GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF FINANCE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1132 TO BE ANSWERED ON FRIDAY, THE 4TH DECEMBER ,2015 AGRAHAYANA 13, 1937 (SAKA)

TAX COLLECTION

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the Direct and Indirect taxes collected by the Government during each of the last three years and the current year along with the number of persons who file income tax returns in the country;

(b) the number of income tax payers in the income bracket of 1 crore and below it;

(c) whether there has been a surge in the income tax collection, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether the Government sets a target to expand tax payers base, if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this regard including proposal to award the income tax officials for their performance?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (JAYANT SINHA)

(a): The tax revenue collected by the Government through direct and indirect taxes during each of the last three years and the current financial year(upto October, 2015) is as under:

	(RS. IN Crore)
Nature of Taxes	
Direct Taxes	Indirect Taxes
558658	474482
638543	497061
695797	544157
344053	382860
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*Provisional

The number of Income Tax Returns filed upto 31-10-2015 in respect of each of the last three years (Assessment Years) and the current year are as under:

Assessment Year	No. of Returns
2012-13	3,26,68,660
2013-14	3,74,04,729
2014-15	3,67,30,319
2015-16	2,40,05,320

(b): The number of income tax payers upto 31.10.2015 in the income bracket of Rs. 1 crore and below in respect of each of the last three years and the current year are as under:

Assessment Year	No. of tax payers
2012-13	3,25,93,836
2013-14	3,73,20,880
2014-15	3,66,41,716
2015-16	2,39,20,065

(c): The total net direct tax collection in the current financial year i.e. upto 31st October, 2015 is Rs.344053 crore showing growth of 13.20% as compared to the collection made during the corresponding period of the previous financial year.

(d): The Government has set up a target of adding one crore new tax - payers during the financial year 2015-16. The said target has been further distributed among various filed units of the Income Tax Department. Following steps are being taken during the year to expand tax base and achieve the target:

- (i) Development and implementation of region specific strategies to identify and add new taxpayers.
- (ii) Effective collection of information about high value transactions
- (iii) Improving compliance to TDS/TCS Provisions
- (iv) Encouraging voluntary compliance through taxpayer education, camps, seminars etc.
- (v) Ensuring compliance from identified non-filers through Non-filers Monitoring System (NMS) .

There is at present no proposal for giving reward to officers for work done in the area of expansion of tax base.
