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## SUBJECT COMMIITEE VIII

(ECONOMIC AFFAIRS)
(2013-2016)

## Composition

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## THE KERALA FINANCE BILL, 2015

## Report of the Subject Committce

The Kerala Finance Bill, 2015 (Bill No. 345) was referred to Subject Committce VIII (Economic Affairs) for joint consideration with Subject Committe II (Land Revenue and Devaswom) and Subject Committe V (Public Works, Transport and Communications). The joint meeting of Subject Committee II, V and VIII considered the Bill clause by clause and now submits this Report with the Bill as reported by the Subject Committec annexed thereto.
2. The Kerala Finance Bill, 2015 was published as a Gazette Extraordinary dated March 20, 2015. The Bill was introduced in the Assembly on March 23, 2015 and was referred to Subject Committee VIII for joint consideration with Subject Committee II and V on July 22, 2015.
3. The Committec considered the Bill clause by clause at the mecting held on July 22, 2015. The Committee recommends to adopt the Bill with the following modifications:-

## Clause I

For clause 1 , the following shall be substituted, namely:--
"1. Short title and commencement.-(1) This Act may be called the Kcrala Finance Act, 2015.
(2) Save as otherwise provided in this Act,--
(i) clause (b) of sub-section (2), sub-clauses (vii) and (xiii) of clause (a) of sub-section (19) and sub-clause (i) of clause (d) of sub-section (19) of section 9 shall be deemed to have come into force on the 1st day of April, 2005.
(ii) sub-clause (iv) of clause (c) of sub-section (19) of section 9 shall be decmed to have come into force on the 19th day of July, 2011.
(ii) clause (a) of sub-section (2) of section 4, itcm (c) of sub-clause (v) of clause (a) and entry 7A of sub-clause (ii) of clause (b) of sub-section (19) of section 9 shall come into force at once.
(iv) the remaining provisions of this $\Lambda$ et shall be deemed to have come into force on the 1st day of April, 2015."

## Clause 2

For section $31 \Lambda$ of the Travancore Cochin Literary, Scientific and Charitable Societies Registration Act, 1955 (XII of 1955) proposed to be inserted by clause 2 of the Bill, the following section shall be substituted, namely:-
" $31 \Lambda$. One time settlement of arrears of fees due under the Act.-Any delay in filing of returns, forms, annual statements, accounts and other statements of a society may be condoned and the filing of the said documents may be regularised on payment of a fine of five hundred rupees in respect of cach year of delay in filing any or all of the same. Application for regularisation shall be filed on or before 31st December, 2015. However the Government may extend the period of filing the application to such further period as may be specificd from time to time."

## Clause 4

(1) In the entry in column (3), in clause (g), in scrial number 5 of the Schedule to the Kcrala Stamp Act, 1959 (17 of 1959) proposed to be inserted by item (b) of sub-clause (1) of clause 4 of the Bill for the words "live hundred rupees' the words "Two hundred rupees" shall be substituted.
(2) for sub-clause (2) of clause 4 the following sub-clause shall be substituted, namcly:
in serial number 24 ,
(a) in clause (i), in column (2), for the words, "One hundred rupecs" the words "liive hundred rupees" shall be substituted;
(b) in clause (ii), in column (3), for the words, "One hundred rupces" the words "Five hundred rupecs" shall be substituted.

Clause 9
(1) For the eleventh proviso to sub-section (1) of section 6 of the Kerala Value $\wedge$ dded Tax 1 ct, 2003 ( 30 of 2004), proposed to be inserted by sub-item (iii) of item (a) of sub-clause (2) of clause 9 of the Bill, the following proviso shall be substituted, namely:
"Provided also that the turnover relating to the sale of Natural Gas in any form shall be exempted from tax, for the period from 4th February, 2015 to 31st March, 2016.
(2) for the proviso inserted by item (b) of sub-clause (4) of clause 9 of the Bill, the following proviso shall be substituted, namely:--
"Provided that notwithstanding anything contained in this Act or rules made thercunder, a dealer may opt to pay tax under this sub-clause, subject to eligibility, for the periods prior to 2015-2016, whether such dealer has registered under this Act or not."
(3) in sub-clause (4) of clause 9 , after item (b), the following item shall be inserted:
"(c) after clause (h), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:
(i) any dealer who is a multi-level marketing entity may, at his option, pay, in such manner and subject to such conditions and restrictions as may be prescribed, in lieu of the tax payable by him on such goods under sub-section (1) of section 6, the tax at the schedule rate applicable to goods, of the maximum retail price of such goods:

Provided that the provision of this clause shall not apply to such goods sold by muti-level marketing entities otherwise than by way of multi-level marketing:

