

ALL INDIA FEDERATION OF TAX PRACTITIONERS
INCOME TAX APPELLATE TRIBUNAL
BAR ASSOCIATIONS
CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE

The Constitution of the said Committee as well as its object and scope of activity shall be as follows:

1. DESIGNATION

The Committee shall be designated as "Income Tax Appellate Tribunal Bar Associations Co-ordination Committee"

2. OFFICE

The registered office shall be at Mumbai, C/o. ITAT Bar Association, Mumbai, Old C.G.O. Building, 4th Floor, M. K. Road, Mumbai 400 020.

3. COMPOSITION

The total number of members of the Committee shall not exceed sixty (60). The composition of the Committee shall be as follows:

<i>Name</i>	<i>No. of Benches</i>	<i>No. of Persons</i>
1. Agra Bench	1	1
2. Ahmedabad Benches	3	3
3. Allahabad Benches	2	2
4. Amritsar Bench	1	1
5. Bangalore Benches	3	3
6. Calcutta Benches	5	5
7. Chandigarh Benches	2	2

8. Chennai Benches	4	4
9. Cochin Bench	1	1
10. Cuttack Bench	1	1
11. Delhi Benches	7	7
12. Guwahati Bench	1	1
13. Hyderabad Benches	2	2
14. Indore Bench	1	1
15. Jabalpur Bench	1	1
16. Jaipur Bench	1	1
17. Jodhpur Bench	1	1
18. Mumbai Benches	10	10
19. Nagpur Bench	1	1
20. Panaji Bench	1	1
21. Patna Bench	1	1
22. Pune Bench	1	1
23. Rajkot Bench	1	1
24. Vishakhapatnam	1	1
	53	53
Co-option		7
Ex-Officio : President		1
Ex-Officio : Deputy President		1
		60

4. OFFICE BEARERS

1. Chairman, Immediate Past Chairman, Co-Chairmen, President of AIFTP, Deputy President of AIFTP, Vice Chairmen and Convenors shall be the office bearers of the ITAT Bar Associations Co-ordination Committee.

2. The office bearers of the ITAT Bar Associations Co-ordination Committee namely, the Chairman, Co-Chairmen, 8 Vice-Chairmen and 2 Convenors shall be nominated by the President of the AIFTP in consultation with the National Executive Committee of the Federation. The Chairman and one Convenor shall be preferably stationed at Mumbai. The Vice-Chairmen shall be from the same cities where the Senior Vice-President and Vice-Presidents of the Tribunal are stationed. Their tenure shall be the same as of the National Executive Committee of AIFTP. The Chairman shall preferably be a senior advocate, President or past President of AIFTP, or past President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. The terms of the office bearers and Co-ordination Committee members shall coincide with the term of the National Executive Committee of the Federation. The chairman shall not hold the office for more than two terms at a time. The ordinary members of the Co-ordination Committee shall be co-opted by the office bearers. Preference may be given to the following:

- (i) One representative, preferably the president, any other office bearer nominated by the respective ITAT Bar Associations.
- (ii) At other places, where an ITAT Bar Association does not exist, one representative preferably the President or any other person as may be nominated by the Tax Association in the city.
- (iii) Senior practitioners regularly practising before the Income Tax Appellate Tribunal.

5. **ADVISORY BOARD**

The Committee may appoint an advisory board.

6. **OBJECTS AND SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES**

The objects and scope of activities shall be as follows:

- (i) To consider various suggestions and proposals for better and efficient working of Income Tax Appellate Tribunal and its Benches.
- (ii) To consider suggestions requiring representation for amendment of the rules of the Income Tax Appellate Tribunal including rules relating to the hearing of appeals, stay applications, miscellaneous applications, preparation of paper books, filing fees, constitution of Special Benches.
- (iii) To take appropriate steps for improving facilities for the bar associations at the Income Tax Appellate Tribunal offices including providing adequate room, space for library and availability of Income Tax Appellate Tribunal Orders.
- (iv) To consider suggestions for expediting appointment of Members to fill vacancies and thereby improve the working of the Income Tax Appellate Tribunal.
- (v) To consider and formulate categories of appeals which may be heard by the Income Tax Appellate Tribunal on a priority basis so that the pendency is reduced substantially.

- (vi) To make representation to the President, Sr. Vice President, Vice-Presidents and Members of the Income Tax Appellate Tribunal on various issues and also make appropriate representation to the Ministries of Law, Finance, the Central Board of Direct Taxes, etc. in connection with the working of the Tribunal and to take all appropriate further steps in that behalf.
- (vii) To organize seminars and symposiums for interaction between the members of the Bar and Members of the Income-tax Appellate Tribunal.
- (viii) To arrange meetings from time to time with the President, Sr. Vice-President, Vice-Presidents, and Members of the Income Tax Appellate Tribunal at various Benches and to ensure that the discussions at the said meetings are properly minuted and circulated to various Benches of the Tribunal and Registrar and Assistant Registrars concerned for speedy implementation of the decisions.
- (ix) Co-ordination Committee may take up any other matter not specified in objects (i) to (viii) regarding the working of the Income Tax Appellate Tribunal and its Benches.

7. SPECIAL INVITEES

Vice-Presidents, Secretary General, Treasurer, Chairman of the zones of the AIFTP and President of the local tax associations where the meeting is held

shall be special invitees to the Co-ordination Committee meeting.

8. MEETINGS

The Committee may meet at least once in six months, preferably simultaneous with the meeting of the national Executive Committee of the Federation or at any other place or time, which may be decided from time to time by the Co-ordination Committee.

9. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE ITAT CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE

President of the AIFTP in consultation with the office bearers of the ITAT Bar Associations Co-ordination Committee and executive committee members of the AIFTP may amend the constitution for better functioning of the ITAT Bar Associations Co-ordination Committee.

