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To
The Chairman,
Central Board of Direct Taxes,
New Delhi.

Sir,

Sub: Extension of last date of application for Digital Signature Certificate and online submission of APAR– matter reg.

Respected Sir,

Kindly refer to the above.

CBDT has mandated all the officers (ITO and above) to file online APAR for the Reporting Year 2016-17 from April, 2017 through HRMS using Digital Signature. For issuance of Digital Signature Certificate (DSC), M/S Sify Technologies Ltd. has been empanelled. The officers concerned have also been asked to submit their application for DSC by 15.04.2017. Later ITBA Helpdesk has messaged the last date as on 21.04.2017. At the same time, last date of APAR submission by the officers reported upon, as per DoPT Guidelines, is 30.04.2017, which has been reiterated in your D.O. Letter dated 17.03.2017.

Though many officers have already applied for DSC, many others, especially those who are presently posted in non-assessment charges, are yet to apply for DSC for so many issues like RSA Token activation, creation/activation of name based and designation based Departmental e-mail accounts, putting correct hierarchy in HRMS, correction of mismatch of basic information given in AADHAAR Card, PAN Card and Office Identity Card (if any) etc. are getting in the way of online application for DSC. Also, **many of the officers concerned are yet to be AADHAAR enrolled**. In NER region, especially in the states of Assam and Meghalaya, AADHAAR enrolment is very limited or rather restricted for administrative reasons. Hence, resolving the problems so arising out is mostly not in the hands of the affected officers and they have to depend on the respective agencies.

In view of the above, it is requested to kindly **extend the due date/ last date of filing application for DSC as well as submission of online APAR** suitably. The agencies and the technical officers involved may also kindly be asked to extend all possible help to the officers facing problem to complete the entire exercise in the earliest possible manner.

It may also be suggested that unlike e-filing or other commercial purposes, DSCs in our case are being issued for very restricted official purpose only to the Departmental officers, whose identity has never been under any question. So linking DSC with Office Identity Card and Employee No. should be sufficient. Considering the practical problems as cited above and for minimizing the complication for application, it is further requested that the **present system of linking DSC with AADHAAR or PAN may kindly be done away with**, thus restricting the linking only with Office Identity Card and Employee No.

This is for your kind consideration and necessary action.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,



(Bhaskar Bhattacharya)
Secretary General

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