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To
The Director General of Income Tax (Investigation),
West Bengal, Sikkim & NER,
Kolkata.

Sir,

Sub: Last Minute dissemination of information - matter regarding

Kindly refer to earlier communications in this regard.

In spite of our repeated reminders to discontinue the practice of disseminating information at very last moment by the Investigation Wing, the assessing officers are still receiving hundreds of information, where initiation of action will get barred only after 3 more working days. This is not for the first time that the issue is being raised by us, as similar request has also been made by us in March, 2015 and March, 2016. However, the requests made so far appear to fall on deaf ears. Though some initiatives do exist on papers, the volume of last minute information dissemination has only been enhanced over the years.

We appreciate that Jt./Addl. DsIT/ ADsIT/DDsIT posted in the Investigation Wing have their hands full with assigned jobs including disposal of STRs. It has definitely been upto the senior officers to sensitize, guide (including help to prioritize) and monitor the officers below. The fact that there are no separate cadres for assessment wing and investigation wing and today's disseminators may be at the receiving end in the assessment wing during the next year hasn't been percolated well. We sincerely believe that before moving on to the next financial year, it is high time for the senior officers to introspect, considering the opportunity missed.

Due to retention of all promoted ACsIT of 2015-16 Batch and most of the promoted ACsIT in 2014-15 batch in the parent region, West Bengal region has very healthy strength in ACIT/DCIT cadre during the current financial year, quite an unprecedented turn of event since long. However we haven't observed any effective move to strengthen the Investigation wing to dispose of huge pendency of STRs and other information during notification of a good no. of new ACIT/ DCIT posts in June, 2016 or thereafter. Four newly promoted ACsIT, placed under your disposal, have been posted to Central Charges only to find no work and sitting arrangements for the rest of the year. A good number of officers were earlier additionally posted in the wing to assist post demonetization searches. In a similar manner, almost all ACsIT/DCsIT working in the field have been additionally posted in the Wing to handle PMGKY related workload. However these ACIT/ DCIT s were not utilized properly for the purpose they were deployed.

Sir, since you are at the helm of affairs, our expectations are high to completely rejig the Investigation wing with unit(s)/ mechanism dedicated to dispose of STRs and other information. We propose that long followed tradition of last minute wake up to time barring call and dissemination of information just to shrug off the responsibility should immediately be discontinued. We further propose that an internal action plan may kindly be drawn for the next financial year, wherein the first quarter

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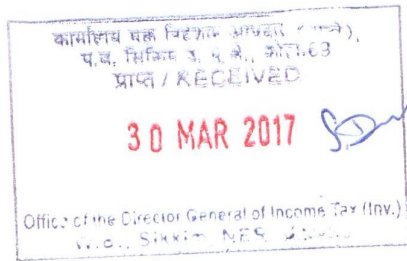
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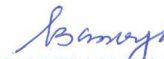
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should be dedicated to take stock of all STRs and information pending and identify as well as prioritize those in terms of limitation and revenue potential. A disposal time line may accordingly be drawn up in such a manner, so that any information, in which case, initiation of action is getting time barred, shall be disseminated latest by the end of February. Common experience shows that in many occasions, information details/ enquiry outcomes are mismatching or incomplete or inadequate to initiate action. It is further proposed that correctness and completeness of information may kindly be ensured before dissemination, so that it should supplement the action of the assessing officer.

Thanking You.



Yours faithfully,


(SAYANTAN BANERJEE)
GENERAL SECRETARY