Sub: Information under Right to Information Act, 2005-Reg.

Please refer to your RTI Appeal dated 23.10.2019 filed online under RTI Act, 2005. Please also refer to this office reply letter of even no. dated 23.09.2019 in reply to your RTI application dated 19.09.2019 wherein it was informed to you that the desired information is not available with this Office as the tax payer mentioned in your application is being administered by the State Authority and that the respective State jurisdictional authority may be approached.

In this regard, as per Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Government of India, DoPT Office Memorandum No. 10/2/2008-IR dated 12.06.2008, it is informed that “If a person makes an application to a public authority for some information which is the concern of a public authority under any State Government or the Union Territory Administration, the Central Public Information Officer (CPIO) of the public authority receiving the application should inform the applicant that the information may be had from the concerned State Government/UT Administration. Application, in such a case, need not be transferred to the State Government/UT Administration.”

The above mentioned Circular also states that “Sub-section (1) & sub-section (3) of Section 6 of RTI Act, 2005 requires an information seeker to address the application to the PIO of the ‘concerned authority’. However, there may be cases in which a person of ordinary prudence may believe that the piece of information sought by him/her would be available with the public authority to which he/she addressed the application, but is actually held by some other public authority. In such cases, the applicant makes a bonafide mistake of addressing the application to the PIO of a wrong public authority. On the other hand where an applicant addresses the application to the PIO of a public authority, which to a person of ordinary prudence, would not appear to be the concern of that public authority, the applicant does not fulfill his responsibility of addressing the application to the ‘concerned public authority’.

In view of the above, it is clear that you have registered with State Authorities and that you are well aware of the fact that you are supposed to approach the State Authorities in this regard. Despite this, you have approached this Office. Hence, it is once again re-iterated that you may approach the respective State jurisdictional authority for the information.