

**BEFORE THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT INDUSTRIAL
TRIBUNAL-2, MUMBAI**

APPEAL NO. CGIT- 2 / EPFA 30/2025

M/s. Skypak Services Specialist Ltd.

- Appellant

V/s.

The Regional Provident Fund Commissioner-II

EPFO, Kandiwali (W), Mumbai.

- Respondent

ORDER

(Delivered on 04-03-2025)

Heard Mr. Mahesh Shukla advocate for the appellant / applicant. Mr. Surana advocate holding brief for Mrs. Panwalkar advocate for the respondent/opponent.

It appears that, the applicant is challenging the order dated 24.12.2024 passed u/s. 14-B & 7-Q of the EPF Act, which has been served to him by Whatsapp on 25.02.2024, in the present appeal filed on 28.02.2025.

The orders under appeal are for the period from 01.04.1996 to 13.12.2021. It is contended on behalf of the appellant that, the appellant is in courier activities and as per notification dated 26.04.2001 issued by Government of India, the provisions of EPF Act shall apply to the establishment engaged in rendering courier services w.e.f. 01.04.2001, as such enquiry prior to 01.04.2001, prima-facie does not seems to be proper thus it will be just to stay the effect and operation of the order under appeal till filing reply by the opponent.

Mr. Surana learned advocate, holding brief for Mrs. Panwalkar advocate without submitting any reply put

reliance on the copy of order passed in Appeal No. 06 of 2025 on stay application by CGIT-1 Mumbai, on the point that, some condition should be placed while granting relief to the applicant. However in my opinion, this aspect can be considered while deciding the application for stay on merit that too after reply filed on behalf of the opponent and hearing both the parties. In short, the opponent is directed to stay the effect and operation of the order under appeal till filing of reply by the opponent.

Sd/-

Date: 04-03-2025

(Shrikant K. Deshpande)
Presiding Officer
CGIT -2, Mumbai