Provided further that notwithstanding anything contained in section 6 and section 15, if multi-level marketing entitics pay tax on maximum retail price under this provision, subsequent dealers in the chain shall not be liable to take registration and shall be exempted from payment of tax on such goods.".
(4) in sub-clause (19),--
(i) for sub-item (v) of item (a) the following shall be substituted, namcly:-- -
"(v) in scrial number $18, \cdots$
(a) item (4) and the entrics against it in columns (2) and (3) shall be omitted;
(b) for item (5) and entries against it in columns (2) and (3), the following item and entries shall, respectively, be substituted, namely:-
"(5). Nylon ropes, polyester ropes, polyester twincs, other plastic ropes and twincs sold by Matsyafed, Theeramythri Units approved by Government and Fishermen Co-operative Societies.
(c) item (6) and the entrics against it in columns (2) and (3) shall be omitted;"
(ii) in sub-item (i) of item (b) before the word "bullion" the words "or gold" shall be inserted and for the words "within the State", the words "by those agencies and its subsequent sale by dealers within the State." shall be substituted.
(iii) (a) in item (b), the serial numbers proposed to be inserted by sub-item (ii) shall be renumbered as $8,9,10,11$ and 12 and before the serial numbers so renumbered, the following serial number and entries against it in columns (2) and (3) shall be inserted, namely:
"7 imi, жari, kasab, saima, dabka, chumki, gota, sitara, naqsi, kora, glass bead, badial
(1) timbroidery without visible ground 5810.10 .00
(2) Other embroidery of cotton 5810.91 .00
(3) Embroidery or man-made fibres
(a) Embroidered badges motifs and the like 5810.92 .10
(b) Other embroidered articles $\quad 5810.92 .90$
(4) Embroidery of other textile materials $\quad 5810.99 .00$
(5) \%ari article
(b) for sub-item (v) the following shall be substituted:--
"(v) after scrial number 99 and the entrics against it in columns (2) and (3). the following serial number and entries shall, respectively, be inserted, namely:

> " $99 \Lambda$. Polyester rope, polyester twine and other plastic ropes and twines not included in the lirst Schedule.
4. All other changes are either verbal or consequential.

> Thiruvananthapuram, 22nd July, 2015 .
K. M. MANI, Chairman.
Subject Committee VIII.

## THE KERALA FINANCE BILL, 2015

( $\Lambda \mathrm{s}$ reported by the Subject Committec)
[The words underlined/sidelined indicate the modifications suggested by the Committce.]


BILL
to give effect to certain financial proposals of the Government of Kerala for the
Financial Year 2015-2016.
Preamble.--Whireas, it is expedient to give effect to certain financial proposals of the Government of Kcrala for the Financial Year 2015-2016;

Be: it enacted in the Sixty-sixth Year of the Republic of India as follows:

1. Short title and commencement. $\cdots$ (1) This Act may be called the Kerala Finance Act, 2015.
(2) Save as otherwise provided in this $\Lambda c t, \cdots$
(i) clause (b) of sub-section (2), sub-clauses (vii) and (xiii) of clause (a) of sub-section (19) and sub-clause (i) of clause (d) of sub-section (19) of section 9 shall be deemed to have come into force on the lst day of April, 2005.
(ii) sub-clause (iv) of clause (c) of sub-section (19) of section 9 shall be deemed to have come into force on the 19th day of July, 2011.
(iii) clause (a) of sub-section (2) of section 4, item (c) of sub-clause (v) of clause (a) and entry 7 A of sub-clause (ii) of clause (b) of sub-section (19) of section 9 shall come into force at once.
(iv) the remaining provisions of this Act shall be deemed to have come into force on the 1st day of April, 2015.
2. Amendment of Act XII of 1955.--In the Travancore-Cochin Literary, Scientific and Charitable Societies Registration Act, 1955 (XII of 1955), after section 31, the following sections shall be inserted, namely:-
"31 A. One time settlement of arrears of fees due under the Act. - Any delay in filing of returns, forms, annual statements, accounts and other
statements of a society may be condoned and the filing of the said documents ! may be regularised on payment of a fine of five hundred rupees in respect of. each year of delay in filing any or all of the same. Application for regularisation |shall be filed on or before 31st December, 2015. However the Government may extend the period of filing the application to such further period as may be specified from time to time.
3. Electronic filing of returns etc. Government may require the societies registered under this Act to file returns, forms and other statements to be submitted by it under this Act, electronically in such manner as may be specified.".
4. Amendment of Act 35 of 1958. In the Kerala Moncy Lenders' Act, 1958 (35 of 1958),
(1) in section 4,
(a) in sub-section ( $2 \Lambda$ ), for the existing table, the following table shall be substituted, namely:

> "ТАвие
(1)
(2)
(3)
$1 \quad \wedge$ lieensec who lends less than five lakh rupees in an year
2 Licensee who lends five lakh rupees or above but less than ten lakh rupecs in an year
3 A licensee who lends ten lakh rupecs or above but less than twenty five lakh rupecs in an year
4 A licensee who lends twenty five lakh rupees or above but less than fifty takh rupees in an ycar
5 A licensec who lends fifty lakh rupees or above in an year

Ten thousand rupees

Seventy five thousand rupecs

One lakh fifty thousand rupees

Two lakh twenty five thousand rupecs

Three lakh rupecs.";
(b) for sub-section (2B), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:
"(2B) For the purposes of sub-section (2 $\Lambda$ ), the amount lent by a lieensec for the year for which the security is to be paid shall be deemed to be the aggregate amount lent by him during the previous year:

