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STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

I

Amending Act 32 of 2004.- It is considered necessary to introduce Value Added Tax to replace the present sales tax system in line with the national consensus for bringing in reforms in commodity taxation. The new legislation provides for the following, namely:-

- (i) Widens the tax base by levying tax on sale of goods at every point of sale;
- (ii) Makes the levy of tax transparent and removes cascading;
- (iii) Compels issue of tax invoices by dealers indicating the tax charged separately;
- (iv) Provides for set off of all tax paid at the earlier points in respect of goods sold (that would include tax paid, defined as input tax on capital goods, raw materials, components and other inputs including consumables with some restrictions and packing materials that are used in the re-sale or manufacture or processing of goods being sold) against tax payable, defined as output tax, at any point, the set off scheme being called as input rebating;
- (v) Tax paid on inputs purchased within the State is provided to be rebated against goods sold within the State, in the course of inter-State trade;
- (vi) Provides limited rebating of tax paid in excess of 4% to input used in the goods sent out of the State on stock or consignment;
- (vii) Promotes voluntary compliance by providing for acceptance of returns filed by dealers on self-assessment basis and for scrutiny of books of account only in selected cases.
- (viii) Enhances compliance by providing for non-discretionary automatic penalty for offences of non-compliance and contravention of the various provisions of law; and
- (ix) Minimises disputes regarding the time of sale by defining the same and thereby ensuring payment of tax without delay and also requires dealers to issue tax invoices within reasonable time to the buying dealers.

Certain other incidental and consequential provisions are also made.

Hence the Bill.

[L.A.Bill No. 2 of 2003]

II

Amending Act 6 of 2005.- To give effect to the decisions taken at the national level in the design of the Value Added Tax that is replacing the present sales tax system.

Opportunity is also taken to make certain other incidental and consequential provisions.

Hence the Bill.

[LA Bill No. 4 of 2005]

III

Amending Act 11 of 2005.- To give effect to the proposals made in the Budget Speech, it is considered necessary to amend the Mysore Betting Tax Act, 1932 (Mysore Act IX of 1932), the Karnataka Sales Tax Act, 1957(Karnataka Act 25 of 1957), the Karnataka Entertainments Tax Act, 1958(Karnataka Act 30 of 1958), the Karnataka Tax on Professions, Trades, Callings and Employments Act, 1976(Karnataka Act 35 of 1976), the Karnataka Tax on Entry of Goods Act, 1979(Karnataka Act 27 of 1979), the Karnataka Tax on Lotteries Act, 2004 (Karnataka Act 3 of 2004), the Karnataka Special Tax on Entry of Certain Goods Act, 2004 (Karnataka Act 29 of 2004) and the Karnataka Value Added Tax Act, 2003 (Karnataka Act 32 of 2004).

Opportunity is also taken to rationalize certain provisions of the said Acts.

Hence the Bill.

[LA Bill No. 12 of 2005]

IV

Amending Act 27 of 2005.- To give effect to the decisions of the Empowered Committee of State Finance Ministers making modifications in the lists of commodities exempt from tax and commodities taxable at four percent and also to provide for optional payment of tax on medicines on maximum retail price basis, the Karnataka Value Added Tax Act, 2003, had to be amended for their implementation. As the Empowered Committee had also resolved that the changes in the tax rates must be given effect to from the first day of May, 2005 and as the Government of India has agreed to compensate any loss of revenue incurred by the States on introduction of VAT, only if the States implement VAT as per the design decided by the Empowered Committee, considering that the State Legislative Council was not in session, the Karnataka Value Added Tax (Amendment) Ordinance, 2005 was promulgated on seventh day of June, 2005 to bring in the above changes in the Karnataka Value Added Tax Act, 2003. Opportunity was also taken to bring in certain clarificatory amendments, to extend composition facility to sweet meat stalls and ice cream parlours on par with hoteliers and to extend input tax rebate to all goods dispatched outside the State on stock transfer.

This Bill seeks to replace the said Ordinance.

Hence the Bill.

[LA Bill No. 24 of 2005]

V

Amending Act 4 of 2006.- It is considered necessary to amend the Karnataka Value Added Tax Act, 2003 to give effect to the proposal made in the Budget and matters connected therewith.

Certain consequential and incidental amendments are also made.

Hence the Bill.

[L.A. Bill No. 7 of 2006]

VI

Amending Act 6 of 2007.- It is considered necessary to amend the Karnataka Value Added Tax Act, 2003 to give effect to the proposals made in the Budget and matters connected therewith.

Certain consequential and incidental amendments are also made.

Hence the Bill.

