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**PRESS RELEASE**

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Information has been received from several quarters that emails are being received by taxpayers claiming to be sent by the Income Tax Department asking the taxpayers to download file containing payable tax details. Such phishing mails are being sent from email addresses like "incometaxindia.gov.india@gmail.com".

It is clarified that the Income Tax Department does not send any communication from private email addresses such as gmail, yahoo etc. Taxpayers are cautioned that they should not respond to such phishing mails and avoid downloading any attachment, which may contain virus or malicious software.

Taxpayers are advised to visit "Report Phishing" button on National Website of Income Tax Department i.e. [www.incometaxindia.gov.in](http://www.incometaxindia.gov.in) in case they receive such phishing mails.

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