Modernizing Income Tax Administration: Indian Experience

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Agenda

Background

E-Delivery of Services

Future Roadmap

Background

Approach of the Department

- Technological innovations provide new opportunities to
 - Support taxpayers to fulfill their legal obligations
 - non- compliance can be significantly reduced by providing quality taxpayer service and facilitation
 - Detect and penalize non-compliance
 - use of new data-driven and intelligence led technologies to address tax risks including evasion

Automation Strategy

- There are three pillars to the strategy for automation in Taxation
 - World Class Taxpayer Services through E-Governance Initiatives
 - Business Process Re-engineering of Internal Process within the Department
 - Leveraging data mining and Business Intelligence for compliance and enforcement

e-Delivery of Tax Services



- Filing of Income Tax Return
- Processing of IT eReturn

Filing of Income Tax Return e-Filing Portal

- ✓ Gateway for online taxpayer services
- ✓ 5.28 crore returns e-filed in FY 2016-17 (Increase of 22% Y-O-Y)
- ✓ 50+ forms available online
- ✓ 65.46 lakh forms e-filed in FY 16-17
- ✓ 2 National E-Governance Awards



BEFORE

Paper based, physical delivery

Filing of Return

AFTER

Anytime anywhere e-filing

~97%

Processing of IT Return- CPC (ITR) Bengaluru

2009

CPC
established by
ITD for
processing
income tax
returns

2012

CPC processes 1.57 Cr ITRs

2013

2.44 cr returns processed

2014

CPC sent 9.39 cr emails & 10.53 cr SMS

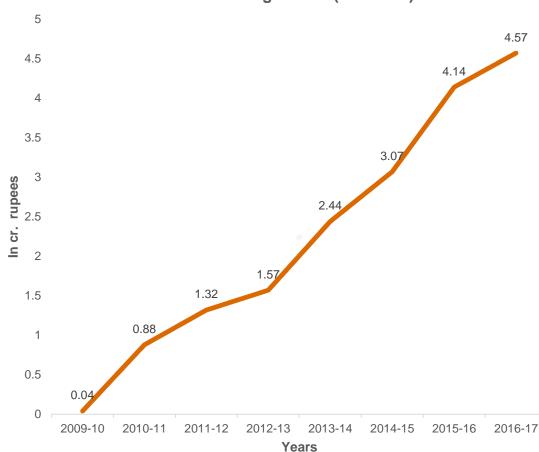
2016

Electronic
verification
introduced &
29% of returns
are verified
electronically

2017

4.57 Cr (90% of total returns) processed by CPC

YoY Growth of Processing in CPC (in Crores) FY wise





CPC: At a glance

Average processing time reduced from 12-14 months to 60 days

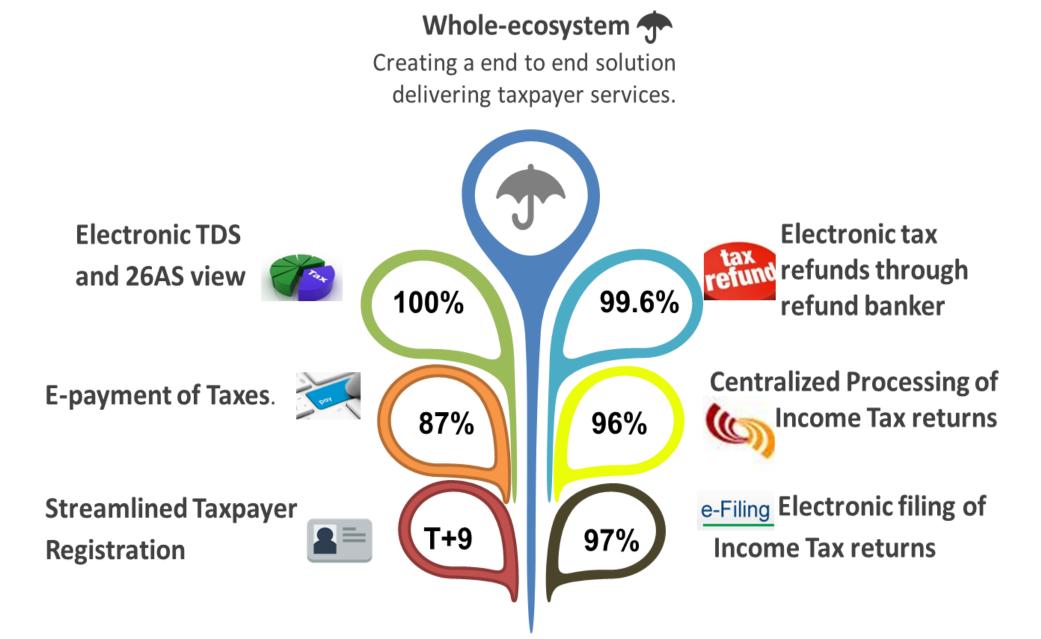
Peak processing capacity of 0.7 Million returns per day

Electronic issue of refunds

595.8 Million digitally signed PDF based intimations sent by **email** till date

90 agents attend 5000 calls daily in 3 languages

E-Governance Program - Achievements



E-Governance -Outcomes

- Increasing convenience for taxpayer ✓
- Lowering the cost of compliance ✓
- Reducing interface with Department ✓
- Increasing efficiency ✓
- Reducing turnaround time ✓
- Reducing errors or rework ✓

Project Insight

- Widen and Deepen the tax-base
- Effective utilisation of information
 - Exchange of Information
 - Handling non-PAN data
- Ensure compliance in an efficient and effective manner
- Use technology
 - to make life simpler for a law abiding citizen
 - for data mining to track tax evaders

Roadmap Ahead



Road Ahead

Promote voluntary compliance

- e-delivery of all remaining services
- Reduce taxpayer compliance costs

Transform ITD's approach towards verification and scrutiny

- Increase use of data analytics for risk assessment
- Computer based case allocation to officers
- Standard verification checklist for uniformity & transparency
- Verification of information in near real time

Digital Tax Administration

- 100% IT Enablement of internal processes (ITBA Project)
- End-to-end online system (e.g. Appeals)
- Effective e-monitoring

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