[L.A. Bill No. 21 of 2007]

(Entry 54 of List II of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India)

VII

Amending Act 5 of 2008.- It is considered necessary to amend the Karnataka Value Added Tax Act, 2003 to give effect to the proposals made in the Budget and matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

Opportunity is also taken to rationalise taxation and to make certain consequential amendments also.

Hence the Bill.

[L.A. Bill No: 2 of 2008]

[Entry 54 of List II of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India.]

VIII

Amending Act 5 of 2009.- It is considered necessary to amend the Karnataka Value Added Tax Act, 2003 to give effect to the proposals made in the Budget and specifically to,

- (i) provide for mandatory use of tamperproof electronic billing devices by certain classes of dealers so as to ensure accounting of all their sales and correct payment of tax by them;
- (ii) empower the Comptroller and Auditor General of India to authorise an audit party deputed by him to examine the accounts of a registered dealer to verify the correctness of the returns filed by such dealer;
- (iii) provide for reversal of input tax credit deducted by a dealer on his opting for composition tax payment scheme;
- (iv) provide for input tax deduction to a voluntarily registered dealer when his taxable turnover exceeds the minimum registration limit;
- (v) provide for audit of accounts of dealers with total turnover exceeding forty lakh rupees;
- (vi) empower the Commissioner of Commercial Taxes to notify documents that could be carried for transport of goods;

- (vii) provide for transfer of certificate of registration issued to a deceased individual to his legal heirs; and
- (viii) increase the time limit for passing order disposing of an appeal by the Appellate Authority to ninety days.

Certain consequential and incidental amendments and other amendments to rationalise certain current provision are also made.

Hence the Bill.

[L.A. Bill No: 20 of 2009]

[Entry 54 of List II of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India.]

IX

Amending Act 4 of 2010.-It is considered necessary to amend the Karnataka Value Added Tax Act, 2003 to give effect to the proposals made in the Budget and matters connected therewith and specifically to,

- (i) provide for optional tax payment scheme on any goods on the basis of their maximum retail price to simplify maintenance of accounts and tax compliance;
- (ii) provide for levy of tax on tobacco products on the basis of their maximum retail price so as to ensure payment of tax on value addition done by the retailers who do not get registered;
- (iii) provide for constitution of Authority for Clarification and Advance Rulings so as to simplify tax compliance and avoid disputes;
- (iv) empower the Commissioner of Commercial Taxes to notify the class of dealers to whom electronic filing of returns and payment of tax would be mandatory so as to ensure remittance of the tax due to the Government without any delay;
- (v) empower the Commissioner of Commercial Taxes to notify the officers empowered to intercept and inspect goods vehicles;
- (vi) empower the Commissioner of Commercial Taxes to notify the website in which particulars in respect of goods carried in a goods vehicle shall be entered into so as to expedite inspection of such goods vehicle at the check post and other places;
- (vii) empower the Commissioner of Commercial Taxes to notify the place to which the owner or person-in-charge of the goods vehicle could be directed to take the goods vehicle on its interception at places other than a check post or barrier for its inspection;
- (viii) provide for levy of penalty for furnishing of incorrect particulars for the preparation of a return.

Certain consequential and incidental amendments and other amendments to rationalise certain current provision are also made.

Hence the Bill.

[L.A. Bill No.10 of 2010, File No.DPAL 13 Shasana 2010]

[Entry 54 of List II of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India.]

X

Amending Act 12 of 2011.- It is considered necessary to amend the Karnataka Value Added Tax Act, 2003 to give effect to the proposals made in the Budget and matters connected therewith and specifically to, empower the Commissioner of Commercial Taxes to,

- (i) notify the website in which an application for registration may be made by the dealer so as to make the procedure of the issue of registration simple and easy;
- (ii) notify the website in which information in respect of transit of goods by road through the State may be entered into so as to make the issue of transit pass simple and detection of non-compliance easy.

Certain consequential and incidental amendments and other amendments to rationalise certain current provision are also made.

Hence the Bill.

[L.A. Bill No. 14 of 2011, File No. Samvyashae 12 Shasana 2011]

[Entry 54 of List II of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India.]

XI

Amending Act 17 of 2012.- It is considered necessary to amend the Karnataka Value Added Tax Act, 2003 to give effect to the proposals made in the Budget and matters connected therewith.

Certain consequential and incidental amendments and other amendments to rationalise certain current provisions are also made.

Hence the Bill.

[L.A. Bill No. 3 of 2012, File No. Samvyashae 25 Shasana 2012]

[Entry 54 of List II of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India.]