Provided that in the case of a new licensee or a person whe was a licensee only for a portion of the preceding year, the amount of security shall be determined on the basis of a declaration in the prescribed form as to the amount which he is likely to lend during the year, filed before the licensing authority in the prescribed manner.";
(2) in section 11, in clause (b) of sub-section (1), for the words "onc thousand rupees", the words "ten thousand rupecs" shall be substituted.;
(3) in section 13, for the words "one thousand rupecs", the words "ten thousand rupecs" shall be substituted.;
(4) in section 17, for the words "fifty thousand rupecs", the words "five lakh rupees" shall be substituted.;
(5) in section 18, in sub-section (1), for the words "one thousand rupees", the words "twenty five thousand rupees" shall be substituted.:
(6) in section 18A, for the words "five hundred rupecs", the words "five thousand rupees" shall be substituted.;
(7) in section 18B, in sub-section (1), for the words "five hundred rupecs", the words "five thousand rupees" shall be substituted.;
(8) in section 18 C , in sub-section (1), for the words "twenty five thousand rupees", the words "fifty thousand rupecs" shall be substituted.
4. Amendment of Act 17 of 1959.-- In the Kcrala Stamp Act, 1959 (17 of 1959), in the Schisdule,--
(i) in serial number $5,-$
(a) in clause (e), for the entry in column (3), the following entry shall be substituted, namely:-
"One thousand two hundred and fifty rupees per ycar in panchayat areas and two thousand and five hundred rupecs per year in other arcas.";
(b) in clause (g), for the entry in column (3), the following entry shall be substituted, namely:--
"Two hundred rupecs.";
(2) in serial number $24,-$
(a) in clause (i), in column (2), for the words, "Onc hundred rupees" the words "live hundred rupees" shall be substituted;
(b) in clause (ii), in column (3), for the words, "One hundred rupees" the words "Five hundred rupees" shall be substituted.
(3) in serial number 25 , in clause (b), for the entry in column (3), the following entry shall be substituted, namely:
"Five hundred rupecs.";
(4) in serial number 28 , for the entry in column (3), the following entry shall be substituted, namely: --.
"One thousand rupees.";
(5) after serial number 35 and the entrics against it in columns (2) and (3). the following serial number and entries shall, respectively, be inserted, namely:

## " $35 \AA$. Licence to let

including any agreement to let The same duty as a lease (No. 33)."; or sublet for rent or fee
(6) in serial number 36,
(a) in clause (a), for the entry in column (3), the following entry shall be substituted, namely:
"Onc thousand rupees.";
(b) in clause (b), for the entry in column (3), the following entry shall be substituted, namely:
> "The same duty as Articles of Association (No. 10) according to the authorised capital of the company.";
(7) in serial number 50 , in clause (b), for the entry in column (3), the following entry shall be substituted, namely:
" live hundred rupees.".
5 Amendment of Act 17 of 1960. In the Kerala Plantation Tax Act, 1960 (17 of 1960), in section 3, to sub-section (1), the following proviso shall be inserted. namely:
"Provided that no plantation tax shall be charged on the land comprised in a plantation held by an individual coming within the definition of "person" in clause (5) of section 2, for himself or for any other individual.".
6. Amendment of Act 15 of 1963.-- In the Kcrala General Sales Tax Act, 1963 (15 of 1963), for section 5D, the following section shall be substituted, namely:-
"5D. Levy of Additional Sales Tax.--The tax payable under section 5 and section $5 \Lambda$ shall be increased by an additional sales tax at the rate of
(i) one rupee per litre on High Speed Diesel Oil, Petrol falling under sub-entries (ii) and (iv) of serial number 1 of the Schedule, and
(ii) fifteen per cent of the tax payable under the said sections with respect to other commodities:

Provided that no additional sales tax under this section shall be levied on the tax payable on Foreign Liquor falling under serial number 2 of the Schedule:

Provided further that the Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, vary the rate specified in item (i) above.".
7. Amendment of Act 19 of 1976.- In the Kcrala Motor Vehicles Taxation Act, 1976 (Act 19 of 1976),--
(1) in section 3, the existing sub-section (6) shall be renumbered as sub-section (8) and before sub-section (8) so renumbered, the following sub-sections shall be inserted, namely:--
"(6) In the case of non-transport vehicles registered in any State other than the State of Kerala and entering into the State of Kerala and staying therein for a period exceeding 30 days, the levy of tax shall be at the rate specified in Annexure III of the Schedule.
(7) In the case of Motor Vehicles brought to the State from any other country for temporary use in the State, a short-term tax shall be levied at the rate specified in the schedule.";
(2) in the Schedune, after serial number 13 and the entrics against it in columns (2) and (3), the following serial number and entrics shall respectively be inserted, namely:--.
"14. Motor Vehicles brought to the State from any other country for temporary use in the State,--
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { (a) for the first month of stay or } & 10000.00 \\ \text { part thereof }\end{array}$
(b) for every subsequent month of $\quad 5000.00$;;
stay or part thereof
(3) in $\Lambda n n e x t i r l: I$, in serial number $\Lambda$, for items 1 and 2 and the entries against them in columns (2) and (3), the following items and entries shall, respectively, be substituted, namely:
"1. Motor Cycles (including motor scooters and cycles with attachments for propelling the same by mechanical power) and bicycles of all categorics with or without side car or drawing a trailer having purchase value up to rupecs one lakh
2. Motor Cycles (including motor scooters and cycles with attachments for propelling the same by mechanical power) and bicycles of all categories with or without side car or drawing a trailer having purchase value above rupecs one lakh and up to rupees two lakh

