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

Respected Sir,

Sub: Difficulties in completing Time barring actions in connection with issuing notices for re-opening assessments – Demand for further extension of limitation date- reg.

Ref. Our letter F.No. ITGOA/CHQ/FAS/2020-22/03 Date: 19.02.2021 and letters even no. Dated 23rd March, 2021, 27th March, 2021, 19th April, 2021 & 14th June, 2021 on the above subject.

Kindly refer to the above.

2. At the outset, we are thankful for favourably considering our request for extension of the pending time barring assessment/penalty proceedings from 30th Sept.,2021. However, the last date for initiation of time barring reassessment proceedings u/s 147 by way getting approval of the competent authority for issuance of notices u/s 148 of the I T Act, 1961 has not yet been extended beyond 30th June,2021.

3. In this connection, we would like to bring to your kind notice that the Officers are not able to download the ITRs of the assesses since 01st June, 2021 because the e-filing account is non-functional till date. Thereafter, the glitches in the system has hindered the initiation of time barring reassessment proceedings. Yesterday, after flagging this issue to your good-self, the system communicated to download the ITR through Insight portal. This was also not of much help to the Officers as App/Application named 'SECLORE' is required to be installed on Laptop/Desktop. This app is not pre-installed in the departmental Laptop and it works only on desktops having at least Windows 10. Thus, there is hardly any time for our member officers to

be conversant with its use. Further, the 'INSIGHT' portal is not only slow but not working smoothly.

4. In view of the above, we once again inform your good-self that the officers working in the department may not able to complete the aforesaid time-barring processes on or before 30th June, 2021. Accordingly, we demand that the time barring date for initiation of time barring reassessment proceedings under the Income-Tax Act be further extended, at least, by another three months i.e. up to 30th September, 2021. We, further demand that none of our member officer would be held responsible if any proceeding gets time barred on account of failure of Departmental portals/software, in case our demand to extend the said time barring date is not favourably considered.

5. It is, therefore, humbly requested to your good-self that necessary steps may be taken to further extend the last date for completion of the aforesaid proceedings under the Act, which are getting time-barred on 30th June 2021 to 30th September 2021.

Looking forward to your benign indulgence.

Thanking You

Yours Sincerely,

Brashar

(Ravi Shankar), Secretary General

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1. The Member (TPS), CBDT, North Block, New Delhi.