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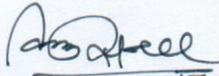
New Delhi, 17th May, 2016

All Pr.CCsIT / Pr. DGsIT

Sir / Madam,

**Sub: Non-compliance of the orders passed by the Central Information
Commission –reg.**

1. Kindly refer to the subject cited above.
2. It has been brought to the notice of the Board by Registrar, Central Information Commission, New Delhi that in certain cases orders passed by the CIC are not being complied with by the Income Tax Department. Reference has been made to some orders passed by CIC in this regard. The CIC have raised a concern that such non-compliance of orders passed the Commission by one public authority will only embolden others to act in a similar manner, which will damage the effectiveness and image of the Commission.
3. In view of the fact that the orders of CIC are binding under the RTI Act, 2005 unless stayed or reversed by higher courts, I am directed to convey that suitable instructions may be issued to all the concerned authorities / officers/ CPIOs to ensure that the orders passed by CIC in appeals and complaints under the RTI Act, 2005 are invariably complied with within the time fixed by the Commission, unless they are stayed or reversed by higher courts. Any deviation will be viewed adversely.
4. This issues with the approval of Chairman, CBDT


(Dr. B.K. Sinha)^{17.5.16}
CIT(C&S), CBDT

Copy to: All JSs and Commissioners posted in CBDT for ensuring similar compliance to the orders of the CIC by CPIOs functioning within their respective divisions.

(Dr. B.K. Sinha)
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