2^. Motor Cycles (including motor scooters and Cycles with atlachments for propelling the same by mechanical power) and bicycles of all categories with or without side car or drawing a trailer having purchase value above rupecs two lakhs
$8 \%$ of the purchase value of the vehicle
$10 \%$ of the purchase value of the vehicle
$20 \%$ of the purchase value of the vehicle.";
(4) after Annexure II, the following Annexure shall be inserted, namely:-
" $\Lambda$ nni:xure III
[See section 3(6)]

| Sl. | Class of Vehicle |  | Amount of Tax |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (1) | (2) |  | (3) |
|  |  | Period of stay exceeding 30 days and up to one year | Pcriod of stay excecding one year |
| 1 | Motor Cycle and three wheelers | 200 | Onc time tax proportionate to the rate specified in Annexure I |
| 2 | Motor Cars | 1500 | Onc time tax proportionate to the rate specified in Annexure I |
| 3 | Private Service Vehicle for personal use |  |  |
| $\Lambda$ | Passenger Capacity up to 10 scats--for every passenger | 300 | Onc time tax proportionate to the rate specifiod in Anncxure I |
| B | Passenger Capacity more than 10--for every passenger | 500 | Onc time tax proportionate to the rate specified in Anncxure I |
| 4 | Construction Equipment Vehicles and other nontransport vehicles | 1000 | Onc time tax proportionate to the rate specified in Annexure I.". |

8. Amendment of Act 32 of 1976.... In the Kcrala Tax on Luxurics Act, 1976 ( 32 of 1976), $\cdots$
(1) in section 2, in clause (ia), for the word "apartment" occuring in both the places, the words "apartment or villa" shall be substituted;
(2) in section 4,
(a) in sub-section (1), in item (iia), the words "or villa" shall be added at the end;
(b) in sub-section (2),
(i) in clause (d), after the word "apartment", the words "or villa" shall be inserted; .
(ii) after clause (c), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:--
"(ca) In respect of charitable hospitals exempted under subsection (1) of section 18C of the Kcrala Value Added Tax Act, 2003 (30 of 2004), for charges of accommodation for residence for use of amenitics and services, at the rate of ten per cent per room where the gross charges, excluding charges of food, medicine and the professional services is two thousand rupees per day or more.";
(3) in section 4B, in sub-section (2), for items (a), (b) and (c) the following items shall respectively be substituted, namely:-
"(a) Star hotels
Nine thousand three hundred and seventy five rupees
(b) Hotels other than star hotels,
(i) Within the local area of a Municipal One thousand eight Corporation hundred and seventy five rupecs
(ii) Within the local arca of a Municipal Council or Town Panchayat

One thousand five hundred rupecs
(iii) Within the local area of a Village Panchayat

Onc thousand one hundred and twenty five rupees
(c) Hall, Auditorium, Kalyanamandapam, ctc.,
(i) Within the local area of a Municipal Corporation
(ii) Within the local area of a Municipal Council or Town Panchayat
(iii) Within the local area of a Village Panchayat

One thousand five hundred rupecs
One thousand one hundred and twenty five rupees
Seven hundred and fifty rupees.";
(4) in section 4C, in sub-section (2), for the words "one thousand" and "five hundred", the words "one thousand five hundred" and "seven hundred and fifty" shall, respectively, be substituted;
(5) in section 4E, for the words "registration fee of rupees onc thausand", the words "registration fee of rupees one thousand five hundred" shall be substituted;
(6) in section 4F, for the words "registration fec of rupecs one thousand", the words "registration fec of rupecs one thousand five hundred" shall be substituled;'
(7) in section 4G, for the word "apartment" wherever it occurs, the words "apartment or villa" and for the words "one thousand" the words "one thousand five hundred" shall respectively, be substituted;
(8) after section 7A, the following section shall be inserted, namely:-
"7B. Powers of revision of the Deputy Commissioner suo motu..-(1) The Deputy Commissioner may, of his own motion, call for and examine any order passed or proceedings recorded under this Act by any officer or authority subordinate to him which in his opinion is prejudicial to the interest of revenue and may make such enquiry or cause such enquiry to be made and, subject to the provisions of this Act, may pass such order thereon as he thinks fit.

