

CBDT enhances taxpayer services by enabling taxpayers to view their Foreign Asset Information through the Annual Information Statement (AIS)

In a significant step towards enhancing taxpayer services and promoting voluntary tax compliance, the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has enabled display of information relating to foreign assets and income, received under the Automatic Exchange of Information (AEOI) framework, in the Annual Information Statement (AIS) of eligible taxpayers on the Income Tax e-Filing portal. This taxpayer-centric initiative has been undertaken to facilitate, and not to investigate, taxpayers in meeting their compliance obligations.

India receives financial information relating to its tax residents from over 100 partner jurisdictions under the various international agreements and mechanisms for exchange of financial account information that India has entered into. **Every year, AEOI information pertaining to the preceding Calendar Year (CY) begins to be received starting September of the current year.** Such information may include details relating to foreign bank accounts, custodial accounts, certain financial investments, interest, dividends and other specified financial income, as reported by the partner jurisdictions under internationally accepted standards of information exchange. As of now, information, as received, pertaining to CY 2022, CY 2023 and CY 2024 has been displayed in the AIS. Further, **information for CY 2025 shall be displayed in the AIS once it is received in the month of September / October 2026.**

It is of note that the foreign assets and income information reflected in AIS represents only such information as has been received by the Income-tax Department from partner jurisdictions under the aforesaid arrangements, and does not constitute a complete or exhaustive record of a taxpayer's foreign assets and income. Taxpayers are, therefore, required to correctly and completely report all foreign assets and foreign source income in Schedule FA and Schedule FSI of their Income-tax Return, irrespective of whether such assets or income are reflected in AIS.

As part of this taxpayer facilitation initiative, and with a firmly taxpayer-centric approach, taxpayers can conveniently view the information relating to their foreign assets and income by logging into their own e-Filing account and accessing their AIS. This will facilitate correct reporting of foreign assets and foreign source income in the appropriate schedules of the Income-tax Return, namely Schedule FA and Schedule FSI, wherever applicable. Notably, the information displayed in the AIS is exclusively accessible to the concerned taxpayer through his or her secure login credentials on the e-Filing portal.

The taxpayers may view the foreign assets information pertaining to them, by following the steps below:

1. Visit <https://eportal.incometax.gov.in/iec/foservices/#/login>
2. Log in and navigate to "AIS". The user will be directed to the 'Compliance Portal'
3. On 'Compliance Portal', click on "Reports"
4. Click on "Foreign Assets Information" to view data reported against the logged-in PAN user.
5. Select year from the drop-down and then click "Download PDF" to view the information pertaining to the selected calendar year.

Screen-shots of the above steps, for reference basis, are placed in the Annexure attached.

The initiative has been designed solely to facilitate taxpayers by providing them access to information available with the Department under international exchange mechanisms, thereby enabling informed and accurate tax compliance – and not as a tool for scrutiny or investigation.

