

# CHAMBER OF TAX CONSULTANTS

E-ASSESSMENTS- PROCEDURES, REQUIREMENTS & WAY AHEAD

#### ERA OF DIGITISATION IN TAX DEPARTMENT IN INDIA

E-Filing of TDS Returns – 2006;

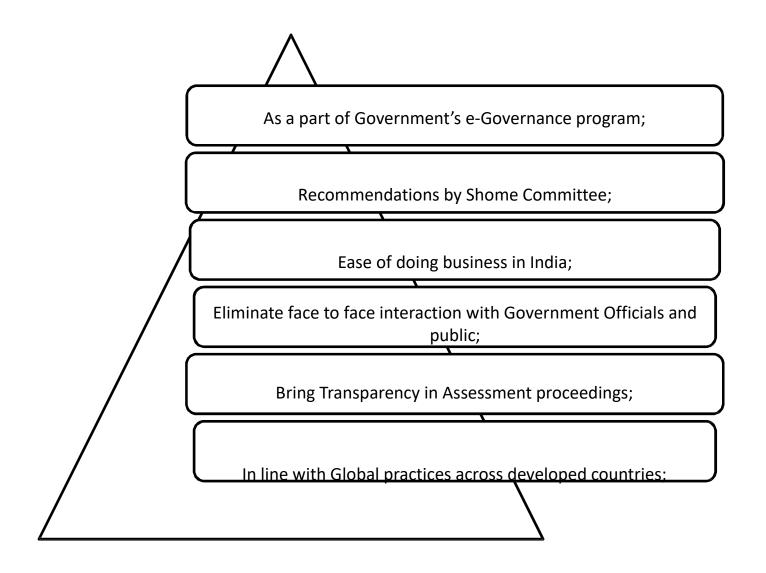
E-Filing of Income Tax Returns-Companies-2006; Changes in e-Filing of TDS Returns from yearly to quarterly -2007; Expanding the scope and era of efiling gradually over the years;

Launching of
EAssessments
in Metro
Pilot Project2016

E-Assessments coverage expanded-2018 CA Avinash Rawani



## REASONS FOR MOVING TO E- ASSESSMENTS



#### Scheme of e-Assessments

Announced of such scheme in his budget speech on February 1, 2018;

Computer assisted/mediated assessment and computer-based assessment;

eliminate personto-person contact in the Tax Department for greater transparency in assessment procedures;

Deputation of two officials for one assessment case will aid in increased level of monitoring



#### e-Assessments



- Expansion in future to other cities is also in line. In the pilot project launched in 2016, 60,000 limited scrutiny cases and a few full scrutiny cases have been successfully conducted.
- e-communication is expected to be voluntary and taxpayers can opt whether to conduct their dealings over e-system or through the existing procedure of manual submission of documents at the tax office
- functionality to conduct the e-proceedings would be available for all types of notices, questionnaires and letters issued under various sections of the I-T Act

#### **Provisions**



- Section 2(23) of the Income Tax Act, 1961, amended the definition of "hearing" effective 1.6.2016 and now includes communication of data and documents through electronic mode.
- Board had issued a revised format of notice(s) under section 143(2) of the Act.
- · Para 3 of these notice(s) provided that assessment proceedings in cases selected for scrutiny would be conducted electronically in 'E-Proceeding' facility through assessee's account in E-filing website of Income-tax Department.

- Procedure outlined in revised 143(2) notice(s) for conduct of assessment proceedings electronically;
- Except for search related assessments, proceedings in other pending scrutiny assessment cases shall be conducted only through the 'E-Proceeding' functionality in ITBA / filing.
- Cases where the concerned assessee objects to conduct of assessment proceedings electronically through the 'E-Proceeding' facility, such cases, for the time-being, may be kept on hold.