Explanation. - For the purpose of this section an order passed or proceedings recorded shall be decmed to be prejudicial to the interest of revenuc where the tax or other amount assessed or demanded is lower than what is actually due.
(2) The Deputy Commissioner shall not pass any order under sub-section (1) if,-
(a) the time for appeal against the order has not expircd;
(b) the order has been made the subject matter of an appcal to the Appellate authority or the Appellate Tribunal or of a revision in the High Court; or
(c) more than four years have expired from the ycar in which the order referred to therein was passed.
(3) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (2), the Deputy Commissioner may pass an order under sub-section (1) on any point which has not been decided in an appeal or revision referred to in clause (b) of sub-section (2), before the expiry of a period of one year from the date of the order in such appeal or revision or before the expiry of the period of four years referred to in clause (c) of that sub-section, whichever is later.
(4) No order under this section adversely affecting a person shall be passed unless that person has had a reasonable opportunity of being heard.".
9. Amendment of Act 30 of 2004. In the Kerala Value Added Tax Act, 2003 ( 30 of 2004),
(1) in section 2 ,
(a) after clause (xxvii), the following clauses shall be inserted, namely:
"(xxviiA) "multi-level marketing" means marketing and sale of goods of a multi:level marketing entity through direct sellers or through direct sellers and distributors, otherwise than through shops, to the customers or consumers, generally in their houses or at their workplace or through demonstration of such goods at a particular place or by mail order sale;
(xxviiß) "multi-level marketing entity" means a company registered under the Companies Act, 2013 (Central Act 18 of 2013) or any partnership firm registered under the Partnership Act, 1932 (Central Act IX of 1932) or under the Limited Liability Partnership $\Lambda \mathrm{ct}$, 2008 (Central Act 6 of 2009) engaged in multi-level marketing:":
(b) in clause (li), the following Explanation shall be inserted, namely:
"Explanation: Notwithstanding anything contained in any judgment, decree or order of any court or tribunal or any authority, the balance of contract amount received or receivable by a principal contractor in his account, after deducting the amount paid to registered sub-contractors in accordance with the rules prescribed in this behalf, shall form the total turnover of the principal contractor for determining the balance transfer value of the materials involved in the execution of such works contract.";
(2) in section 6,-
(a) in sub-section (1),-
(i) after the words "any autonomous body" the words "or any multi-level marketing entity, their distributor and/or agent engaged in multi-level marketing" shall be inserted;
(ii) in clause (a), in the Table,---
(a) in serial number 3 A , in the entry in column (2), the following words shall be added at the end, namely:-...
"including styrofoam and styrofoam sheets";
(b) after serial number $3 \Lambda$ and the entries against it in columns (2), (3) and (4), the following serial number and entrics shall, respectively, be inserted, namely:-
"3B. Printed banners, hoardings and
leaflets of Poly Vinyl Chloride/
Polyethylene and other
plastic sheets
(iii) for the cleventh proviso, the following proviso shall bc substituted, namely:--
"Provided also that the turnover relating to the sale of Natural Gas in any form shall be exempted from tax, for the period from 4th licbruary, 2015 to 31st March, 2016.";
(b) in sub-section (5), in Explanation II, the following Note shall be inserted, namely:--
"Note - It shall be deemed to have come into force on the 1st day of April, 2005.";
(3) section 6 A shall be omitted;
(4) in section 8 ,--
(a) in clause (a), in sub-clause (i),--
(i) after the words "any works contracter", the words and brackets "other than those who undertake interior decoration and furnishing contracts, electrical, refrigeration or air conditioning contracts or contracts relating to supply and installation of plant, machinery, rolling shutters, cranes, hoists, elevators (lifts), escalators, generators, gencrating sets, transformers, weighing machines, air conditioners and air coolers, deep freezers, laying of all kinds of
tilcs (except brick tiles), slabs and stones (including marblc)" shall be inserted;
(ii) after I:xplanation 2, the following Explanation shall be inserted, namely:-
"Explanation 3:- $\Lambda$ composite contract for the construction of building shall not be treated as a contract of the nature specified under this sub-clause merely for the reason that the contract also involves works which are excluded from the said sub-clause.";
(b) in clause (c), to sub-clause (i), the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:
"Provided that notwithstanding anything contained in this Act or rules made thercunder, a dealer may opt to pay tax under this sub-clause, subject to eligibility, for the periods prior to 2015-2016, whether such dealer has registered under this $\Lambda$ ct or not.";
(c) after clause (h), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:--
"(i) any dealer who is a multi-level marketing entity may, at his option, pay, in such manner and subject to such conditions and restrictions as may be prescribed, in licu of the tax payable by him on such goods under sub-section (1) of section 6, the tax at the schedule rate applicable to goods, of the maximum retail price of such goods:

Provided that the provision of this clause shall not apply to such goods sold by muti-level marketing entities otherwise than by way of multi-level marketing:

Provided further that notwithstanding anything contained in section 6 and section 15, if multi-level marketing entities pay tax on maximum retail price under this provision, subsequent dealers in the chain shall not be liable to take registration and shall be exempted from payment of tax on such goods.".
(5) in section 10, in sub-section (1), in the proviso, for the words four per cent" the words "five per cent" shall be substituted;
(6) in section 15 , in sub-section (2), after item (xi), the following items shall bc inserted, namely:-
"(xii) any multi-level marketing entity, their distributor and/or agent engaged in multi-level marketing;
(xiii) any job-worker recciving goods from outside the State for job-works.";
(7) in section 16, in sub-section (7), for items (a) and (b), the following items shall, respectively, be substituted, namely:-
"(a) in the case of a dealer who is not an importer,--
(i) having a total turnover of up to rupees twenty five lakh in the previous year
(ii) having a total turnover of above twenty five lakh rupees in the previous year
(b) in the case of others

