

# DIRECTORATE OF INCOME TAX (SYSTEMS)

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F. No.: CIT (eVerification)/2024-25/FVR/Instr./ 1

Date: 11.03.2025

To,

All Pr. Chief Commissioner(s)/Pr. Director General(s) of Income Tax All Chief Commissioner(s)/Director General(s) of Income Tax All Commissioner(s)/Pr. Director(s) of Income Tax All Commissioner(s)/Director(s) of Income Tax

Sir/ Madam,

Sub: Dissemination of High-Risk e-Verification Cases to Assessing Officers - Reg

Kindly refer to the CBDT's Notification No. 137/2021/F. No. 370142/57/ 2021TPL(Part-1) dated 13.12.2021 notifying the e-Verification Scheme, 2021.

- 2. Vide aforementioned Notification, the Central Government has notified the eVerification Scheme, 2021 in accordance with the provisions of Section 135A of the Incometax Act, 1961. Accordingly, High Risk Cases related to Assessment Year 2021-22 have been verified by the Prescribed Authority under the scheme and submitted a Preliminary Verification Report (PVR) estimating the Income Escapement. As per Clause 4(9) of the e-Verification Scheme-2021, CIT (e-Verification) has matched the Preliminary Verification Report with the latest Income Tax Return to prepare the Final Verification Report (FVR) wherein Value at Risk (VaR) has been arrived at.
- 3. Based on Value at Risk, certain High-Risk Cases have been identified and shared with the Assessing Officers for further action under the Act. In cases where scrutiny is not pending, the Assessing Officer may utilise the information under clause (iv) of Explanation 1 of section 148.
- 4. In view of the clause (d) to the Proviso of the Section 148A of the Act, the Assessing Officer is not required to issue Notice under section 148A of the Act in these cases. The Assessing Officer may proceed to get the approval of the Specified Authority for issuing notice u/s148 in such cases as per 1<sup>st</sup> proviso to Sec 148 of the Income-tax Act, 1961.
- 5. All proceedings carried out by the Prescribed Authorities and documents submitted by the taxpayer during the e-Verification procedure have been made available to the Assessing Officer who may view the same under e-Verification module in Insight portal. The user may navigate the path <u>Insight Portal >> Verification Module >> e-Verification (Taxpayer) >> eVerification Scheme 2021(FY 2020-21)>> Verified>> Count</u>

- 6. Value at Risk shown in the FVR is an estimated value arrived during verification under the e-Verification Scheme, 2021 formulated by the Central Government in accordance with the provisions of Section 135A of the Income-tax Act, 1961. During the course of assessment, the AO is advised to draw his own conclusion based on the material gathered in the course of eVerification Procedure.
- 7. In view of the above, the respective Assessing Officers are advised to invoke provisions of section 147 of the Act and issue Notice u/s148 of the Act accordingly in such e-Verification cases. To initiate proceedings u/s 147 of the Act, the path is as under:-<u>Insight Portal >> Verification Module >> e-Verification (Taxpayer) >> High Risk e-Verification Scheme>> Under Verification>>count.</u>
- 8. Quick Reference Guide for 'High Risk e-Verification Scheme' Cases is available on Insight Portal for the assistance of the Users.
- 9. It is to be noted that there are certain High-Risk Cases which are currently under scrutiny and therefore need not be reopened. In such cases, the Assessing Officer may utilise this additional information in conducting assessment. (Refer Insight Portal -> Taxpayer Profile View -> Annual Summary (TAS) -> e-Verification-FVR to access additional information). Further, all proceedings carried out by the Prescribed Authorities and documents submitted by the taxpayer during the e-Verification procedure have been made available in e-Verification module in Insight portal. The user may navigate the path <u>Insight Portal >> Verification Module >> e-Verification (Taxpayer) >> eVerification Scheme 2021 (FY 2020-21)>> Verified>> Count</u>

This issues with the prior approvable of the DGIT(Systems), New Delhi

Yours faithfully

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# Quick Reference Guide for 'High Risk e-Verification Scheme' Cases (March - 25)

### 1. Overview

Under e-Verification scheme, 2021, high risk cases were identified and allocated to I&CI unit for verification for the Financial Year 2020-21. After I&CI verification on these cases, some cases have been identified by CIT, (Systems) (e-Verification) for proceeding u/s 147 of the Act. These cases have been assigned to assessing officer for initiation of proceeding u/s 148 on Insight portal and proceed further at ITBA portal. It may be noted that, for issuance of notice under section 148 of the Act, there is no requirement to process the case u/s 148A of the Act or any order under clause (d) of section 148A.