XII

Amending Act 27 of 2012.- It is considered necessary to amend the Karnataka Value Added Tax Act, 2003 to increase the rate of tax in respect of certain commodities to raise additional resources.

Hence, the Bill.

[L.A. Bill No.28 of 2012, File No. Samvyashae 54 Shasana 2012]

[Entry 54 of List II of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India.]

XIII

Amending Act 32 of 2013.- It is considered necessary to amend the Karnataka Value Added Tax Act, 2003 to give effect to the proposals made in the Budget and matters connected therewith.

Certain consequential and incidental amendments and other amendments to rationalise certain current provisions are also made.

Hence the Bill.

[L.A. Bill No.8 of 2013, File No. Samvyashae 16 Shasana 2013]

[Entry 54 of List II of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India.]

XIV

Amending Act 54 of 2013.- It is considered necessary to amend the Karnataka Value Added Tax Act, 2003 to give effect to the proposals made in the Budget particularly to,

- (i) clarify that the time limit specified for assessment or re-assessment under section 39 as amended by Act No. 17 of 2012 is of retrospective effect; and

- (ii) specify that any clarification issued by the Commissioner of Commercial Taxes overrides the clarification of the Authority for Clarification and Advance Rulings.

Certain consequential and incidental amendments including amendments to rationalise certain current provisions are also made.

Hence, the Bill.

[L.A. Bill No. 08 of 2013, File No. Samvyashae 37 Shasana 2013]

[Entry 54 of List II of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India.]

XV

Amending Act 15 of 2014.- It is considered necessary to amend the Karnataka Value Added Tax Act, 2003 to give effect to the proposals made in the Budget particularly to provide for levy of tax on sale of liquor including beer, fenny, liqueur and wine by bar and restaurants operating in urban areas and by clubs, lodging houses and star hotels, and matters connected therewith.

Hence the Bill.

[L.A. Bill No.33 of 2014, File No. Samvyashae 12 Shasana 2014]

[entry 54 of List II of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India.]

XVI

Amending Act 05 of 2015.- It is considered necessary to amend the Karnataka Value Added Tax Act, 2003 to provide for reimbursement of VAT on personal purchases made by the Diplomats and Consulate officers of the Embassies and Consulates of countries with which any reciprocal agreement is entered into by the Central Government.

Hence, the Bill.

[L.A. Bill No.61 of 2014, File No. Samvyashae 45 Shasana 2014]

[Entry 54 of List II of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India.]

XVII

Amending Act 15 of 2015.- It is considered necessary to amend the Karnataka Value Added Tax Act, 2003 to give effect to the proposals made in the Budget and matters connected therewith and specifically to,

- (i) provide for levy of tax on Tobacco products at a higher rate.
- (ii) provide for deduction of tax at source in case of sales made to Government departments and others out of the amounts payable by them to a dealer in respect of any sales made to them in the State at the rate applicable under the Act to ensure better compliance.
- (iii) provide for claim of input tax rebate of preceding tax periods in the return filed for the subsequent tax period, if input tax rebate was not claimed in the relevant tax period. This is to facilitate the dealer to claim input tax credit at a later date as per their business practices of accounting.

- (iv) provide for reversal of input tax credit in case a dealer sells goods at a rate lower than the purchase price in the guise of business practices like post-sale discounts/annual discounts/special discounts etc., in certain commodities to safeguard the State revenue.
- (v) provide for higher threshold limits for registration and cancellation of registration as a relief to small dealers.
- (vi) provide for filing a single appeal against First Appellate Authority assessment/re-assessment orders/proceedings of several tax periods to reduce unnecessary documentation.
- (vii) provide more time for disposal of appeal by Karnataka Appellate Tribunal from the date of Stay order granted by it.

Hence the Bill.

[L.A. Bill No.08 of 2015, File No. Samvyashae15 Shasana 2015]
[entry 54 of List II of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India.]

XVIII

Amending Act 06 of 2016.- It is considered necessary to amend the Karnataka Value Added Tax Act, 2003 to give effect to the proposal made in the Budget and certain consequential amendments thereof.

Hence the Bill.

[L.A. Bill No.12 of 2016, File No. Samvyashae 18 Shasana 2016]
[entry 54 of List II of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India.]

XIX

Amending Act 15 of 2017.- It is considered necessary to amend the Karnataka Value Added Tax Act, 2003 to give effect to the proposals made in the Budget and certain consequential amendments thereof.

Hence the Bill.

[L.A. Bill No.13 of 2017, File No. Samvyashae 18 Shasana 2017]
[entry 54 of List II of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India.]

