall be allowed only after the account has completed five financial years.

Provided further that premature closure under this sub-paragraph shall be subject to deduction of such amount which shall be equivalent to one percent less interest on the interest rates as applicable from time to time in the table payable on the deposits held in the account from the date of opening of the account till the date of such premature closure, calculated in accordance with the sample calculation as shown in the table on next page:

Calculation showing the interest payable to depositor

| Year (1) | Opening Balance (2) | Assumed Fresh Deposit (3) | Total Amount (4) | Rate of Interest (5) | 1% less on the applicable rate of interest (6) | Interest accrued (7) | Outstanding Balance (8) |
|--------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|---|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 2006-07 | | 1000.00 | 1000.00 | 8.0 | 7.0 | 70.00 | 1070.00 |
| 2007-08 | 1070.00 | 500.00 | 1570.00 | 8.0 | 7.0 | 109.90 | 1679.90 |
| 2008-09 | 1679.90 | 500.00 | 2179.90 | 8.0 | 7.7 | 167.85 | 2347.75 |
| 2009-10 | 2347.75 | 700.00 | 3047.75 | 8.0 | 7.0 | 213.34 | 3261.09 |
| 2010-11 | 3261.09 | 600.00 | 3861.09 | 8.0 | 7.0 | 270.28 | 4131.37 |
| 2011-12 | 4131.37 | 1000.00 | 5131.37 | 8.6 | 7.6 | 389.98 | 5521.36 |
| 2012-13 | 5521.36 | 1200.00 | 6721.36 | 8.8 | 7.8 | 524.27 | 7245.62 |
| 2013-14 | 7245.62 | 1500.00 | 8745.62 | 8.7 | 7.7 | 673.41 | 9419.03 |
| 2014-15 | 9419.03 | 1500.00 | 10919.03 | 8.7 | 7.7 | 840.77 | 11759.80 |
| 2015-16 | 11759.80 | 1000.00 | 12759.80 | 8.7 | 7.7 | 982.50 | 13742.30 |
| Total | | 9500.00 | | | | | 13742.30 |

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Note: The Principal Scheme was notified vide G.S.R. 1136(E), dated the 15th June, 1968 and subsequently amended vide G.S.R. 368(E), dated the 1st August, 1972, G.S.R. 217(E), dated the 9th March, 1979, G.S.R. 271(E), dated the 16th March, 1983, G.S.R. 54(E), dated the 7th February, 1984, G.S.R. 895(E), dated the 23rd June, 1986, G.S.R. 1013(E), dated the 20th August, 1986, G.S.R. 793(E), dated the 29th August, 1989, G.S.R. 477(E), dated the 25th May, 1994, G.S.R. 489(E), dated the 6th July, 1999, G.S.R. 908(E), dated the 6th December, 2000, G.S.R. 679(E), dated the 4th October, 2002, G.S.R. 768(E), dated the 15th November, 2002, G.S.R. 585(E), dated the 15th July, 2003, G.S.R. 690(E), dated the 27th August, 2003, G.S.R. 755(E), dated the 19th November, 2004, G.S.R. 291(E), dated the 13th May, 2005, G.S.R. 956(E), dated the 7th December, 2010, G.S.R. 844(E), dated the 25th November, 2011, G.S.R. 225(E), dated the 13th March, 2014, G.S.R. 496 (E), dated 11th July, 2014 and G.S.R. 588(E), dated the 13th August, 2014, G.S.R. 332 (E) dated 21st March, 2016, G.S.R. 350(E) dated 29th March, 2016.