

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3583  
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INTRODUCTION OF NEW PROFORMA FOR TAX PAYERS  
Bhakta Shri Manoranjan

**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has introduced AIR as a new proforma for the tax payers replacing Saral Format from the current financial year;
- (b) If so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the main aim of Government in replacing the existing format?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a)&(b): No, Sir, The proposed Annual Information Return (AIR) will not replace the existing Saral Format for filing of return of income. Finance (No. 2) Bill , 2004 proposes furnishing of an AIR by certain prescribed agencies and taxpayers in respect of certain financial transactions.

(c) Does not arise in view of reply to Parts (a) & (b) above.