# 2. Steps to access 'High Risk - e-Verification Scheme' Cases on Insight Portal

- **Step 1:** Login to Insight Portal (<a href="https://insight.gov.in">https://insight.gov.in</a>) and click on *Verification* module from the left-hand menu.
- Step 2: Click on the e-Verification tab available under Taxpayer.
- **Step 3:** Summary of cases assigned will be displayed Financial Year wise.
- **Step 4:** Click on *Count* displayed against 'High Risk e-Verification scheme' case status to navigate to list of cases.
- **Step 5:** List of 'High-Risk e-Verification scheme' cases will be displayed.
- **Step 6:** Click on *View Details* hyperlink to navigate to **Case Details** Screen.
- Step 7: On the 'Case Details' screen, a list of 'Verification issues' flagged in the case will be displayed.
- **Step 8:** On 'Case Details' screen, click on *Select Activity* option to perform the activities. Following case activities will be visible:
  - 1. Enter Comments. 2. Initiate Proceedings u/s 148/148A
- **Step 9:** Click on 'Initiate Proceedings u/s 148/ 148A' to initiate the proceedings u/s 148 of the Act.
- Note Relevant e-Verification cases verified by the I&CI officer can also be accessed to view the verification issues, third party information, issued notices & taxpayer's responses, preliminary verification report submitted by I&CI officer. The path to access these cases are as follows:
  - Insight Portal >> 'Verification' Module >> e-Verification (Taxpayer) >> 'e-Verification Scheme 2021 (F.Y. 2020-21)' case type >> 'Verified' Column >> click on 'Count' >> click 'View Details' on 'Case List' screen to access case details.

The details will be displayed as follows:

- Case Details screen To view Verification issues. View third party Information by clicking 'View' provided for each issue. Under Issue details screen, click on View hyperlink provided for Related Information to view the information details available for the relevant Verification issue in Annual information statement (AIS).
- e-Proceedings tab To view Issued notices, taxpayer's responses.
- e-Communication tab To view the email and SMS details sent for notice/ letter notification.

• Activities tab - To view all the activities performed by officer in that case including Preliminary Verification Report (PVR). To view the PVR details, click on activity ID on subsequent screens.

## 3. Annexure A – Screens

# 3.1 Accessing Insight Portal by the Verifying Officer

The first-time users to Insight Portal shall log into ITBA and then change the password. After changing the password in ITBA, users can log into the Insight Portal using the username (same as in ITBA) and new password. In exceptional cases, password can also be changed in Insight Portal.

- **Step 1:** Go to Insight Portal at <a href="https://insight.gov.in.">https://insight.gov.in.</a>
- **Step 2:** Use the username (same as in ITBA) and password to log in.



Figure 1: Log into Insight Portal

- **Step 3:** Enter the One Time Password received on your email ID/ mobile number.
- **Step 4:** If the user is mapped to multiple position descriptions, then a screen will be shown. Select the relevant position description with which to login.

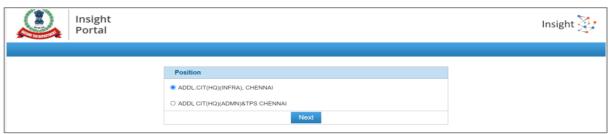


Figure 2: Select Position

Step 5: On successful login, user will land on Insight Portal Homepage.

# 3.2 Accessing High-Risk e-Verification Scheme Cases on Insight Portal

After successful login, the user needs to select Verification module from menu displayed at left side and then navigate to Taxpayer >> e-Verification.

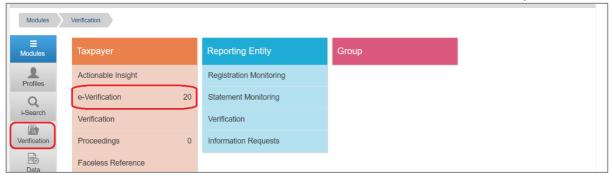


Figure 3 Navigate to Taxpayer >> e-Verification under Verification Module

#### 3.2.1 Case Summary

On next screen (Summary Screen), user can apply filter of *Case Type* and *Financial Year* to view the summary of cases assigned to him for the selected case type. The user can also filter the case summary by jurisdiction and can navigate to the other jurisdictions available under him. Upon selecting a jurisdiction from the dropdown, the counts will be refreshed as per the selection. Also, user can view the counts for *Self* or *Cumulative* (i.e., consolidated count of self and for the jurisdictions under him).

