

Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman  
Hon'ble Finance Minister  
Ministry of Finance  
New Delhi, India

**Subject:** Request for Extension of Income Tax Filing Deadline for Soldiers Posted in Counter-Insurgency Regions

Dear Ma'am,

I am writing to respectfully request the permanent extension of the income tax filing deadline by two months for soldiers posted in Counter-Insurgency (CI) regions based on feedback from soldiers. This policy change will bring lot of relief to soldiers. There are several compelling reasons for this request:

1. **Limited Internet Access:** In CI regions, reliable internet access is often unavailable. This severely hampers the ability of soldiers to file their income tax returns online, which is now the primary method of filing.
2. **Phone Restrictions:** Due to mandatory security protocols, soldiers are not permitted to keep personal mobile phones. This further restricts their ability to seek assistance or communicate with Chartered Accountants (CAs) and other financial advisors.
3. **Access to Chartered Accountants:** The unavailability of CAs in these remote areas presents another significant challenge. The only feasible way for soldiers to consult with CAs is through phone calls. However, due to poor connectivity and call quality issues, even this limited mode of communication is highly unreliable. We receive many calls daily, but the quality of these calls is often poor.

Given these challenges, a permanent extension of the tax filing deadline would greatly benefit our soldiers, ensuring they have adequate time to fulfill their tax obligations without undue stress or logistical difficulties. Such a measure would not only acknowledge the unique challenges faced by our soldiers in CI regions but also support them in their unwavering commitment to national security.

Thank you for considering this request. I am confident that your favorable response will greatly aid our soldiers in managing their financial responsibilities more effectively. I look forward to your positive consideration of this matter.

Yours sincerely,



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*About Us: udChalo is a National Startup Award winning organization, dedicated to simplifying the lives of soldiers. We are also ERI license holders and work closely with troops in remote areas to file their ITR.*