XX

Amending Act 23 of 2018. - The Hon"ble High Court of Karnataka by its order dated: 28.06.2017 in Writ Petition No. 26873-877/2017 has observed that the Honourable High Court is flooded with Writ Petitions unnecessarily in view of limited power given to the Karnataka Appellate Tribunal to extend the stay period due to the legislative lacunae therein. Hence, the Karnataka Appellate Tribunal may find itself unable to decide all the pending appeals within the stipulated time frame of one year on account of this lacunae. Accordingly, Hon"ble High Court directed to the State Government to consider appropriate amendments to the Karnataka Value Added Tax Act, 2003.

Hence, it is considered necessary to amend the Karnataka Value Added Tax Act, 2003 (Karnataka Act 32 of 2004) to give effect to the proposal made in the Budget Speech 2018-19 in para 172 to extend the time limit to disposal of appeals from "three hundred and sixty five days" to "three years".

Hence the Bill.

[L.A. Bill No.01 of 2018, File No. Samvyashae 14 Shasana 2018]
[entry 54 of List II of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India.]

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KARNATAKA ACT NO. 32 OF 2004

(First published in the Karnataka Gazette Extraordinary on the twentythird day of December 2004)

THE KARNATAKA VALUE ADDED TAX ACT, 2003

(Received the assent of the President on the fifteenth day of December, 2004)

(As amended by Act 6 of 2005, 11 of 2005, 27 of 2005, 4 of 2006, 6 of 2007, 5 of 2008, 5 of 2009, 4 of 2010, 12 of 2011, 17 of 2012, 27 of 2012, 32 of 2013, 54 of 2013, 15 of 2014, 05 of 2015, 15 of 2015, 06 of 2016, 15 of 2017 and 23 of 2018.)

An Act to provide for further levy of tax on the purchase or sale of goods in the State of Karnataka.

Be it enacted by the Karnataka State Legislature in Fifty-fourth year of the Republic of India, as follows:-

Chapter I**Introduction**

1. Short title, extent and commencement.- (1) This Act may be called the Karnataka Value Added Tax Act 2003.

(2) It extends to the whole of the State of Karnataka.

(3) It shall come into force on such ¹[date] as the Government may, by notification, appoint and different dates may be appointed for different provisions of the Act.

1. All the provisions of the Act except section 3 and 22 have come into force on 11th March 2005, vide Notification No. FD 55 CSL 2005(1) dated 11-3-2005 (Karnataka Gazette Extraordinary No. 326, Dated 11-3-2005) Sections 3 and 22 have come into force on 1-4-2005 vide notification FD 55 CSL 2005(2) dated 23-3-2005.

(4) The tax shall be levied on the sale or purchase of goods made after such date as the Government may, by notification, appoint and different dates may be appointed for different class or classes of goods.

2. Definitions.- In this Act unless the context otherwise requires:-

(1) '**Agriculture**' with its grammatical variations includes horticulture, the raising of crops, grass or garden produce and grazing but does not include dairy farming, poultry farming, stock breeding and mere cutting of wood.

(2) '**Agriculturist**' means a person who cultivates land personally.

(3) '**Agricultural produce or horticultural produce**' shall not be deemed to include tea, beedi leaves, raw cashew, timber, wood, tamarind and such produce, except coffee as has been subject to any physical, chemical or other process for being made fit for consumption, save mere cleaning, grading, sorting or drying.

(4) '**Appellate Tribunal**' means the Karnataka Appellate Tribunal constituted under the Karnataka Appellate Tribunal Act, 1976 (Karnataka Act 59 of 1976).

(5) '**Assessment**' means an assessment made or deemed to have been made under this Act and includes a re-assessment.

¹[(5-A) '**Body corporate**' means a corporation, a company as defined under the Companies Act, 1956 (Central Act 1 of 1956) and a company incorporated outside India but does not include.-

(a) a corporation sole;

- (b) a co-operative society registered under any law relating to co-operative societies; and
- (c) any other body corporate, not being a company as defined in the Companies Act, 1956, which the State Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, specify in this behalf.¹

1. Inserted by Act 4 of 2006 w.e.f. 1.4.2006.

¹[(5-B) ‘ **Branded**’ means any goods sold under a name or trade mark registered or pending registration or pending registration of transfer under the Trade and Merchandise Marks Act, 1958 (Central Act 43 of 1958) or the Trade Marks Act, 1999 (Central Act 47 of 1999).]¹

1. Renumbered by Act 4 of 2006 w.e.f. 1.4.2006.

(6) ‘ **Business**’ includes:-

- (a) any trade, commerce, manufacture or any adventure or concern in the nature of trade, commerce or manufacture, whether or not such trade, commerce, manufacture, adventure or concern is carried on in furtherance of gain or profit and whether or not any gain or profit accrues therefrom; and
- (b) any transaction in connection with, or incidental or ancillary to, such trade, commerce, manufacture, adventure or concern.