Five hundred rupees

One thousand rupecs

Three thousand rupecs.";
(8) in section 18C, in sub-section (1),-
(a) in clause (a), for the words, brackets and figures "orders of exemption applicable to charitable institutions under the Income Tax $\Lambda \mathrm{ct}, 1961$ (Central Act 43 of 1961)" the words, brackets and figures the registration of such institutions under section 12AA of the Income Tax $\Lambda$ ct, 1961 (Central $\Lambda$ ct 43 of 1961)" shall be substituted;
(b) in the first proviso, for the words "orders of income tax exemption:" the words, brackets and figures "registration of such institutions under section 12AA under the Income Tax Act, 1961 (Central Act 43 of 1961)" shall be substituted.

Note:-Item (a) and (b) shall be decmed to have come into force on the 1st day of April, 2014.";
(9) in section 21 , the existing provision shall be numbered as sub-section (1), and after sub-section (1) so numbered the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:--
"(2) Where the dealer detects any omission or mistake in the monthly return submitted under sub-section (1), he shall file a revised return rectifying the mistake or omission within two months from the last day of the return period to which the return relates. As a result of such revised return, if the tax payable by the dealer increases, the dealer shall furnish along with such revised retum, proof of payment of tax, interest due thereon at the rates specified in section 31 and penal interest calculated at twice the said rate. Subject to the provisions of sections 22,24 and 25 , the assessment relating to the return period shall be deemed to have been completed on the receipt of such revised return.";
(10) in section 24, in sub-section (1), for the fourth proviso, the following proviso shall be substituted, namely:
"Provided also that the period for the completion of assessments including those subjected to extension under section 25B which expires on 31 st March, 2015 shall be extended up to 31st March, 2016.";
(11) in section 25 , in sub-section (1), for the third proviso, the following proviso shall be substituted, namely:-
"Provided also that the period for the completion of assessments including those subjected to extension under section $25 B$ which expires on 31st March, 2015, shall be extended up to 31st March, 2016.";
(12) in section 30 , the proviso to sub-section (1) shall be omitted;
(13) in section S2, the following sentence shall be added at the end, namely:
"For this purpose such agencies or authorities shall take registration following such procedure as may be prescribed.";
(14) in section 54,
(a) after the words "any proceedings" the words "or for the purpose of general inquiry or survey" shall be inserted;
(b) the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:
"Provided that in the case of general inquiry or survey the power shall be excreised only with the prior approval of an officer of and above the rank of Deputy Commissioncr".;
(15) after section 54, the following section shall be inserted, namely:--
" $54 \wedge$. Entities engaged in electronic commerce to furnish certain details. All companies and entitics maintaining an electronic commerce website shall file monthly, the details of goods sold through such sites in such form as may be preseribed, which are transported into or outside the State as a result of such sale. For this purpose they shall take registration under this Act, in such manner as may be prescribed.";
(16) in section 58 , in sub-section (1), the words, figures, and brackets "sub-scction (8) or sub-section (9) of section 44, section 49, section 67, section 68, section 69 or section 70 " shall be omitted;
(17) in scction 82,
(a) after the words "assessing authority", the words "may collect information through general inquiry or survey and for that purpose" shall be inserted;
(b) the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:
"Provided that in the case of general inquiry or survey the power shall be exercised only with the prior approval of an officer of and above the rank of Deputy Commissioner";
(18) in section 94 , in sub-section ( $2 \Lambda$ ), after the words "entire tax due" the words "with interest thereon till the date of such payment", shall be inserted;
(19) in the Schedules,-
(a) in the First Schedule,--
(i) in serial number 3, in the heading, the words 'poultry feed' shall be omitted;
(ii) serial number 4A and the entrics against it in columns (2) and (3) shall be omitted;
(iii) in serial number 7, in the entry against it in column (2), the words "other than those specifically mentioned in the Third Schedule" shall be added at the end;
(iv) for serial number 17 A and the entries against it in columns (2) and (3), the following serial number and entrics shall, respectively, be substituted. namely:-
"17^. Fabricated wall pancls made of
glass fibre reinforced gypsum
(v) in serial number 18 ,-
(a) item (4) and the entries against it in columns (2) and (3) shall be omitted;
(b) for item (5) and the entrics against it in columns (2) and (3), the following item and entries shall, respectively, be substituted, namely:
"(5). Nylon ropes, polyester ropes,
polyester twines, other plastic ropes and twines sold by Matsyafed, Theeramythri Units approved by Government and Fishermen Co-operative Societics.
(c) item (6) and the entries against it in columns (2) and (3) shall be omitted;
(vi) serial number 23 A and the entries against it in columns (2) and (3) shall be omitted;
(vii) in serial number 2413, the following Note shall be inserted, namely:---
"Note:---This entry shall be decmed to have come into force on the 1st day of April, 2005.";
(viii) scrial number 27 and the cntrics against it in columns (2) and (3) shall be omitted;
(ix) after scrial number 39 and the entries against it in columns (2) and (3), the following serial numbers and entrics shall, respectively, be inserted, namely:
" 39A. Plastic recycling plant and machinery
3913. Pyrolysis oil obtained from recycling of plastics, at the point of sale by such recycling units
(x) after serial number 4213 and the entries against it in columns (2) and (3), the following serial number and entries shall respectively, be inserted, namely:
"42C Rubber wood
(xi) serial number $46 \Lambda$ and the entries against it in columns (2) and (3) shall be omitted;
(xii) scrial number 51 and the entrics against it in columns (2) and (3) shall be omitted;
