

Know about your GPF ---GPF is now managed by a trust formed by MTNL. GPF subscription by employees is being deposited in GPF trust since 31 March 2005. About Rs 1450/ crore of GPF contribution made by employees before March 2005 is with DOT. About Rs 650/- crore is with MTNL GPF Trust which is invested in FDs, bonds and Mutual funds. In last three years, GPF trust has earned a profit of Rs 53 crore after meeting the obligation to pay 8.7% return to the employees. This profit will be paid to the employees as bonus in due course of time. **So, the GPF contribution of MTNL employees is safe and profitable, said a senior officer of corporate office who is managing GPF trust.**

Monthly GPF contribution of MTNL employees is about Rs 32/- crore. Past trend of GPF withdrawal was about Rs 20 crore, but for quite some time it has gone upto Rs 70 to 75/- crore. Definitely the reason of 3.5 times increase in GPF withdrawal is because of artificial demand in fear and panic that GPF is not safe in current financial condition of the MTNL. Now to meet demand in excess of subscription, trust will have to sell bonds. The realized return on sale of bonds has fallen to as low as 6% in some of the investments held by trust in current scenario. If there is genuine withdrawal, GPF trust will not have to sell bonds in low interest rates, but will sell on its maturity date with high profit which in turn will be extended to the employees only.

MTNL management is making efforts to bring back the Rs 1450/ crore GPF deposits with DOT. Our Association will also make best efforts for GPF refund from DOT.

So, employees are advised not to go for GPF withdrawal in panic, only genuine withdrawal should be there. After our persuasion, management has provided Rs 35 crore for GPF withdrawal. We are continuously pursuing for timely payment of terminal benefits and GPF withdrawal.