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To,
Hon'ble Shri Arun Jaitley,
Finance Minister,
Government of India,
New Delhi

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Sub: Request for formally involving AIFTP for analyzing and resolving issues under Goods & Service Tax Law and Income Tax Law for better introduction, implementation and compliance of Tax Laws in the country.

Hon'ble Sir,

'All India Federation of Tax Practitioners' established in 1976 is an Apex Body of Advocates, Chartered Accountants & Tax Practitioners consisting of more than 7,500 individual members spread over 26 states and 4 Union Territories who are practicing on Direct & Indirect Taxes. Most of the leading Senior Advocates, Advocates, Chartered Accountants and Tax Practitioners from different parts of our country as well as 135 leading Tax Professional's Associations/Tax Bar Associations from 18 States are Associate Members of this unique Federation.

AIFTP has an 'Indirect Tax (GST) Representation Committee' as well as 'Direct Tax Representation Committee' to monitor and suggest the right path for a well-designed and ideal Indirect & Direct Tax Regime as well as to educate the tax fraternity about the finer aspects of the Tax Law implemented in our country.

We at AIFTP think that 'Simplicity, Clarity and Transparency' are essential elements of a good system of collection of Indirect Tax.

The 'Indirect Tax (GST) Representation Committee' as well as 'Direct Tax Representation Committee' of AIFTP are constantly in touch with our members who are practically working at ground level all over the country and taking their feedback/problems pertaining to GST and Income Tax in our Committee Meetings as well as during deliberations in the National Tax Conference or Seminars or Residential Courses or Workshops which are being continuously being held in all corners of the country. Atleast five major Tax Conferences are annually organized by AIFTP which are being blessed by Hon'ble Chief Justice of India or Chief Justice of High Courts, Judges of the Supreme Court and High Courts as well as Senior Leaders in the field of tax and senior officials of the Government. On the basis of the discussions in the Conferences and Seminars as well as from the feedback of our members from all over the country our Federation is making representations to the Government, GST Council, CBDT & CBIC and other relevant authorities and forums for raising the problems alongwith their possible solution.

In the past AIFTP presented a Memorandum & appeared on 27th June 2012 at New Delhi before the 'Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance' constituted by Lok-Sabha for examining 'The Constitution 115 Amendment Bill 2011' as well as presented a Memorandum & appeared on 25th June 2015 at Mumbai before the 'Select Committee of Rajya Sabha' constituted for examining 'The Constitution 122 Amendment Bill 2014'. AIFTP had also actively deliberated various issues with Dr Parthasarathi Shome, Chairman, Tax

Administration Reform Commission (TARC) in October 2013 for better tax laws and its implementation for the good of the tax payers. AIFTP had made several suggestions for betterment of Income Tax laws. Thus, AIFTP is continuously striving for better tax laws and its compliance in the country

India expected a major boost in the socio-economic arena as a direct benefit of GST and thus, the country needs to attend a few pertinent issues immediately to fast-track the development process. India is an emerging business & economy, powered adequately by the political will of the present leadership which placed the new Indirect Tax Regime of 'Goods & Services Tax' (GST) as well as Direct Tax. There are expectations that the new regime is to accelerate the development process for improving the lives of billions of poor, on the contrary, it is continuously striving to attain the desired results for economic development as expected from an ideal GST.

AIFTP feels that the extremely pertinent requisites must be timely brought to the knowledge of Government as well as GST Council and Think-Tank which is very efficiently and dedicatedly developing and implementing Direct and Indirect Tax Law in the country, so that some suitable solution could be urgently introduced and implemented.

AIFTP since its inception in 1976 is working on the principle of '*Ethic, Education & Excellence*' and is always adopting the principle that every paisa of the tax due to the Government must go to its treasury, but no un-justified tax be demanded from the tax payer assessee.

We the members of AIFTP understand the need of revenue for running Social Development Schemes of our country having large population below the poverty line, we always encourages justified contribution to the revenue for the good of its citizens. The genuine business in the country should be flourished with proper adherence of Income Tax & GST law which needs a surveillance by implementing officers over the business transactions of the tax payers. Present laxity in many of the Income Tax & GST aspects may not be in the larger benefit for our economy as such laxity is creating some dip in the economy and also difficulty for the Revenue Authority to collect the legally due amount of revenue, which may lead un-reasonable litigation to the dis-advantage to the country.

AIFTP can efficiently serve the Government as a single window through its thousands of members practicing in Tax Law and through them lakhs and lakhs of assesseees throughout the length & breadth of the country.

We, request your honour to involve 'All India Federation of Tax Practitioners' the foremost Federation of its kind in the country, with an aim to develop & frame tax laws, justified analysis of the already implemented law and the procedures as well as to resolve the intricate issues faced during practice of tax law in the larger interest of the revenue and proper implementation of the Direct and Indirect Tax Law so that there is better compliance of Tax Laws. We would be obliged if you could provide us an opportunity for personal audience.

Hoping for a very favourable and early action.

With highest regards,

Yours faithfully,

For All India Federation of Tax Practitioners

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