

# TRANSPARENT TAXATION – HONOURING THE HONEST

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**INCOME TAX DEPARTMENT**

**Faceless Compliance**

**PLATFORM FOR TRANSPARENT TAXATION**

**CCIT CENTRES**  
**OTHER OFFICES**

**TAXPAYERS' CHARTER**

**FACELESS ASSESSMENT**

**BENEFITS OF FACELESS ASSESSMENT**

- TRANSPARENCY AND EFFICIENCY
- FUNCTIONAL SPECIALISATION
- IMPROVEMENT IN QUALITY OF ASSESSMENT
- EXPEDITIOUS DISPOSAL OF CASES
- EASE OF COMPLIANCE FOR TAXPAYERS
- NO HUMAN INTERFACE

**"Major reforms aimed at Transparent Taxation for 'Honoring the Honest'"**

**PM Modi Launched**

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## Transparent Taxation- Honouring the Honest

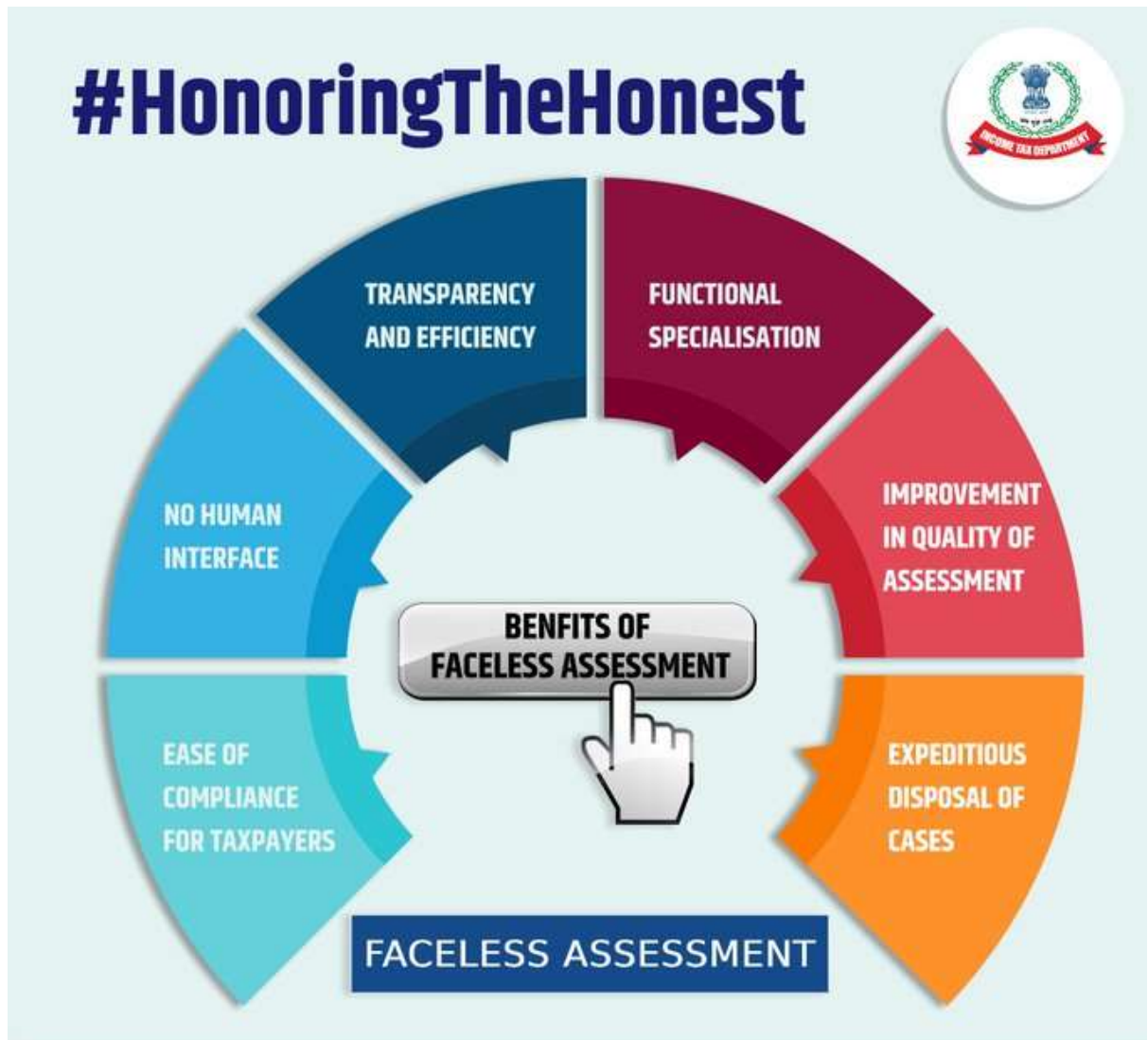
The Income Tax Department has taken up a series of reforms to make tax compliance easier for taxpayers.

### (a) Faceless Assessment: with effect from 13th

#### August 2020

- Selection only through system using data analytics and AI (Artificial Intelligence)
- Abolition of territorial jurisdiction (i.e. Assessee based on Ahmedabad may be scrutinised by Mumbai or Delhi Offices)
- Automated random allocation of cases.
- Central issuance of notices with Document Identification No.(DIN)
- No physical interface, No need to visit income tax office ***(It may help in reducing corruption)***
- Team based assessments and team based ***review (This will help in avoiding prejudices of a single officer in a particular matter and will be beneficial for assesses adopting transparent accounting system and proper documentation).***
- Draft assessment order in one city, review in another city and finalisation in third city.
- **Powers of “Survey of Assessee Premises” taken away from local assessing officers. Only Investigation Wing and TDS Wing of the Income Tax Department will have powers of Survey.**

**(b) Faceless Assessment Benefits**



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- **All the assessment orders are passed through the Faceless Assessment Scheme, 2019 shall be passed by National E - Assessment centre.**

## **(c) Faceless Assessment: Potential Practical Problem**

### **Areas**

- All documents in vernacular languages will have to be translated into English before uploading the same during the assessment.
- Assesse/Authorized representative will lose the chance to “personally explain” the complex tax issues.
- Drafting of Submissions need to be absolutely spot on, otherwise there may be large disallowances of expenses/additions to income and increase in litigations.
- Chartered Accountant/Income Tax Consultant Offices have to be upgraded for high speed scanning of documents and internet bandwidth.
- Practical Issues at Assessing Officer level in handling a lot of soft data without hard documents.

## **(d) Faceless Appeal : with effect from 25th**

### **September 2020**

- Appeals to be random allotted to any officer in the country.
- The identity of officers deciding appeal will remain unknown.
- Reply to notice electronically
- No need to visit officer/office.
- The appellate decision will be team based and reviewed.

## **(e) Faceless Assessment and Appeal - Exceptions**

- Serious frauds, Major Tax Evasion, Sensitive and search matters
- International Tax
- Black Money and Benami property