User needs to click on *Count* displayed against 'High Risk - e-Verification Scheme' cases to navigate to list of cases assigned.

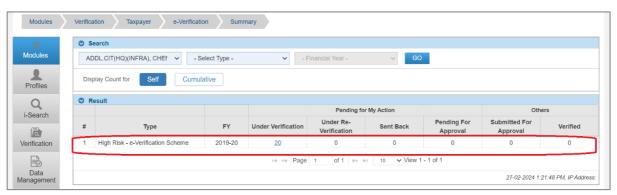


Figure 4 Case Summary

#### 3.2.2 Case List

Upon clicking on the count for a status from summary screen, the list of cases corresponding to that status is displayed on the screen.

The user can perform following actions on the case list screen:

- Filter the list of cases as per the available filter criteria, such as Case type, Verification Issue, Financial Year, Verification Status, Last activity, PAN, Case ID etc.
- Navigate to Case Detail screen by clicking on "View Details" hyperlink.
- Navigate to the taxpayer's profile by clicking on the 'PAN' hyperlink.
- Initiate bulk activities (i.e., Reassign Case).

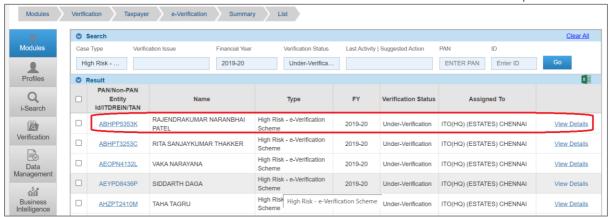


Figure 5 Case List

#### The verification status shown 'Under Verification' may be ignored.

#### Reassign Case Activity (Bulk)

The user can select multiple cases and assign them to other user(s) i.e. supervisor or sub-ordinates in hierarchy.

#### 3.2.3 Case Details

Upon clicking on 'View Details' hyperlink in case list screen, the case detail page will appear. The case detail page displays the details of the case and the list of activities which can be initiated on the case level. This page also lists down the verification issues associated with the selected case.

The user can perform the following actions on case details screen:

- Navigate to the taxpayer profile view by clicking on 'PAN' hyperlink from 'e-Verification Details' section.
- Access case tabs (e.g., Activities, Documents etc.)
- Initiate case activities.

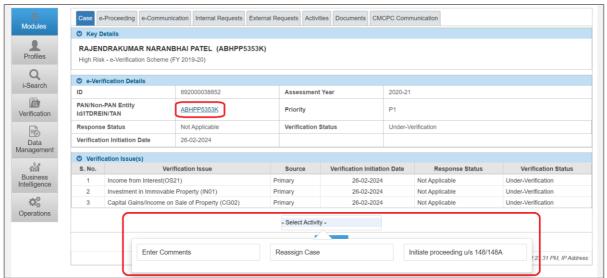


Figure 6 Case Details

The Assessing officer will be able to view the verification value and the Income escapement amount quantified by the Prescribed Authorities in the Preliminary Verification Report which is available on the portal <u>refer section 3.2.8 Viewing PVR submitted by prescribed authority</u>. Other information under the tab e.g. 'source', 'verification status' may be ignored.

#### 3.2.6 Case Activity - Initiate Proceedings u/s 148

The dropdown provides the user with generic technical functionality to initiate proceedings for 'High-Risk - e-Verification Scheme' cases related to issuance of notice u/s 148 of the Income Tax Act,1961. The user may use this functionality for initiating proceedings related to issuance of notice u/s 148.

The Subsequent proceedings/ activities can be performed on the ITBA portal in the usual manner.

**Step 1:** ITD user needs to click on 'Initiate Proceedings u/s 148/ 148A' from the Select Activity option available under the case detail screen. It may be noted that, for e-Verification cases, there is no requirement to initiate proceedings under section 148A of the Act.

