
ASSESSMENT PROCEDURE

QUESTION 1:

Shashank filed his return of income on 26th June, 2025 for the PY 2024-25 declaring an income of ₹ 1,90,000. Later on, he discovered that he forgot to claim an expense of ₹ 4,00,000. Hence, he filed a revised return on 18th November, 2025 declaring loss of ₹ 2,10,000. The Assessing officer opined that the loss claimed in the revised return cannot be carried forward as the revised return was filed after the due date specified in sec. 139(1). Is the contention of Assessing Officer correct? Discuss.

ANSWER 1:

Shashank filed his original return on 26th June, 2025 [Before the due date]. Later on, he filed a revised return on 18th November, 2025 declaring loss of ₹ 2,10,000.

As per sec. 80, a loss can be carried forward if the return of such loss is filed on time. In case of a revised return, the **date of original return** will decide whether the return was filed on time or not because a **revised return replaces the original return**. Since Shashank has filed the original return on time, the loss declared in the revised return **can be carried forward**.

Hence, the contention of Assessing officer is **not correct**.

QUESTION 2:

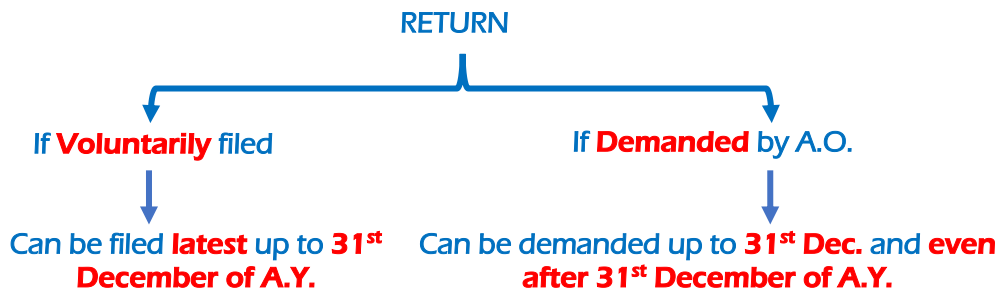
On 14th May, 2026, Rajesh received a notice u/s 142(1) requiring him to file the return for the PY 2024-25 up to 25th June, 2026. However, Rajesh is of the opinion that a return cannot be filed after 31st December of the A.Y.

Is Rajesh correct?

Advise him as to what course of action he should adopt on receipt of notice u/s 142(1) and the consequences of not complying with this notice.

ANSWER 2:

If a return is **voluntarily** filed then it can be filed **latest up to 31st December of A.Y.** or before completion of asst. [whichever is earlier]. However, if the return is **demanded by A.O.** then it can be demanded **even after 31st December of A.Y.** by sending notice **u/s 142(1)**.



In this question, since the return is demanded by A.O., it can be filed even after **31st December** of A.Y. Hence, the opinion of **Rajesh is not correct**. Accordingly, Rajesh is **advised to file the return** up to 25th June, 2026 in response to notice u/s 142(1).

Failure to comply with notice u/s 142(1) shall attract **penalty of ₹ 10,000 u/s 272A** and it shall lead to **Best Judgment Assessment** by A.O.

QUESTION 3:

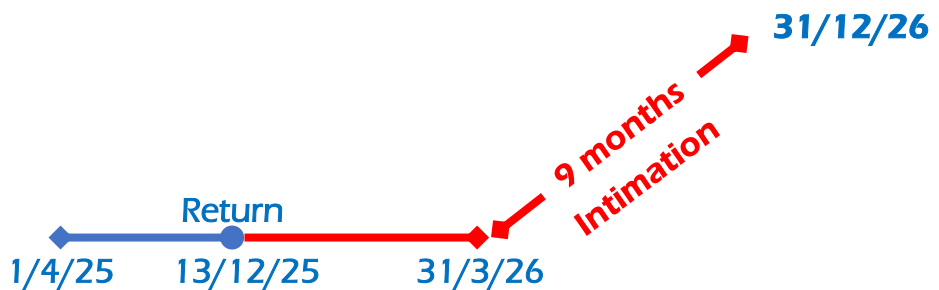
In respect of return filed by following assessee for the PY 2024-25, you are required to specify the last date by which intimation u/s 143(1) can be sent:

- i) Jaimin filed his return on 13th December, 2025.
- (ii) Smita filed her return on 24th June, 2026 in response to notice u/s 142(1).

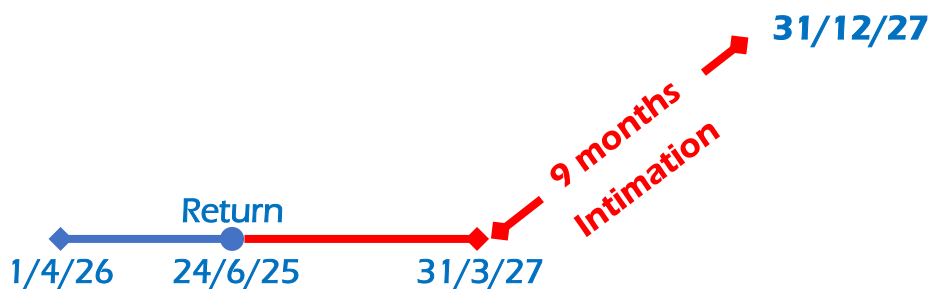
ANSWER 3:

Intimation u/s 143(1) is sent to the assessee **within 9 months** from the end of the year in which **return is filed**.

In case of Jaimin, since the return is filed on 13/12/2025, intimation can be sent to him latest up to **31st December, 2026**.



In case of Smita, since the return is filed on 24/06/26, intimation can be sent to him latest up to **31st December, 2027 (Note 1)**.



Note 1: Normally, assessment of PY 2024-25 should be completed within 12 months from the end of AY i.e. up to 31/03/2027. However, summary assessment is as good as no assessment. Accordingly, intimation of summary assessment can be sent even beyond 12 months from the end of AY.

QUESTION 4:

Arjun filed his return for the PY 2024-25 on 26.07.2025. On 16.09.2025, he received intimation u/s 143(1). After receiving the intimation, Arjun wants to revise his return. You are required to advise Arjun as to whether he can revise his return which is already processed u/s 143(1).

ANSWER 4:

As per **sec. 139(5)**, a return can be revised up to **31st December of A.Y.** or before **completion of assessment** whichever is **earlier**.

In the given case, return filed by Arjun is processed u/s 143(1) and intimation for the same is received on 16.09.2025. However, it should be noted that the processing of return u/s 143(1) does not amount to assessment. Accordingly, assessment of Arjun is not yet done.

Hence, Arjun **can revise his return** even after receiving intimation u/s 143(1) [**latest up to 31st December of AY** i.e. 31.12.2025].