#### **Necessary Modifications**

- Upgradation of VSAT Connectivity to facilitate e-assesments
- In accordance with target stipulated in Central Action Plan for financial year 2017-18, may undertake and complete only ten percent scrutiny cases (which are getting barred by limitation on 31.12.2018)





#### Procedure- 1st Stage



- · Enquiry before assessment in electronic mode
- notice shall be issued electronically and delivered upon the assessee in his 'E-Filing' account;
- response electronically in compliance with notice under section 142(I)(ii) of the Act, the concerned assessee shall verify it in the manner prescribed under Rule 14 of Income-tax Rules, 1962

### Procedure- 2<sup>nd</sup> Stage

- · Use of digital signature by Assessing Officer:
  - · All departmental /notices debs/logmriss aix ditions the assessee through the 'e-Proceeding' facility are to be signed digitally by the Assessing Officer
  - Time for compliance: Online submissions may be filed till the office hours on the date stipulated for compliance

## Procedure-Submissions



- · Availability of facility for electronic submission of documents in time barring situation or where case has been finally heard by the Assessing Officer:
  - The facility for electronic submission of documents through 'E- Proceeding' shall be automatically closed seven days before the time barring date.
  - In other situations, upon completion of proceedings, before passing the final order, concerned Assessing Officer, on his volition, shall close the e-submission facility after mentioning in electronic order sheet that 'hearing has been concluded'.
  - However, if required, in exceptional circumstances, the concerned Alexets sing a lOffice the rimation at the thought the sale of the submissions ITBA

### Procedure- Filings

- · In assessment proceedings being carried out through the 'E- Proceeding' facility, a particular proceeding may take place manually in following situation(s):
  - · where manual books of accounts or original documents have to be examined;
  - where Assessing Officer invokes provisions of section 131 of the Act or a notice is issued for carrying out third party enquiries/investigations;
  - · where examination of witness is required to be made by the concerned assessee or the Department;
  - where a show-cause notice contemplating any adverse view is issued by the Assessing Officer and assessee requests for persimple explain the matter.

- · Assessments to be framed under Section 153A/153C/147 and 144 of the Act;
- · Set Aside Assessments
- · Assessments of Non PAN Cases
- · Assessees who do not have e-filing account;
- · Cases where requisite bandwith is not available;
- Earlier substantial hearings have been completed in physical mode;
- Exceptional cases where jurisdiction PCIT/CIT directs for issues being complicated based on circumstances beyond the control for administrative purposes

## Maintenance of Records Electronically

- · Maintenance of 'Record' in context of 'E-Pr**abe**eding
- In cases being assessed through 'E-Proceeding', from now on, as far as possible, case-records as well as note sheet of proceedings shall be maintained electronically.

### Step -1: Login

Logon the **'efiling'** Portal www.inco metax in dia e fil in g. go v. in

The user has an option to opt-for/opt-out of e-Proceeding at any time.

By default, 'Opt for e-Proceedings' is selected as Yes.

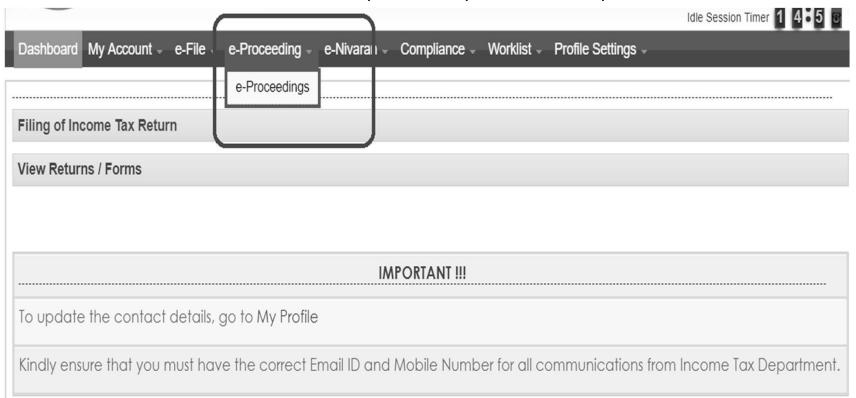
To opt-out e-Proceeding, click ⇒ Click

'Change' ⇒ Confirm

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### Step-2: e-Proceedings

Go to the 'e-Proceeding' menu located at upper-middle side of the page  $\Rightarrow$  Click 'e-Proceedings'  $\Rightarrow$  Click Proceeding Name link under 'Proceeding Name' tab  $\Rightarrow$  All notices/intimation/letters available for that particular proceeding will be listed. Click on Reference Id link available for each notice /intimation/letters to view /download the details.