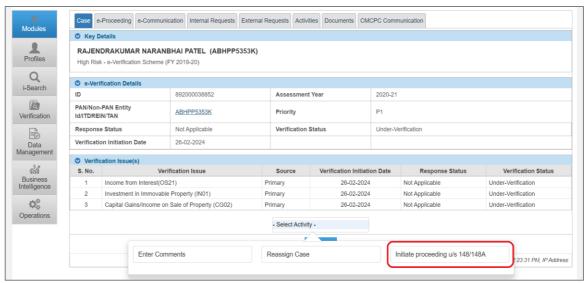


Figure 7 Select Activity Screen

**Step 2:** On the next screen, select/enter required details and click on Submit.

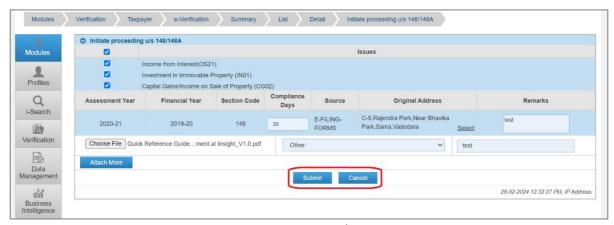


Figure 8 Initiate Proceeding Screen

#### Initiate proceeding u/s 148

- Select Issues
- Assessment Year (pre-filled based on the case A.Y.)
- Financial Year (pre-filled based on the case F.Y.)
- Section Code (pre-filled)
- Compliance Days
- Source (source of the address)
- Original Address
- Remarks (if any)

<u>Documents</u> – User can select document type, upload the document on the click of 'Choose File' and enter description (if any).

<u>Submit Button</u> – User can click on 'Submit' button to initiate proceedings to ITBA.

Cancel Button – User can click on 'Cancel' button if don't want to proceed further.



Figure 9 Success Message Screen

**Step 3:** User will be able to view the initiated activity and details of activity performed under "Activities Tab". Further proceedings shall be undertaken in ITBA functionality.

#### 3.2.4 Case Activity - Enter Comments

User can enter comments on any case. The comments added by the user will be visible to supervisors in hierarchy under "Activities" tab of the case where log of all activities done by the user in the case are visible.

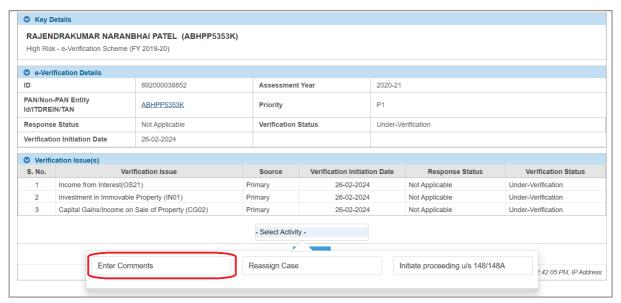


Figure 10 Case Activity – Enter Comments

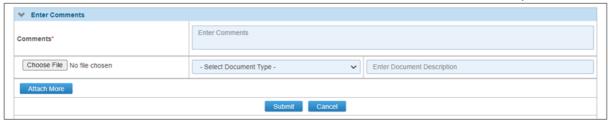


Figure 11 Enter Comments Screen

#### 3.2.7 Case Tab - Activities

Once initiated, an activity will be recorded under Activities tab. User can perform below action from this screen.

- View Activity General Details e.g., Activity status, initiation date etc.
- View Activity Specific Details e.g., Case details, Addressed To etc.

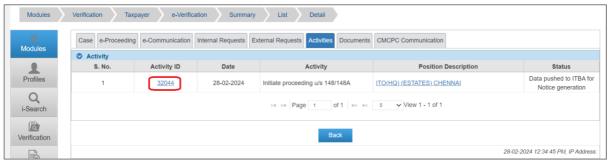


Figure 12 Activities Tab

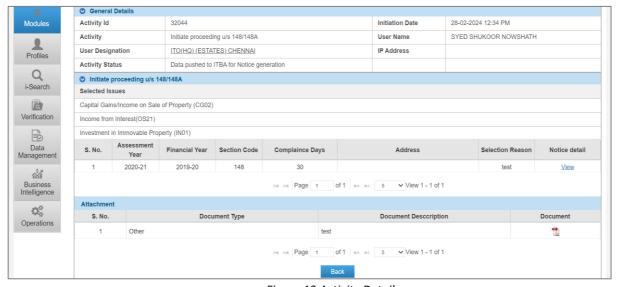


Figure 13 Activity Details

#### 3.2.8 Viewing PVR Submitted by Prescribed Authority

To access the Preliminary Verification Report (PVR) submitted by prescribed authority, follow below mentioned steps:

**Step 1:** Select Verification module from menu displayed at left side and then navigate to Taxpayer >> e-Verification.

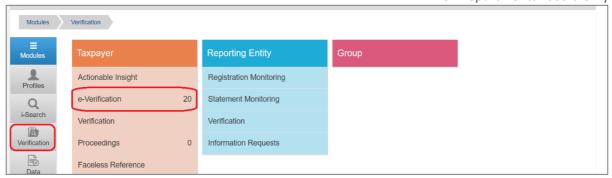


Figure 14 Accessing e-Verification tab

Step 2: Click on *Count* displayed in 'Verified' column against 'e-Verification scheme 2021 (F.Y. 2020-21)' case to navigate to list of cases.