(xiii) in serial number 55, in the heading in column (2), the words "and Khadi and Village Industries Commission", shall be added at the end;
(xiv) after serial number 62 and the entries against it in columns (2) and (3), the following serial number and entries shall, respectively, be inserted, namely:
"63. Used plastic and electronic waste
(b) in the Second Schedule, -
(i) in serial number 1 ,
(a) for itcm (2) and the entrics against it in columns (2) and (3), the following item and entries shall respectively be substituted, namely: -
" (2) Gold or gold bullion sold by agencies notified by Director Gencral of Foreign Trade and those authorised by Reserve Bank of India for import of gold into the country, at the point of sale by those agencies and its subsequent sale by dealers within the State.";
(b) items (7) to (12) and the entries against them in columns (2) and (3) shall be omitted;
(ii) after serial number 6 and the entries against it in coiumns (2) and (3), the following serial numbers and entrics shall, respectively,be inserted, namely:--
"7A. Embroidery or Zari articles, that is to say,imi, zari, kasab, saima, dabka, chumki, gota,sitara, naqsi, kora, glass bead, badial
(1) Embroidery without visible ground ..... 5810.10.00
(2) Other embroidery of cotton ..... 5810.91 .00
(3) İmbroidery or man-made fibres
(a) Embroidered badges motifs and the like ..... 5810.92.10
(b) Other embroidered articles ..... 5810.92 .90
(4) Embroidery of other textile materials ..... 5810.99 .00
(5) Zari articic
8. Handloom cloth, Handloom bed sheet and Pillow cover
2. Khadi cloth, garments and made ups
10. Silk fabrics and sarecs made of natural silk ..... 5007
11. Textiles fabric
(1) Wool
(a) Woven fabrics of carded wool or of ..... 5111 carded fine animal hair
(b) Woven fabrics of combed wool or of ..... 5112 combed fine animal hair
(c) Woven fabrics of coarse animal hair ..... 5113 or of horse hair.
(2) Cotton
(a) Woven fabrics of cotton containing ..... 5208 $85 \%$ or more by weight of cotton weighing not more than $200 \mathrm{gm} / \mathrm{m}^{2}$
(b) Woven fabrics of cotton containing ..... 5209 $85 \%$ or more by weight of cotton weighing more than $200 \mathrm{gm} / \mathrm{m}^{2}$
(c) Woven fabrics of cotton containing ..... 5210less than $85 \%$ by weight of cotton,mixed mainly or solely with man-made fibres, weighing not more than$200 \mathrm{gm} / \mathrm{m}^{2}$
(d) Woven fabrics of cotton containing ..... 5211 less than $85 \%$ by weight of cotton, mixed mainly or solely with man-made fibres, weighing more than $200 \mathrm{gm} / \mathrm{m}^{2}$
(c) Other woven fabrics of cotton. ..... 5212
(3) Woven fabrics of liax ..... 5309
(4) Woven fabrics of jute or of other textile ..... 5310 basc fibres
(5) Woven fabrics of other vegetable textile ..... 5311 fibres; woven fabrics of paper yarn
(6) Man-made filaments
(a) Woven fabrics of synthetic filament ..... 5407 yarn, including woven fabrics obtained from materials of USN heading 5404
(b) Woven fabrics of artificial filament ..... 5408 yarn, including woven fabrics obtained from matcrials of HSN heading 5405.
(7) Man-made Staple Fibres
(a) Woven fabrics of synthetic staple ..... 5512 fibres, containing $85 \%$ or more by weight of synthetic staple fibres
(b) Woven fabrics of synthetic staple ..... 5513
fibres, containing less than $85 \%$ by weight of such fibres, mixed mainly or solely with cotton, of a weight not excecding $170 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$
(c) Woven fabrics of synthetic staple ..... 5514 fibres, containing less than $85 \%$ by weight of such fibres, mixed mainly or solely with cotton, of a weight excceding $170 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$
(d) Other woven fabrics of synthetic ..... 5515 staple fibres
(e) Woven fabrics of artificial staple ..... 5516 fibres.
(8) Special Woven fabrics; Tufted textile fabrics: Lace, Tapestries, Trimmings; Limbroidery
(a) Woven pile fabrics and chennile ..... 5801 fabrics other than HSN heading nos.5802 or 5806
(b) Terry toweling and similar woven ..... 5802 terry fabrics other than narrow fabrics of HSN heading nos. 5806; tufted textile fabrics other than HSN heading no. 5703
(c) Gauze other than narrow fabrics of ..... 5803
HSN heading no. 5806
(d) Tullies and other net fabrics not ..... 5804 including woven, knitted or crocheted fabrics, lace in the picce, in strips or in motifs, other than fabrics of HSN heading nos. 6002 to 6006
(e) Hand woven tapestries of the type ..... 5805 gobelins, flanders, aubusson, beauvals and the like and needle worked tapestries (for example petit point, cross stitch), whether or not made-up
(f) Narrow woven fabrics other than goods ..... 5806 HSN heading no. 5807; narrow fabrics consisting warp without weft assembled by means of an adhesive (bolducs).
(g) Woven fabrics of metal thread and ..... 5809 woven fabrics of metalized yarn of USN heading no. 5605 of a kind used in apparel as furnishing fabrics of a similar purpose, not elsewhere specified or included.
(9) Textiles fabrics coated with gum or ..... 5901 amylaccous substances, of a kind used for the outer covers of the books or the like; Tracing cloth; Prepared painting cànvas; Buckram and similar stiffened textile fabrics of a kind used for hat foundations
(10) Tyre cord fabric of high tenacity yarn or ..... 5902 other polymers, polyesters or viscose rayon
(11) Textile wall coverings ..... 5905
(12) Rubberised textile febrics, other than tyre ..... 5906 cord fabrics of high tenacity yatn or nylon or other polyamides polyesters or viscose rayon
(13) Textile fabrics, otherwisc impregnated, ..... 5907 coated or covercd; painted canvas being theatrical scenery, studio back-cloths or the like
(14) Knitted or chrocheted fabrics
(a) Pile fabrics, including 'long pile' fabrics ..... 6001 and terry fabrics, knitted or chrocheted
(b) Knitted or chrocheted fabrics of a width ..... 6002 not exceeding 30 cm ., containing by weight $5 \%$ or more of clasto meric yarn of rubber thread, other than those of IISN heading no. 6001
(c) Knitted or chrocheted fabrics of a width ..... 6003 not exceeding 30 cm ., other than those of HSN heading nos. 6001 or 6002
(d) Knitted or chrocheted fabrics of a width ..... 6004 exceeding 30 cm ., containing by weight $5 \%$ or more of elasto meric yarn of rubber thread, other than those of IISN heading no. 6001
(c) Wrap knit fabrics (including those made ..... 6005 on gallon knitting machines), other than those of IISN heading nos. 6001 to 6004
(f) Other knitted or chrocheted fabrics. ..... 6006

