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Extension of deadline for linking PAN - Aadhaar



CBDT, Central Board of Direct Taxes, the government's policy making body of the tax department, has extended the deadline for mandatory PAN-Aadhaar linking until 31 Mar 2019.

This is the fifth time the government has extended the deadline for individuals to link their Permanent Account Number (PAN) to their biometric ID (Aadhaar).

CBDT's latest order said the deadline for the PAN-Aadhaar linking for filing Income Tax returns was being extended after "consideration of the matter".

It is understood that the fresh CBDT order has come against the backdrop of the Supreme Court of India earlier this year directing extension of the March 31, 2018 deadline for linking Aadhaar card with various other services

The apex court in March had ordered that the deadline be extended till it's constitution bench delivers its judgment on petitions challenging the validity of the biometric scheme and the enabling law. Accordingly Indian govt. has extended it for a indefinite period.

It is now expected that the bench will complete the hearing within next few weeks and issue the final verdict.

This announcement will continue to benefit those Individual residents and tax payers who had missed to enrol for an Aadhaar or link it with their PAN as yet. Also quoting an Aadhaar number for filing the Income Tax returns will not be mandatory this year in line to CBDT order.