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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,



(Bhaskar Bhattacharya)

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