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To

The Chairman,

Central Board of Direct Taxes,

North Block, New Delhi.

Respected Sir,

**Sub: Growing resentment among members over prolonged reluctance to rectify All India AGT 2025 aberrations—regarding.**

We draw your kind attention to our letter dated 16-04-2025, wherein we welcomed the initiative of issuing the All India AGT orders early on 04-04-2025, a move we genuinely appreciated. However, in the same breath, we were compelled to highlight serious aberrations in the issued orders, which overlooked the established Transfer & Placement Guidelines, 2010, as well as the long-standing conventions that follows Transfer & Placement every year. We strongly urged the issuance of a corrigendum to address these issues and to relieve the undue hardship faced by many affected officers. Furthermore, we emphasized the pressing need to revise the 15-year-old T&P Guidelines, which have lost much of their relevance in the wake of near-total digitization of departmental operations and the advent of the Faceless Assessment Scheme.

Since the issuance of the AGT, 2025 orders, we have been in active engagement with the authorities, highlighting the aberrations and submitting a consolidated list of affected cases after collection and verification from various Units. We have had discussions with your honour outlining the necessary corrective steps. While we are informed that the new version of *irsofficersonline* keeps the transfer-window perpetually active, an official announcement in this regard is expected so that the affected officers are encouraged to upload their representations. Also, such a communication would provide much-needed reassurance to the affected officers that their representations will indeed be considered while issuing the corrigendum order.

Reiterating a point already conveyed, it must once again be emphasized that the rationale behind the policy of compulsory transfer to another region upon promotion has lost its applicability in the era of Faceless Assessment. Also, the average age of PR officers at the time of promotion to the grades of ACIT or JCIT must be treated as a matter of actual concern. At a comparable age, DR officers are often promoted to the grade of PCIT or even CCIT and enjoy the advantage of well-established logistical support and seamless integration into their new assignments. In contrast, PR officers, despite their years of service, face the burden of relocation with little systemic consideration for their stage of life or personal circumstances.

As already conveyed, there is deep and growing resentment among our members over the disregard shown toward the genuine hardships faced by those adversely affected by AGT orders. The widespread frustration is now compounded by a glaring lack of response, an indifference that has all but paralyzed the grievance redressal mechanism, post AGT orders. It is both disheartening and demoralizing to witness such silence from CBDT. If the Board continues to overlook the well-being of officers who serve at critical, cutting-edge positions, we cannot, in good conscience, remain passive observers while the morale of our members sinks to an unprecedented low.

We once again humbly urge to transfer back all those officers requesting for transfer back to home regions who have completed their cooling off periods. Besides, the officers retiring within 3 years should also be posted in the desired regions as per the transfer guidelines. There are also few cases of extreme hardship like serious medical cases, PwBD persons, which were not favourably considered at the time of AGT and may kindly be considered in the corrigendum order.

We still hope and believe that your high office will ensure justice to the affected officers by issuing an early corrigendum of the AGT, 2025 orders.

This is for your kind consideration and necessary action.

Thanking You,

Yours Sincerely,



(Bhaskar Bhattacharya)

Secretary General

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