



Roll out of the new Annual Information Statement (AIS)

Income Tax Department on Monday (01.11.2021) has rolled out the new Annual Information Statement (AIS) on the Compliance Portal which provides a comprehensive view of information to a taxpayer with a facility to capture online feedback. The new AIS can be accessed by clicking on the link “Annual Information Statement (AIS)” under the “Services” tab on the new Income tax e-filing portal (<https://www.incometax.gov.in>). Expert says it might replace existing form 26AS. The display of Form 26AS on TRACES portal will also continue in parallel till the new AIS is validated and completely operational.

The new AIS includes additional information relating to interest, dividend, securities transactions, mutual fund transactions, foreign remittance information etc. The reported information has been processed to remove duplicate information. Taxpayer will be able to download AIS information in PDF, JSON, CSV formats.

In comparison to Form 26AS, AIS is a more comprehensive single reference document for taxpayers which can also be modified by the taxpayer if he believes the information reported is incorrect. If the taxpayer feels that the information is incorrect, relates to other person/year, duplicate etc., a facility has been provided to submit online feedback. Feedback can also be furnished by submitting multiple information in bulk. An AIS Utility has also been provided for taxpayers to view AIS and upload feedback in offline manner. The reported value and value after feedback will be shown separately in the AIS. In case the information is modified/denied, the information source may be contacted for confirmation.

A simplified Taxpayer Information Summary (TIS) has also been generated for each taxpayer which shows aggregated value for the taxpayer for ease of filing return. TIS shows the processed value (i.e.the value generated after deduplication of information based on pre-defined rules) and derived value (i.e.the value derived after considering the taxpayer feedback and processed value). If the taxpayer submits feedback on AIS, the derived information in TIS will be automatically updated in real time. The derived information in TIS will be used for pre-filing of Return (pre-filing will be enabled in a phased manner).

Taxpayers should remember that Annual Information Statement (AIS) includes information presently available with the Income Tax Department. There may be other transactions relating to the taxpayer which are not presently displayed in Annual Information Statement (AIS). Taxpayers should check all related information and report complete and accurate information in the Income Tax Return.

The taxpayers are requested to view the information shown in Annual Information Statement (AIS) and provide feedback if the information needs modification. The value shown in Taxpayer Information Summary (TIS) may be considered while filing the ITR. In case the ITR has already been filed and some information has not been included in the ITR, the return may be revised to reflect the correct information.



In case there is a variation between the TDS/TCS information or the details of tax paid as displayed in Form 26AS on TRACES portal and the TDS/TCS information or the information relating to tax payment as displayed in AIS on Compliance Portal, the taxpayer may rely on the information displayed on TRACES portal for the purpose of filing of ITR and for other tax compliance purposes.

Taxpayers may refer to the AIS documents (AIS Handbook, Presentation, User Guide and FAQs) provided in "Resources" section or connect with the helpdesk for any queries through "Help" section on the AIS Homepage.