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F.No. ITGOA/CHQ/JAO/2020-22/08

Dated: 25.09.2021

To

**The Chairman,  
Central Board of Direct Taxes,  
New Delhi -110001.**

*Respected Sir,*

**Sub:** Difficulties in completing Time Barring actions in connection with the Assessments / Re-assessments in FeAS Regime and Central Charges– Demand for further extension of limitation date- Regarding –

**Ref.:** Our letters F.No. ITGOA/CHQ/FAS/2020-22/03-07 Date: 19.02.2021 and letters even nos. 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2021, 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2021, 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2021, 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2021, 01<sup>st</sup> Sept. 2021 & 20<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2021

Kindly refer to the above.

2. We have been highlighting the need for the extension of the time barring date through our letters under reference. On 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2021, we had an Extended Secretariat Meeting of the CHQ(our central body) through webex, in which Office Bearers from all the regions of the country participated. In the said meeting, it was resolved to impress upon your good-self the urgent need for highlighting the undue work pressure on our member officers on account of the time-barring assessments. It has been also resolved to once again **demand for the extension of the time barring date from 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2021 for the pending assessments to at least upto 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2021.** In this connection, we submit the followings :-

A. First and foremost reason for extension is that time barring assessment cases have **continued to shuffle among NeFAC, JAOs and Central Charges on hourly basis, even till date**, although there is hardly any time left before the time-barring date to complete the assessment as per SOP. Further, **till yesterday, the cases have been assigned by passing orders u/s. 127 of the Act to the Central Charges, when hardly 4 working days are left for receiving the case records, issuing the notices u/s 153A/ 153C of the Act etc.**

B. Even today there is huge pendency, particularly in Central Charges and with some of the JAOs. **Due to work pressure, in some stations, the few officers have been hospitalised, which has created panic amongst others. It is worth highlighting here that Officers are being show-caused by Judiciary and the cost is being levied due to hurried completion of assessment.** Thus Officers are finding themselves caught between Devil and Deep Sea.

C. It has also been reported in our yesterday's meeting that **our member officers are not getting proper response/resolutions from the 'War Room'** created by your good office to deal with the ITBA system related issues, post the transition from existing e-Filing 1.0 system to the new e-Filing 2.0 system.

3. Owing to the unsensuous attitude of the cbdt on this issue, it has been further resolved yesterday that **from Monday i.e. 27<sup>th</sup> sept.,2021** our all members will wear **black badges** and will conduct **LUNCH HOUR MOBILIZATION** to bring all these in the knowledge of our members.

4. In view of the above, we once again inform your good-self that the officers working in the Department may not be able to complete the aforesaid time-barring processes on or before 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2021. Accordingly, we demand that the time barring date, for Assessments/Re-assessments, as per the Income Tax Act, **be further extended, at least, by another three months i.e. up to at least 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2021.** We, further demand that our members be assured that none of them would be held responsible if any proceeding gets time barred on account of failure of Departmental portals/software as well as non-extension of the time-barring date.

5. Further, with respect to our long pending demands are concerned, we are thankful that for the meeting being fixed on 05.10.2021. **Needless to mention that already substantial time has been spent on these issues and there is strong resentment among our members. Hope the meeting would yield some fruitful results.**

Looking forward to your benign indulgence.

Thanking You,

Yours Sincerely,



**(Ravi Shankar),  
Secretary General.**

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