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Wednesday, 26 October 2016

Mr. Narendra Modi  
Hon'ble Prime Minister of India  
New Delhi

AND

Mr. Arun Jaitley  
Hon'ble Finance Minister  
New Delhi

Respected Mr. Narendrabhai Modi and Mr. Arun Jaitleyji,

Sub: Increasing Income Tax Payers – Tap Existing Base & Increase PAN Holders  
Ref: PMOPG/E/2016/0402049

Indians are a rich community. We are proud to be the fourth largest economy in the world. The irony is that only 35 million Indians filed their income tax returns last year, out of the 223 million PAN holders in the country. Less than 4% of registered voters actually pay income tax. I am not aware of how many of these 35 million people actually paid any tax at all. The point is that very few Indians, and mostly salaried Indians, pay taxes. There is a need for the government to increase the tax base numerically.

You have demonstrated how Swachh Bharat and latrines can become a symbol of national pride and self-respect. **It is necessary for you to start a similar program to make paying taxes a symbol of patriotism and Indianness.** We have seen how our citizens rallied behind your leadership when the Army announced Surgical Strikes. **Paying taxes must be linked to the same sentiment and as a continuum.**

Even more importantly, it was way back in 1990s that the government had initiated the one-by-six scheme to increase the number of tax payers. The scheme actually helped to bring many businessmen and companies into the tax net. **It is imperative for your government to start a similar scheme based on more current parameters and ensure that more people register for income tax.** It would be great, if this can be linked to Aadhar and thereby build appropriate linkages to spending and taxation.

The other important initiative I request from you is to look at getting people who have a **PAN to actually file returns and disclose incomes.** Surgical strikes, you have indicated should begin from this list of registered PAN holders. I am sure that sending notices asking for people to file returns may be a good idea to shake people from taxation slumber.

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We can't be a great country if we don't recognize and pay our dues to our motherland. Lip sympathy to patriotism must be backed with cheques.

## Summary - Action Requested

1. Launch campaign through Mann - ki - Baat and through advertisements to link paying taxes to nationalism - target to increase tax base by 25%
2. Launch new one - by - six kind of program with current parameters to increase PAN holders by 250%
3. Motivate and get existing PAN holders not filing returns to file returns

Yours sincerely



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