### Step-2: e-Proceedings

If status of the response reflects as 'Open', then the users can submit the response until 6 PM (IST), 7 days prior to the proceeding limitation date.

If status of the response reflects as 'Re-enabled by AO', then the users can submit the response until 6 PM (IST) of the proceeding limitation date.

If status of the response reflects as 'Closed' or 'Closed by AO', then the user is not allowed to submit the response.

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Assessment Year	Proceeding Name	Opt for	e-Proceeding	Proceeding Status	Proceeding Limitation Date	Actio
2017-18	Assessment Proceeding u/s 143(3)	YES		Open	31/12/2019	-
2016-17	Assessment Proceeding u/s 143(3)	YES		Open	31/12/2018	-
2014-15	Grievance Application	YES	Change	Closed Closure Order		-1
2013-14	Grievance Application	YES	Change	Closed Closure Order		-
2013-14	Grievance Application	YES	Change	Closed Closure Order		-

### Step-3: e-Proceedings

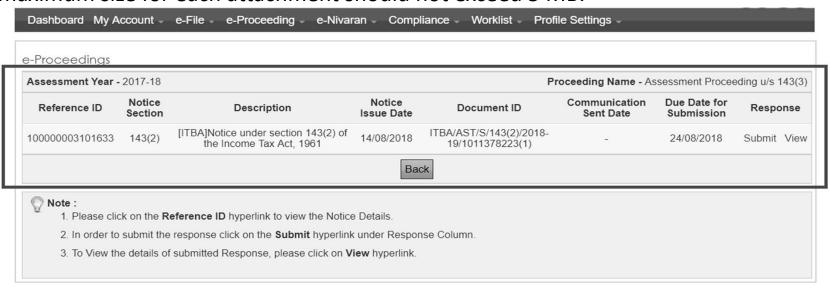
Click Submit provided at 'Response' column against the appropriate notice ⇒ Click 'continue'

#### Note:

Maximum characters allowed in remarks field is 1000 characters.

The file name of the attachment should not exceed 100 characters and the file name should not be repeated.

Maximum of 10 attachments allowed for one particular notice/intimation/order and maximum size for each attachment should not exceed 5 MB.



#### **Essentials of Submissions**

Covering Letter for Submissions

- · Matters to be included
- Judgements

Attachments for submissions

- Evidences in support of claim
- Proofs

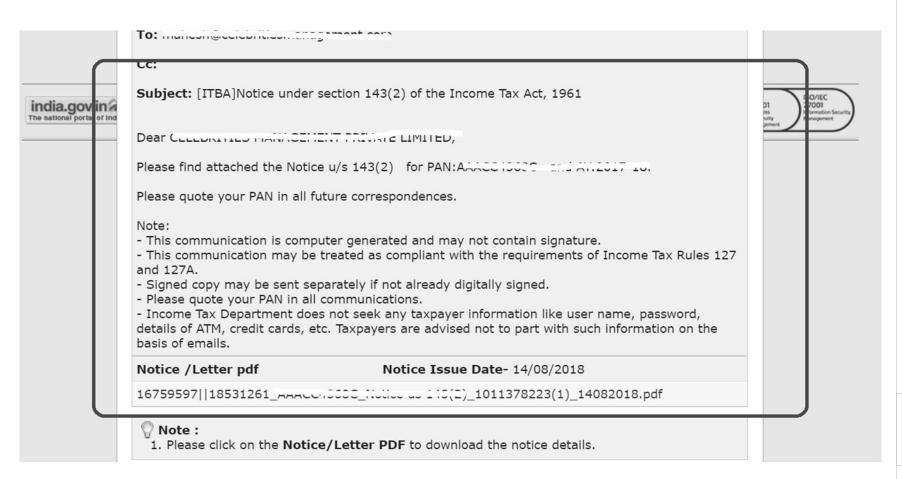
Scanning of documents

- Resolution
- Visibility



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## Step- 4— Communication from Department