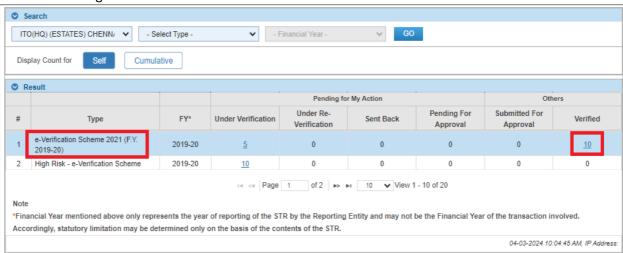


Figure 15 Accessing e-Verification Cases

Step 3: On next screen (case list screen), click on 'View Details'

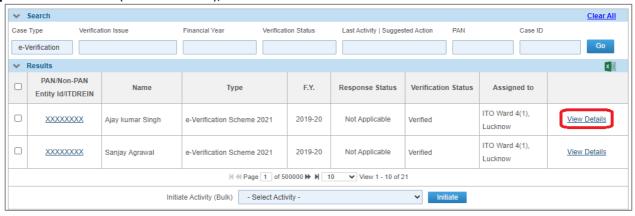


Figure 16 Case List

**Step 4:** On the next screen, access the activities tab and click on 'Activity Id' for Preliminary Verification Report.

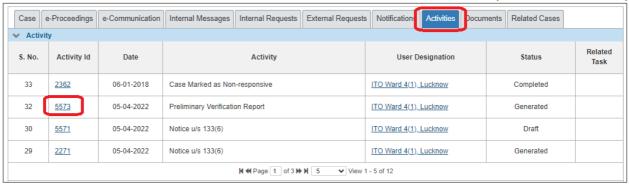


Figure 17 Activities

# Step 5: On activity details screen, click on 'Activity ID' to access the PVR details.

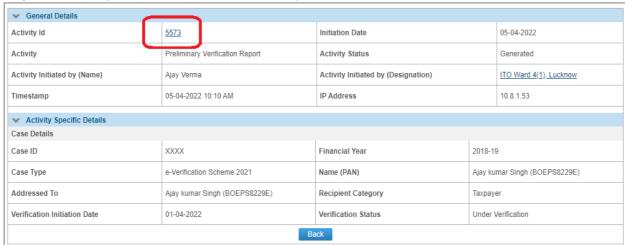


Figure 18 Activity Details

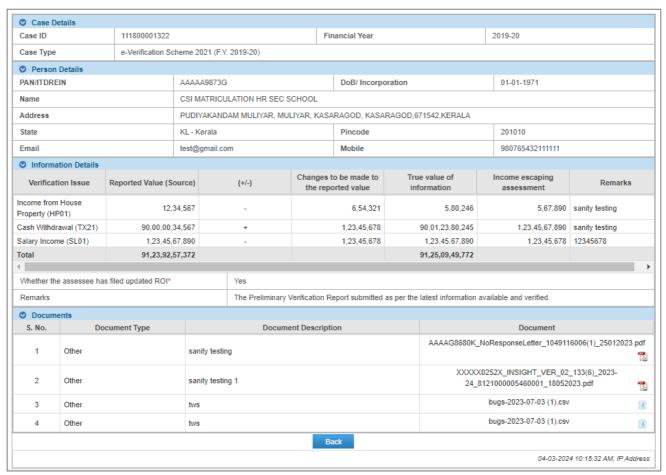


Figure 19 PVR Details



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#### CORRIGENDUM

Subject: Correction in Paragraph 4 of e-Verification Instruction No. 1

This corrigendum is issued in reference to the e-Verification Instruction No. 1 dated 11.03.2025. It is hereby informed that Paragraph 4 of the said instruction should be read as follows:

"4. In view of Section 148A(4) of the Act, the Assessing Officer is not required to issue Notice under Section 148A of the Act in these cases. The Assessing Officer may proceed to get the approval of the Specified Authority for issuing notice u/s148 in such cases as per the 2<sup>nd</sup> proviso to Sec 148(1) of the Income-tax Act, 1961."

All other contents of the original instruction remain unchanged.

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