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To
The Principal Chief Commissioner of Income Tax,
West Bengal & Sikkim, Kolkata.

Sir,

Sub: Submission of Non statutory reports –matter regarding

Kindly refer to the report called for by your office vide the letter bearing no. 1690-91 dated 21.01.2016 regarding Top Scrutiny Cases completed till 20.01.2016. The letter has circulated on 21st January, 2016 in the afternoon and the report has been asked to be submitted by 22nd January, 2016, virtually allowing less than one complete working day for compliance.

Apart from seeking information of assessment completed so far, report has also been asked for regarding the pending scrutiny cases, which include reason for not adhering to the artificial deadline, probable date of completion, projected addition and demand etc. In a nut shell, all the queries relate to artificial deadline and identification of revenue yielding cases. You may recall that we had a detailed discussion with you explaining why it would not be possible for our members either to adhere with artificial deadline or identify potential revenue yielding cases. Thereafter, we submitted two letters dated 02.12.2015 and 11.01.2016 reiterating our stand.

As we haven't heard anything from your end since submission of our second letter, we have been under an impression that you are convinced with our arguments. We also fail to understand the need of still pursuing this illogical deadline, when it becomes clear from the latest video conference that nowhere in India, this artificial deadline is being followed. Naturally, that illusion comes to an end with seeking of the latest report under discussion. So we too are compelled to reiterate that our members will only follow the statutory deadlines and nothing else. Similarly, we reiterate our stand of not to foretell the final fate of the scrutiny proceedings in the name of identification of revenue yielding cases. As a result, our members will generally report only the number of pending cases against all the queries in the second part of the report called for.

We would also like to draw your kind attention to the very disturbing trend, which is being presently observed, of calling for numerous avoidable non-statutory reports, that too in a very short notice. You are very much aware how the assessing officers are putting their best effort to perform against all odds, like insufficient supporting staff, poor infrastructure, unmanageable workload etc. But this current trend of seeking reports coupled with calling for explanation is taking a heavy toll on the performance as well as physical and mental health of our members.

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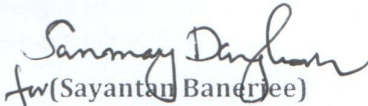
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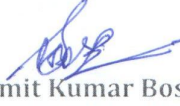
We believe that even you too are feeling the burden of reports, as evident from a recent transfer order. An ITO working in an assessment charge at Hooghly has recently been transferred out of turn to the office of JCIT, Hqrs. (Technical), Kolkata as OSD, which, as we have been given to understand, was felt necessary to exclusively assist in Dossier Reports. But the poor assessing officers are not so fortunate about choosing the supporting staff or increase in their number. Therefore, you can easily feel their stress and agony, which even may lead to any unfortunate incidence.


In view of the above, we request your good office to kindly desist from chasing such wild targets like artificial deadlines or identification of revenue yielding cases or calling for unavoidable reports. They may kindly be allowed the desired time to complete the scrutiny cases. It is further requested to kindly take up the issue of non-statutory deadlines and reports with the Board or the Members visiting Kolkata soon for permanent solutions.

In this connection we would like to inform you that if calling of such reports continues in future, we will be constrained to give a call of non-cooperation to the extent that our members will not submit any non-statutory or artificial deadline related report.

Yours faithfully,


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