¹[(7) “**Capital goods**” for the purposes of section 12 means plant, including cold storage and similar plant, machinery, goods vehicles, equipments, moulds, tools and jigs, and used in the course of business other than for sale;]¹

1. Substituted by Act 4 of 2006 w.e.f. 1.4.2006.

(8) ‘ **Commissioner**’ means any person appointed to be a Commissioner of Commercial Taxes under Section 3 of the Karnataka Sales Tax Act, 1957 (Karnataka Act 25 of 1957).

(9) ‘ **Company**’ shall have the meaning assigned to it in the Companies Act, 1956 (Central Act 1 of 1956).

(10) ‘ **To cultivate**’ with its grammatical variations and cognate expressions means to carry on any agricultural operation;

(11) ‘ **To cultivate personally**’ means, to cultivate land on one's own account, -

- (a) by one's own labour, or
- (b) by the labour of one's own family, or
- (c) by servants on wages payable in cash or kind but not in crop share, or by hired labour under one's personal supervision or the personal supervision of any member of one's family.

Explanations.- (1) A person who is a widow or a minor or is subject to any physical or mental disability shall be deemed to cultivate the land personally if it is cultivated by her or his servants or by hired labour.

(2) In the case of undivided family, the land shall be deemed to have been cultivated personally, if it is cultivated by any member of such family.

(12) ‘ **Dealer**’ means any person who carries on the business of buying, selling, supplying or distributing goods, directly or otherwise, whether for cash or for deferred payment, or for commission, remuneration or other valuable consideration, and includes-

- (a) an industrial, commercial or trading undertaking of the Government, the Central Government, a State Government of any State other than the State of Karnataka, a statutory body, a local authority, company, a Hindu undivided family, an Aliyasanthana Family, a partnership firm, a society, a club or an association which carries on such business;
- (b) a casual trader, a person who has, whether as principal, agent or in any other capacity, carries on occasional transactions of a business nature involving the buying, selling, supply or distribution of goods in the State, whether for cash or for deferred payment, or for commission, remuneration or other valuable consideration;
- (c) a commission agent, a broker or *del credere agent* or an auctioneer or any other mercantile agent by whatever name called, who carries on the business of buying, selling, supplying or distributing goods on behalf of any principal;
- (d) a non-resident dealer or an agent of a non-resident dealer, a local branch of a firm or company or association situated outside the State ;
- (e) a person who sells goods produced by him by manufacture or otherwise;
- (f) a person engaged in the business of transfer otherwise than in pursuance of a contract of property in any goods for cash deferred payment or other valuable consideration.
- (g) a person engaged in the business of transfer of property in goods (whether as goods or in some other form) involved in the execution of a works contract;
- (h) a person engaged in the business of delivery of goods on hire purchase or any system of payment by installments;
- (i) a person engaged in the business of transfer of the right to use any goods for any purpose (whether or not for a specified period) for cash, deferred payment or other valuable consideration;

Explanations.- (1) A society (including a cooperative society), club or firm or an association which, whether or not in the course of business, buys, sells, supplies goods or distributes goods from or to its members for cash, or for deferred payment or for commission, remuneration or other valuable consideration, shall be deemed to be a dealer for the purposes of this Act.

(2) The Central Government or a State Government or a local authority or a statutory body which whether or not, in the course of business, buys, sells, supplies or distributes goods, directly or otherwise, for cash or deferred payment or for commission, remuneration or other valuable consideration shall be deemed to be a dealer for the purposes of this Act.

(3) In respect of the transfer of the right to use feature films, the person who transfers such right to the exhibitor and from whom the exhibitor derives the right to make such use shall be deemed to be the dealer under this clause.

(4) (a) An agriculturist who sells exclusively agricultural produce grown on land cultivated by him personally or a person who is exclusively engaged in poultry farming and sells the products of such poultry farm shall not be deemed to be a dealer within the meaning of this clause;

(b) Where the agriculturist is a company and is selling ¹[arecanut,]¹ pepper, cardamom, rubber, timber, wood, raw cashew or coffee grown on land cultivated by it

personally, directly or otherwise, such company, shall be deemed to be a dealer in respect of turnovers relating to sales of such produce.

1. Inserted by Act 5 of 2008 w.e.f. 1.8.2008.

(13) '**Document**' includes written or printed records of any sort, title deeds and data stored electronically in whatever form.