## Step-5: Noticing the reasons for selection



आयकर अधिनियम, 1961 की धारा 143(2) के अधीन नोटिस

Notice under section 143(2) of the Income-tax Act, 1961

सीमित संवीक्षा (कंप्यूटर आधारित संवीक्षा चयन)

Limited Scrutiny (Computer Aided Scrutiny Selection)

महोदय/महोदया/ मेसर्स,

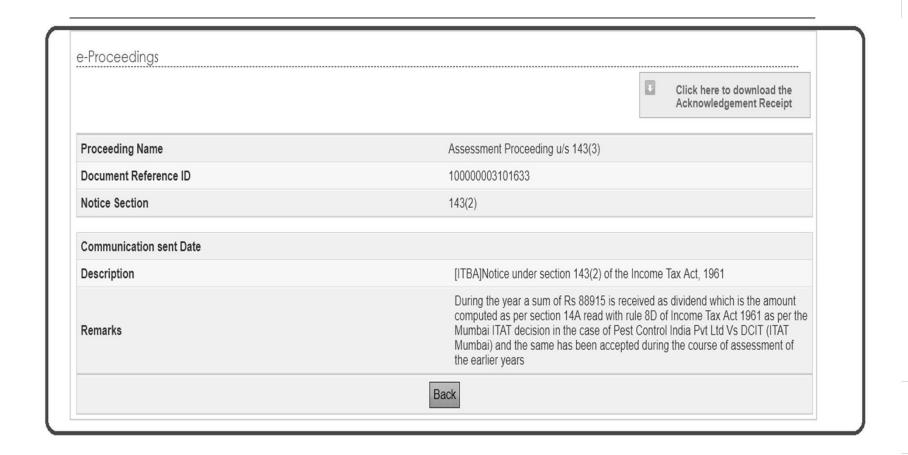
Sir/ Madam/ M/s.

आपको सूचित किया जाता है कि निर्धारण वर्ष 2017-18 के पावती संख्या 200574291050917 के अनुसार आपके द्वारा दिनांक 05/09/2017 को दाखिल की गई आयकर विवरणी को सीमित संवीक्षा के लिए चुना गया है और निम्नलिखित कारणों / मुद्दों को जांच हेतु अभिचिन्हित किया गया है:

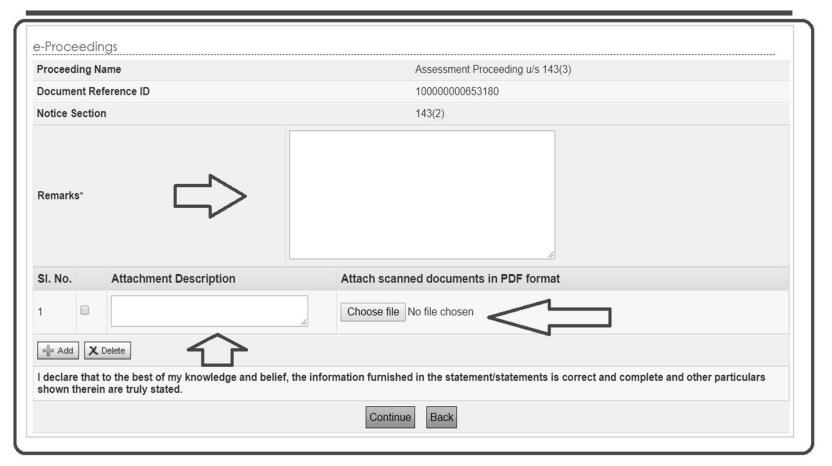
This is for your kind information that the return of income filed by you for assessment year 2017-18 vide ack. no. 200574291050917 on 05/09/2017 has been selected for Limited Scrutiny and following issue(s) have been identified for examination:

