

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2004

TO BE ANSWERED ON FRIDAY, THE 29th DECEMBER 2017
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INCOME TAX PAYERS BASE

2004. SHRI PONGULETI SRINIVASA REDDY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the individual Income Tax payers base has suddenly decreased during 2014-15 and 2015-16 compared to financial year prior to 2014-15;
- (b) if so, the reasons for decreasing of individual Income Tax payers during the said period;
- (c) whether the percentage of individual Income Tax payers after demonetization is almost equivalent to tax payers base prior to 2014-15; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the details of individual Income Tax payers during each of the last six years?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE
(SHRI SHIV PRATAP SHUKLA)

- (a) No Madam. The number of individual income-tax payers for FY 2013-14 (Assessment Year 2014-15) was 5.39 crore which has increased to 5.79 crore for FY 2014-15 (AY 2015-16) and to 6.08 crore for FY 2015-16 (AY 2016-17) as on 30.09.2017. The return of income for FY 2015-16 (AY 2016-17) can be filed up to 31.03.2018 and so the number of individual taxpayers for this year will further increase.

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- (b) Does not arise in view of reply to para (a) above.
- (c) The percentage of individual income-tax payers in the total number of taxpayers was 94.6% for FY 2013-14 (AY 2014-15), which has increased to 94.8% for FY 2014-15 (AY 2015-16) and to 94.9% for FY 2015-16 (AY 2016-17). The taxpayer data for FY 2016-17 (AY 2017-18) is not currently available as tax returns are still being filed.
- (d) Details of individual taxpayers for last six years are as under:

Assessment Year	No. of Total Taxpayers	No. of Individual Taxpayers	%age of Individual Taxpayers in Total
2011-12	4.38 crore	4.11 crore	94.0%
2012-13	4.73 crore	4.46 crore	94.1%
2013-14	5.25 crore	4.96 crore	94.5%
2014-15	5.69 crore	5.39 crore	94.6%
2015-16	6.11 crore	5.79 crore	94.8%
2016-17*	6.41 crore	6.08 crore	94.9%

* Returns for AY 2016-17 can be filed up to 31.03.2018.
