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Dated: 22nd August, 2016

To
The Presidents/General Secretaries,
All Members,
All Units/Circles of ITGOA/ITEF.

Dear Comrades,

Sub: Participation of our members in the IDS and the completion of the Limited Scrutiny by the September quarter-end - matter regarding.

The Central JCA had a meeting with the Chairperson, CBDT in her chamber on 10-08-2016. The Member (P & V), CBDT was also present in the meeting. Among other issues, the prospect of the target fixed for the Income Disclosure Scheme by the GOI had also been discussed at the instance of the Chairperson, CBDT in the said meeting. The Chairperson and Member (P & V), CBDT requested the JCA delegation to impress upon its membership to take up the task of IDS very seriously and depute all out efforts so that the Scheme becomes a success. They also requested the JCA to impress upon its membership to ensure that the maximum numbers of Limited Scrutiny cases are completed by the end of the September quarter and the quarterly target fixed for the September quarter-end is achieved.



In the above context, the inherent weakness of the Income Disclosure Scheme which is responsible for not having the expected response from the potential declarants was pointed out by the Central JCA and demanded the required amendments in the Scheme as an essential pre- condition for the Scheme to be a success. It was categorically mentioned that though the officers and the staff members posted in fields all over India have all along taken up the job of IDS with all sincerity, a series of amendments in the existing Scheme can only bring about a hope of success of the Scheme. In regard to the completion of the Limited Scrutiny by the September quarter-end, it was mentioned by the Central JCA that though our members will contribute the sincerest efforts to achieve the target to the extent possible, as always, there are reasons/attributes out of control the of Assessing officers which may result in falling short of the Central Action Plan target and the

CBDT is required to take a practical view so that the officers/officials are not unduly pressurized and pushed against delivering quality assessments.

In view of the above discussion, we take the liberty of requesting our members to keep up the task of IDS and completion of the Limited Scrutiny very seriously and put in the maximum possible efforts in these areas and to achieve the targets of the Central Action Plan to the extent possible under the given circumstances. Although certain issues have been further clarified by the CBDT vide Circular No. 29 dated 18.08.2016, yet more amendments are required to be passed at the earliest for success of the Income Disclosure Scheme. The Central JCA has again submitted a letter to the Chairperson, CBDT, on 22-08-2016 requesting her to pass the required amendments in the existing Income Disclosure Scheme and also, not to pressurize our members if the Central Action Plan target is not achieved due to the factors not in control of the assessing officers (the letter submitted to the CBDT is attached herewith).

With greetings,

Yours comradely,

 
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**To
Chairperson,
Central Board of Direct Taxes,
North Block,
New Delhi-110001.**

Respected Madam,

Sub: Participation of our members in the IDS - matter regarding.

Kindly refer to the discussion we had in your chamber in the meeting dated 10-08-2016 regarding more intense and effective participation of our members to make the Income Disclosure Scheme a success. As per the desire expressed by your honour and also by the Member (P & V) in the said meeting, the JCA has already requested all its members to keep up their effort and even intensify it, wherever possible, for making IDS, 2016 a grand success.

In the above context, we are to request you that the required amendments of the Income Disclosure Scheme, as was discussed in the same meeting, are to be brought in and inserted in the Scheme as early as possible. You will appreciate that though the officers and the staff members posted in fields all over India have all along taken up the job of IDS with all sincerity, the inherent weakness of the Scheme fails to attract the expected response from the potential declarants and so, the required changes, as discussed in the said meeting, are essential pre-condition for the Scheme to be a success. Although certain issues have been further clarified vide Circular No. 29 dated 18.08.2016, yet more amendments are required for success of the scheme at the earliest.

We have also requested our members to dispose of the maximum numbers of Limited Scrutiny cases possible by the end of the September quarter, obviously considering the stressed/ inadequate infrastructure, manpower and time (major pre-occupation for IDS meetings and other related activities). Similar request has also been made for quarterly-target of the Central Action Plan to achieve to the extent possible under the given

circumstances. It is to be mentioned in this context that our members have submitted that most of them have been busy in the work of IDS for last more than 2 months, therefore, they have not been able to devote full time on completion of such assessments. Moreover, counsels and assesseees are also busy in Tax-audit and filing of Returns of Income, which is resulting in possible non-compliance. It is also pertinent to mention here that many Pr. CsIT in the field have informally directed the assessing officers under them in the months of June & July to concentrate exclusively for IDS, 2016 till September. Naturally works relating to Scrutiny assessments and disposals have taken a back seat.

We reiterate that despite all handicaps, our members will continue to contribute the sincerest efforts to achieve target for IDS, 2016, Limited Scrutiny Disposal and Central Action Plan. But, you will appreciate that there are reasons/attributes out of control of the Assessing officers which may result in falling short of the targets. In such scenario, the CBDT is requested to take a practical and lenient view so that the officers/officials are not unduly pressurised for giving disposals adhering to the artificial deadlines thereby compromising to the delivery of quality assessments.

This is for your kind information and necessary action.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,



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Copy for information and necessary action to:

1. The Member (P & V) CBDT, New Delhi.