## 12. Prepared poultry feed <br> (c) in the Third Schedule,-

(i) after serial number 18 and the entrics against it in columns (2) and (3), the following serial number and entrics shall, respectively, be inserted, namely:---
> "18A. Brooms, brushes and mops made of plastic used for floor cleaning and toilet clcaning
(ii) in serial number $51 \Lambda$, after item (8) and the entries against it in columns (2) and (3), the following items and entries shall respectively, be inserted, namely:-
(9) Articles of 'goldsmiths' or 'silversmiths' 7114 wares and parts thereof of precious metals or of metal clad with precious metal
(10) Other articles of precious metal or of metal 7115 clad with precious metals
(11) Silver, semi-manufactured
7106.92
(12) Gold, semi-manufactured 7108.13 .00
(13) Waste and scrap of precious metals 7112
(14) Gold coins
(15) Gold bullion other than those specified in ***". Second Schedule
(iii) after serial number 92 and the entrics against it in columns (2) and (3), the following serial number and entries shall, respectively, be inserted, namely:-
"92A. Nylon Rope not included in the first ***";
(iv) in serial number 97 A , the following Note shall be inserted, namely:-
"Note.--This entry shall be deemed to have come into force on the 19th day of July, 2011.";
(v) after scrial number 99 and the entries against it in columns (2) and (3), the following serial number and entrics shall, respectivcly, be inserted, namcly:
"991. Polycster rope, polyester twine and other plastic ropes and twines not included in the First Schedule.
(vi) in serial number 100, in the heading, the words "but excluding those mentioned in serial number 313 of the table in clause (a) of subsection (1) of section 6" shall be added at the end;
(vii) for serial number 130 and the entries against it in columns (2) and (3) the following serial number and entries shall, respectively, be substituted, namcly:
"130. Toys excluding clectronic and plastic toys ***";
(viii) after scrial number 146 and the entries against it in columns (2) and (3), the following serial number and entrics shall, respectively, be inserted, namely:
"147. Iilectronic goods and systems for -defence purposes notified by the Government, and manufactured by units situated in the State
(d) in List $\Lambda$,
(i) in serial number $84 \Lambda$, the following Note shall be inserted, namely:
"Note. This entry shall be deemed to have come into force on the 1st day of April, 2005.";
(ii) scrial number $136 \Lambda$ and the entries against it in columns (2) and (3) shall be omitted.

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