¹[(13-A)Electronic tax register" means a secure fiscal electronic device meant to issue tax invoices or bills of sale and record the details of such sales, and includes a printer and a device to affix signature of the dealer or his agent.]¹

1. Inserted by Act 5 of 2009 w.e.f. 1.4.2009.

(14) '**Export**' means a sale of goods taking place in the course of export of the goods out of the territory of India only if the sale either occasions such export or is effected by a transfer of documents of title to the goods after the goods have crossed the customs frontiers of India and includes the last sale of any goods preceding the sale occasioning the export of those goods out of the territory of India, if such last sale took place after, and was for the purpose of complying with the agreement or order for or in relation to such export.

(15) '**Goods**' means all kinds of movable property (other than newspaper, actionable claims, stocks and shares and securities) and includes livestock, all materials, commodities and articles (including goods, as goods or in some other form) involved in the execution of a works contract or those goods to be used in the fitting out, improvement or repair of movable property, and all growing crops, grass or things attached to, or forming part of the land which are agreed to be severed before sale or under the contract of sale.

(16) '**Goods vehicle**' means any kind of vehicle used for carriage of goods either solely or in addition to passengers (other than aeroplanes and rail coaches) and includes push cart, animal drawn cart, tractor-trailer and the like.

(17) '**Government**' means the Government of Karnataka.

(18) '**Import**' means sale or purchase in the course of the import of goods into the territory of India if the sale or purchase either occasions such import or is effected by transfer of documents of title to the goods before the goods have crossed the customs frontiers of India and includes procurement of goods from outside the State either as a result of purchase or otherwise.

(19) '**Input**' means any goods including capital goods purchased by a dealer in the course of his business for re-sale or for use in the manufacture or processing or packing or storing of other goods or any other use in business.

(20) '**Input tax**' has the meaning assigned to it in Section 10.

(21) '**Maximum retail price**' or '**MRP**' shall mean the price marked on the package in which the goods are contained.

(22) '**Output tax**' has the meaning assigned to it in Section 10.

(23) '**Place of business**' means any place where a dealer purchases or sells goods and includes, -

(a) any warehouse, godown or other place where a dealer stores or processes his goods;

- (b) any place where a dealer produces or manufactures or processes goods;
- (c) any place where a dealer keeps his accounts including documents and in a case where a dealer carries on business through an agent (by whatever name called), the place of business of such agent.

(24) '**Prescribed authority**' means an officer of the Commercial Taxes Department, authorised by the Government or the Commissioner to perform such functions as may be assigned to him.

(25) '**Prevailing market price**' shall mean the published wholesale price in force in the market and in cases where there is no such published wholesale price, the prevailing market price of any goods.

(26) '**Published**' shall mean published in any newspaper, journal or periodical or notified by a market committee or any such authority.

(27) '**Registered dealer**' means a dealer registered under this Act.

(28) '**Return**' means any return ¹[including a revised return]¹ prescribed or otherwise required to be furnished by or under this Act.

1. Inserted by Act 4 of 2006 w.e.f. 1.4.2006.

(29) '**Sale**' with all its grammatical variation and cognate expressions means every transfer of the property in goods (other than by way of a mortgage, hypothecation, charge or pledge) by one person to another in the course of trade or business for cash or for deferred payment or other valuable consideration and includes,-

- (a) a transfer otherwise than in pursuance of a contract of property in any goods for cash, deferred payment or other valuable consideration;
- (b) a transfer of property in goods (whether as goods or in some other form) involved in the execution of a works contract;
- (c) a delivery of goods on hire purchase or any system of payment by installments;
- (d) a transfer of the right to use any goods for any purpose (whether or not for a specified period) for cash, deferred payment or other valuable consideration.

Explanations.- (1) A transfer of property involved in the sale or distribution of goods by a society (including a co-operative society), club, firm, or any association to its members, for cash, or for deferred payment or other valuable consideration, whether or not in the course of business, shall be deemed to be a sale for the purposes of this Act.

(2) Every transaction of sale by way of or as a part of any service or in any other manner whatsoever, of goods, being food or any other article of human consumption or any drink (whether or not intoxicating) where such sale or service is for cash, deferred payment or other valuable consideration, shall be deemed to be a sale of those goods by the person making the sale and purchase of those goods by the person to whom such sale is made.

