## Government of India Ministry of Finance Department of Revenue Central Board of Direct Taxes

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## **Press Release**

Subject: Commencement of Electronic Verification of Income Tax Returns for AY 2015-16-reg-.

To facilitate the taxpayers and to provide end-to-end e-enabled services, the Income Tax Return for A.Y. 2015-16 can now be verified electronically.

A taxpayer may verify his return through Internet Banking or through Aadhar based authentication process. Persons using this facility will not be required to submit a signed paper copy of ITR-Verification form (ITR-V) to CPC Bengaluru.

For the convenience of small taxpayers having total income of Rs. 5 lakhs or below without any claim of refund, facility for generating Electronic Verification Code (EVC) has also been provided on the E-filing website of the Department. In such cases EVC will be sent to the Registered Email ID and Mobile Number of person to enable him to thereafter use this code to verify the return.

In case a taxpayer is unable to electronically verify the ITR using the EVC for any reason, then, the signed copy of ITR-V may be sent within the specified time of 120 days to CPC Bengaluru by Ordinary post or Speed post.

Details regarding e-verification are available in Notification 2/2015 in issued on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2015 at <a href="http://incometaxindia.gov.in/news/evc">http://incometaxindia.gov.in/news/evc</a> notification-13-07-2015.pdf.

Taxpayers are requested to use Electronic Verification facility in view of the convenience and flexibility offered. Taxpayers are also requested to e-file their returns early to avoid the rush closer to the last date.

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