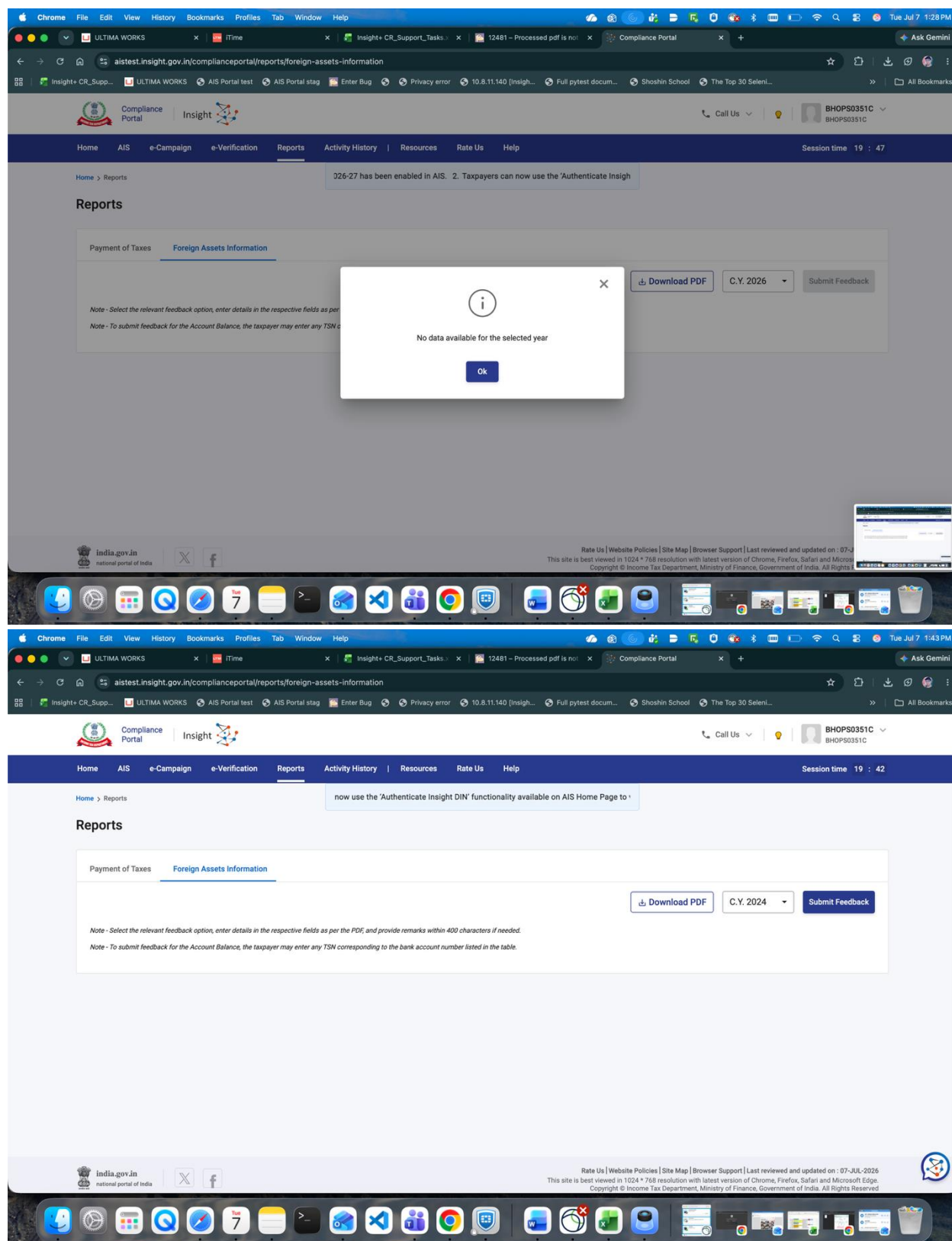
As part of this initiative, SMSs and e-mails are being issued to taxpayers informing them about the availability of this feature and reminding them to appropriately report foreign assets and foreign income, wherever applicable, while filing their Income-tax Returns for Assessment Year 2026-27. Taxpayers may also use 'Kar Saathi', the AI-powered virtual assistant on the e-Filing portal, for guidance on selecting the appropriate return form, reporting foreign assets and income, and addressing other tax-related queries.

This initiative builds upon CBDT's continued efforts to leverage technology-driven service delivery for improving taxpayer services, enhancing transparency and encouraging voluntary compliance through non-intrusive and taxpayer-friendly measures. By providing taxpayers with timely access to information available with the Department, CBDT aims to minimize inadvertent reporting errors, improve the accuracy of Income-tax Returns and make tax compliance simpler, more convenient and more transparent.

ANNEXURE: Step-by-step for accessing 'Foreign Assets Information':

The first screenshot shows the 'Reports' section of the AIS Compliance Portal. The user is logged in as BHOPS0351C. The 'Reports' tab is selected, and the 'Foreign Assets Information' sub-tab is active. The page displays a table with columns: Sr.No, Major Head, Minor Head, Tax (A), Surcharge (B), Education Cess (C), Others (D), Total (A+B+C+D), BSR Code, Date Of Deposit, Challan Serial Number, and Challan Identification Number. Below the table, it states 'No records found'. A note at the bottom explains that for financial year 2023-24 and earlier, details of tax payments are available in both Form 26AS and AIS, but from FY 2023-24, details are available only in AIS. A second note mentions that for tax payments related to Block Assessment, the payments for a specific block can be found under the relevant Financial Year (FY) dropdown.

The second screenshot shows the 'Foreign Assets Information' sub-tab selected. The page displays a 'Download PDF' button, a dropdown menu for 'C.Y. 2026', and a 'Submit Feedback' button. A note at the bottom states: 'Note - Select the relevant feedback option, enter details in the respective fields as per the PDF, and provide remarks within 400 characters if needed. Note - To submit feedback for the Account Balance, the taxpayer may enter any TSN corresponding to the bank account number listed in the table.'



The screenshot shows the AIS Compliance Portal interface. A modal dialog box is displayed in the center, stating: "The downloaded PDF will be password protected. To open the file, you will need to enter the combination of the PAN (in lower case) and the date of birth in case of individual taxpayer or date of incorporation/formation for non-individual taxpayer in the format ddmmyyyy without any space. For example, if the PAN is AAAAAA1234A and date of birth is 21st January 1991 then your password will be aaaa1234a21011991." Below the dialog, a PDF document titled "XXXXP0351X_2024_FAI (2).pdf" is open. The PDF content shows the "Foreign Assets Information" for the calendar year 2024, including Part A (General Information) and Part B (Calendar Year specific Information).