(3) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Act or any other law for the time being in force, two independent sales or purchases shall, for the purposes of this Act, be deemed to have taken place,

(a) when the goods are transferred from a principal to his selling agent and from the selling agent to the purchaser, or

(b) when the goods are transferred from the seller to a buying agent and from the buying agent to his principal, if the agent is found in either of the cases aforesaid,-

- (i) to have sold the goods at one rate and to have passed on the sale proceeds to his principal at another rate, or
- (ii) to have purchased the goods at one rate and to have passed them on to his principal at another rate, or
- (iii) not to have accounted to his principal for the entire collections or deductions made by him in the sales or purchases effected by him on behalf of his principal, or
- (iv) to have acted for a fictitious or non-existent principal.

(4) Every transfer of property in goods by the Central Government, any State Government, a statutory body or a local authority for cash or for deferred payment or other valuable consideration, whether or not in the course of business, shall be deemed to be a sale for the purposes of this Act.

(30) '**State Representative**' means any person appointed to be the State Representative under Section 58 and includes an officer empowered by the Commissioner under that Section to perform the functions of a State representative.

(31) '**Taxable sale**' means any sale of goods, which is taxable under the provisions of this Act.

(32) '**Tax invoice**' means a document specified under Section 29 listing goods sold with price, quantity and other information as prescribed.

(33) '**Tax period**' means such periods as may be prescribed.

(34) '**Taxable turnover**' means the turnover on which a dealer shall be liable to pay tax as determined after making such deductions from his total turnover and in such manner as may be prescribed, but shall not include the turnover of purchase or sale in the course of interstate trade or commerce or in the course of export of the goods out of the territory of India or in the course of import of the goods into the territory of India and the value of goods transferred or despatched outside the State otherwise than by way of sale.

(35) '**Total turnover**' means the aggregate turnover in all goods of a dealer at all places of business in the State, whether or not the whole or any portion of such turnover is liable to tax, including the turnover of purchase or sale in the course of interstate trade or commerce or in the course of export of the goods out of the territory of India or in the course of import of the goods into the territory of India and the value of goods transferred or despatched outside the State otherwise than by way of sale.

(36) '**Turnover**' means the aggregate amount for which goods are sold or distributed or delivered or otherwise disposed of in any of the ways referred to in clause (29) by a dealer, either directly or through another, on his own account or on account of others, whether for cash or for deferred payment or other valuable consideration, and includes the aggregate amount for which goods are purchased from a person not registered under the Act and the value of goods transferred or despatched outside the State otherwise than by way of sale, and subject to such conditions and restrictions as may be prescribed the amount for which goods are sold shall include any sums charged for anything done by the dealer in respect of the goods sold at the time of or before the delivery thereof.

Explanation.- The value of the goods transferred or despatched outside the State otherwise than by way of sale, shall be the amount for which the goods are ordinarily sold by

the dealer or the prevailing market price of such goods where the dealer does not ordinarily sell the goods.

(37) '**Works contract**' includes any agreement for carrying out for cash, deferred payment or other valuable consideration, the building, construction, manufacture, processing, fabrication, erection, installation, fitting out, improvement, modification, repair or commissioning of any movable or immovable property.

(38) '**Year**' means the year commencing on the first day of April.

Chapter II

The incidence and levy of tax

3. Levy of tax.- (1) The tax shall be levied on every sale of goods in the State by a registered dealer or a dealer liable to be registered, in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

(2) The tax shall also be levied, and paid by every registered dealer or a dealer liable to be registered, on the sale of taxable goods to him, for use in the course of his business, by a person who is not registered under this Act.

4. Liability to tax and rates thereof.- (1) Every dealer who is or is required to be registered as specified in Sections 22 and 24, shall be liable to pay tax, on his taxable turnover,

(a) in respect of goods mentioned in,-

(i) Second Schedule, at the rate of one per cent,

¹[(ii) Third Schedule, at the rate of five per cent, and;]¹

1. Substituted by Act 12 of 2011 w.e.f. 1.4.2011.

(iii) Fourth Schedule, at the rate of twenty per cent.

¹[(b) in respect of.-

(i) declared goods as specified in Section 14 of the Central Sales Tax Act, 1956 (Central Act 74 of 1956) at the maximum rate specified for such goods under Section 15 of the said Act;

(ii) cigarettes, cigars, gutkha and other manufactured tobacco at the rate of ²[³[twenty percent]³]²;

(iii) other goods at the rate of fourteen per cent.]¹

1. Substituted by Act 12 of 2011 w.e.f. 1.4.2011.

2. Substituted by Act 17 of 2012 w.e.f. 1.4.2012.

3. Substituted by Act 15 of 2015 w.e.f. 01.4.2015.

²[(c) in respect of transfer of property in goods (whether as goods or in some other form) involved in the execution of works contract specified in column (2) of the Sixth Schedule, subject to sections 14 and 15 of the Central Sales Tax Act, 1956(Central Act 74 of 1956), at the rates specified in the corresponding entries in column (3) of the said Schedule.]²

