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To

Shri Pranab Mukherjee,
Minister of Finance,
Government of India,
New Delhi 110 001.

Subject: Raising the limit of personal income tax for the Senior Citizens and removal of discrimination within the Senior Citizens category.

Sir,

We are waiting with great expectation for the next budget to be prepared and submitted by you in the Parliament. We are hopeful that you would do justice to the Senior Citizens not only by raising the personal exemption limit for payment of income tax, but *also remove a discriminatory provision that deprives a large section of the Senior Citizens to avail of even the benefit of existing personal exemption limit.* We, therefore, urge upon you to kindly consider the followings:-

- (1) Raising the limit of personal income tax for Senior Citizens:** Keeping in view the fact that most of the Senior Citizens are the pensioners whose income suddenly shrinks and who are depended mainly on the pension, **the limit of personal income tax be raised to Rs. 3.5 lakhs.**
- (2) Removal of discrimination within the Senior Citizen's Category:** Though the *Government recognizes everyone with 60 years of age as Senior Citizens* and even allows benefits like Railway reservation, participation in various schemes including Senior Citizens' Deposit Scheme in Post Offices and Banks etc, the *benefit of higher limit of personal income tax is allowed only on attaining 65 years of age.* **This discrimination in the matter of availing the benefit of higher limit of exemption for personal income tax within the Senior Citizens' Category on age line be removed by extending the benefit to all the Senior Citizens irrespective of their age.**

2. We look forward to you for favourable consideration of our above requests to mitigate the hardships of the Senior Citizens in general and the pensioners in particular.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



(S Basu)
General Secretary

Copy to:

Dr ManMohan Singh,
Prime Minister of India.

With earnest request to redress the above genuine grievances.