

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF FINANCE  
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.159**

TO BE ANSWERED ON MONDAY, THE 22<sup>nd</sup> JULY, 2024  
ASHADHA 31, 1946 (SAKA)

**‘NUMBER OF TAX RETURNS FILED’**

159. SMT. POONAMBEN HEMATBHAI MAADAM:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been an increase in the number of tax returns filed during the last five years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has introduced any targeted campaigns or initiatives to encourage more people to file their Income-Tax returns;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has taken any steps to expedite the issuance of Income-tax returns; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE**  
**(SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDHARY)**

(a) Yes sir.

(b) The details of income tax returns filed during last five years are as under:

<b>F.Y.</b>	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
<b>Number of returns filed</b>	6,78,97,450	7,38,98,581	7,30,47,073	7,78,16,350	8,61,32,779

(c) & (d) The details of targeted campaigns or initiatives to encourage more people to file their Income-Tax returns are as under:

**Email and SMS campaigns:**

The Email and SMS campaigns are sent to all the eligible registered taxpayers on e-Filing portal for promoting early and timely e-Filing of Income-tax Returns. Currently, the total number of registered taxpayers on the e-Filing portal is 12,24,32,343. The e-campaigns are also targeted to stop-filers and non-filers.

The cases of Non-filers identified through Risk Management Strategy (RMS) are pushed to Compliance Portal to seek response from the taxpayer. This campaign is a part of the voluntary compliance management framework of the department for promoting voluntary compliance.

A number of awareness generation and outreach programmes are also conducted for this purpose.

(e) & (f) The Government does not issue Income-tax returns, hence, the question does not arise.

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