- i. Expenses incurred for earning exempt income
- 2. इस संबंध में, आपको दिनोंक 24/08/2018 को 11:45 AM तक साक्ष्य प्रस्तुत करने अथवा साक्ष्य प्रस्तुत कराने का अवसर प्रदान किया जा रहा है जिस पर आप उक्त आयकर विवरणी के समर्थन में निर्भर हैं/रहेंगे।
- 2. In this regard, an opportunity is being given to you to produce or cause to produce any evidence on which you may like to rely in support of the said return of income by 24/08/2018 at 11:45 AM.
- 3. उपर्युक्त निर्दिष्ट प्रमाण / सूचना को आपको ऑनलाइन माध्यम से इलेक्ट्रॉनिक रूप मे incometaxindiaefiling.gov.in पर अपने ई-फाईलिंग खाता द्वारा प्रस्तुत किया जाना है। बाद की निर्धारण कार्यवाही भी आयकर विभाग की 'ई-कार्यवाही' सुविधा द्वारा की जायेगी। 'ई-कार्यवाही' पर एक संक्षिप्त नोट आपके संदर्भ के लिए संलग्न है।

## Step 6: Validation & Reason for selection



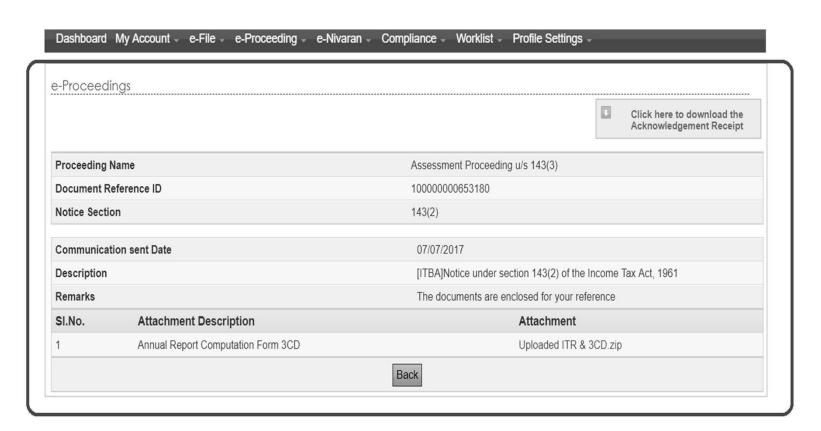
## Step-7: Replying to the reasons with supporting evidences



## Step-8 -Verification of submissions before final uploading

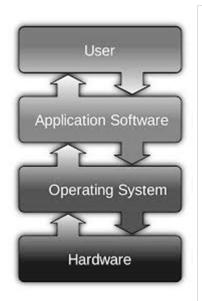
		Click here to download the Acknowledgement Receipt
Proceeding Name		Assessment Proceeding u/s 143(3)
Document R	eference ID	10000000653180
Notice Section	on	143(2)
Communicat	tion sent Date	07/07/2017
Description		[ITBA]Notice under section 143(2) of the Income Tax Act, 1961
Remarks		The documents are enclosed for your reference
SI.No.	Attachment Description	Attachment
1	Annual Report Computation Form 3CD	Uploaded ITR & 3CD.zip

- The submission can be e-Verified using DSC or EVC
- · To view the submitted response Click Here



#### Software Requirements

- Mozilla Firefox (version 22.0, 21.0,
- 20.0galend althoroughe (version 26.0.x, 27.0.x, 28.0.xand above)
- Internet Explorer (version 9.0, 10.0and above)
- · Safari (version 4.0, 5.0and above)
- OPERATING SYSTEM Windows XP with Service Pack
   3/Windows 7/Windows 8/ Latest Linux and Mac OS 10.10(OS X Yosemite)



#### Shortfalls

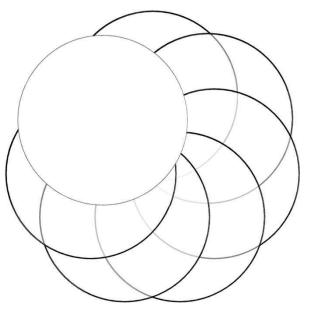


- Software and Hardware
- Willingness & Approach
- Internet connectivity and Website operations
- Deadlines & Due Dates
- · Approach
- · Other Issues



#### Another Cause of Concern

It's a Data
Centre of all
the
information
collected and
information is
cent percent
reliable;



CPC acts as a preserver of the Information.

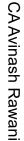
Data given by the Assessee shall be preserved for life time.

## Doubts & Querries

· Any Questions

· Thank You







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