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Foreign Assets Information Calendar Year 2024

Part A - General Information

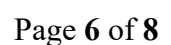
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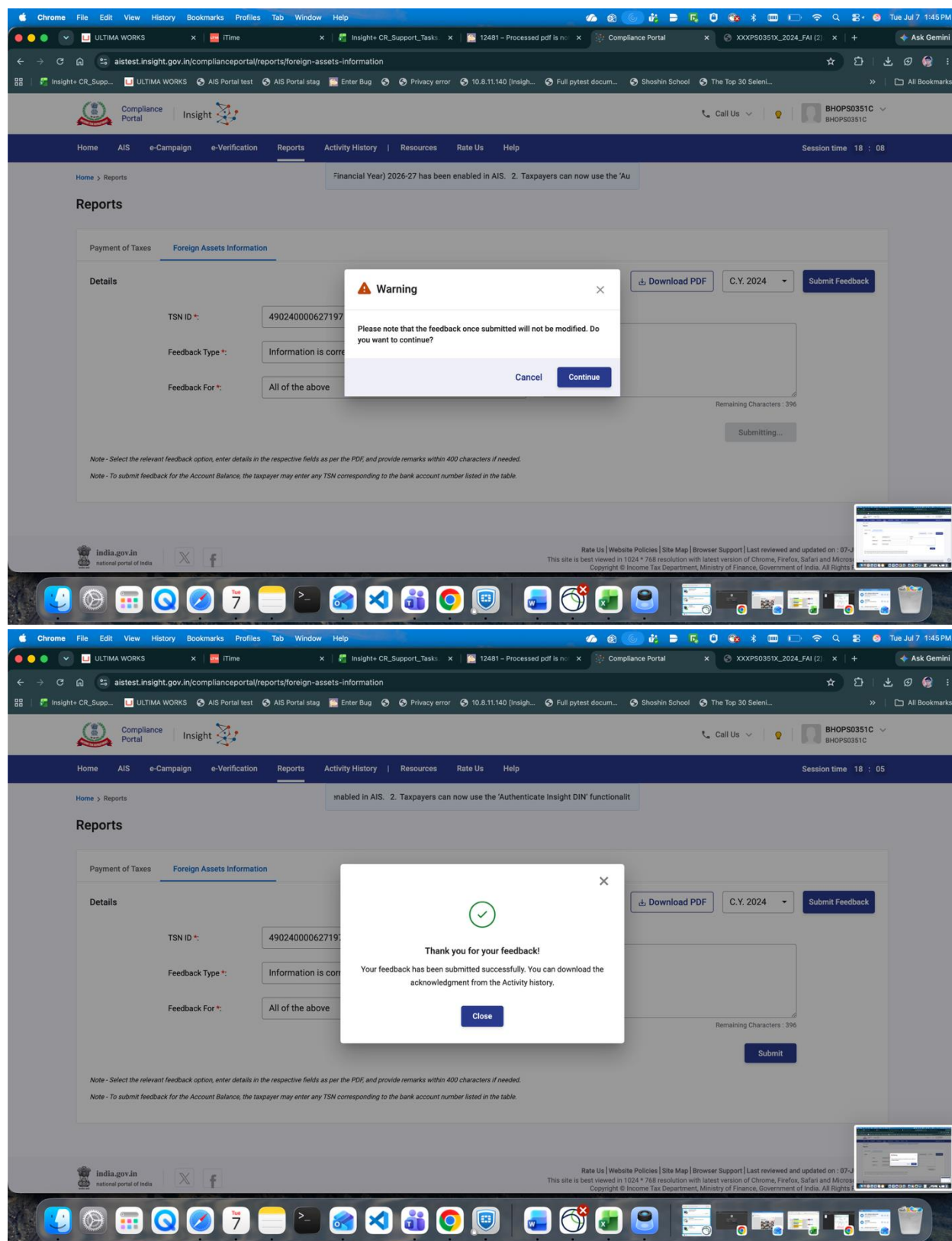
Part B - Calendar Year specific Information
Details as reported in Foreign Assets Information

1) UNITED STATES

TSN	Financial Institution Name (Reporting Entity Name)	Bank Account Number	Currency in which Income / Payments are reported (Column A, B, C and D)	Dividend	Interest	Gross Proceeds	Any Other Payments
490240000627197	SPYNTSFO KNSFSHNFQ KJWANKLX QQH	NI2-584056	USD	610.00	1.00	0.00	0.00
In Indian Rupees (INR)				52204.07	85.58	0.00	0.00
Account Balance (in USD)				0.00			

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The screenshot displays the AIS (Automated Information System) interface. The top navigation bar includes links for Home, AIS, e-Campaign, e-Verification, Reports, Activity History, Resources, Rate Us, and Help. The 'Activity History' tab is selected, showing a list of activities with columns for Date, Activity, Description, Reference ID, User, and Source. The activities listed include feedback submissions and logins for Foreign Assets Information and AIS.

Below the activity list, a PDF document titled 'Foreign Assets Information Feedback Acknowledgement' is shown. The document is dated 07/07/2024 and includes the following details:

Information to correct	Feedback For	Remarks	Feedback Date
TIN ID	29024000027157	All of the above	07/07/2024

The document also features the Income Tax Department logo and the text 'INCOME TAX DEPARTMENT'.