1. Substituted by Act 6 of 2005 w.e.f. 19.3.2005.

2. Inserted by Act 4 of 2006 w.e.f. 1.4.2006.

¹[Provided that the rate of tax in respect of declared goods as specified in section 14 of the Central Sales Tax Act, 1956 (Central Act 74 of 1956) shall be four per cent from Eighth day of April, 2011 to Eleventh day of April, 2011.]¹

1. Inserted by Act 17 of 2012 w.e.f. 1.4.2012.

(2) Where goods sold or purchased are contained in containers or are packed in any packing material liable to tax under this Act, the rate of tax applicable to taxable turnover of such containers or packing materials shall, whether the price of the containers or packing materials is charged for separately or not, be the same as the rate of tax applicable to such goods so contained or packed, and where such goods sold or purchased are exempt from tax under this Act, the containers or packing materials shall also be exempt.

(3) The State Government may, by notification, reduce the tax payable under sub-section (1) in respect of any goods ¹[subject to such restrictions and conditions as may be specified in the notification.]¹

1. Inserted by Act 4 of 2006 w.e.f. 1.4.2006.

¹[(3-A) Any notification issued under sub-section (3), shall be valid until it is cancelled or varied, notwithstanding that the tax payable in respect of any such goods is modified by amendment to this Act.]¹

1. Inserted by Act 4 of 2010 w.e.f. 1.4.2010.

¹[(4) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1), subject to such conditions as may be prescribed, a registered dealer, if he so elects, may pay tax on the sale of goods specified in serial number 60 of the Third Schedule, ³[or any other goods]³ on the maximum retail price indicated on the label of the container or pack thereof]¹ ²[or on such maximum retail price reduced by an amount equal to the tax payable.]²

1. Inserted by Act 27 of 2005 w.e.f. 1.4.2005.

2. Inserted by Act 6 of 2007 w.e.f. 1.4.2007.

3. Inserted by Act 4 of 2010 w.e.f. 1.4.2010

¹[(5) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1), a registered dealer shall be liable to pay tax on the sale of cigarettes, cigars, gutkha and other manufactured tobacco, on the maximum retail price indicated on the label of the container or pack thereof, after reducing from such maximum retail price an amount equal to the tax payable, where the total amount payable to the dealer as the consideration for sale of such goods exceeds five hundred rupees or any other higher amount as may be notified by the Commissioner.

(6) Where tax in respect of his purchase of goods is collected in accordance with sub-section (5),-

(a) a registered dealer whose sale of such goods is not liable to tax under sub-section (5), shall be eligible for refund or adjustment of any amount of tax collected on his purchase, which is in excess of the tax payable on his turnover relating to sale of such goods, and the burden of proving that the tax has been collected and paid in accordance with the said sub-section shall be on the dealer;

(b) a person who is not a dealer liable to get registered under the Act, may claim refund of any amount paid by the selling dealer in excess of the tax payable on the

consideration paid by him to such dealer in such manner and subject to such conditions as may be prescribed.]¹

1. Inserted by Act 4 of 2010 w.e.f.1.4.2010.

5. Exemption of tax.- ¹[(1)] Goods specified in the First Schedule and any other goods as may be specified by a notification by the State Government shall be exempt from the tax payable under this Act ²[subject to such restrictions and conditions as may be specified in the notification]²

1. Section 5 renumbered as 5(1) by Act 11 of 2005 w.e.f. 1.4.2005.

2. Inserted by Act 4 of 2006 w.e.f. 11.3.2005.

¹[(1-A)Any notification issued under sub-section (1), shall be valid until it is cancelled or varied, notwithstanding that the tax payable in respect of such goods is modified by amendment to this Act.]¹

1. Inserted by Act 4 of 2010 w.e.f. 1.4.2010.

¹[(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the Government may, in such circumstances and subject to such conditions as may be specified, by notification, and subject to such rules as may be prescribed, exempt the whole or any part of the tax payable for any period on sales of goods made to or made by a new industrial unit, in respect of which the Government has already notified exemption of tax under the provisions of the Karnataka Sales Tax Act, 1957 (Karnataka Act 25 of 1957), and such exemption on purchases or sales shall be by way of refund of tax collected on purchases or sales made by such industrial unit.]

1. Inserted by Act 11 of 2005 w.e.f. 1.4.2005.

6. Place of sale of goods.- (1) The sale or purchase of goods, other than in the course of inter-State trade or commerce or in the course of import or export, shall be deemed, for the purposes of this Act, to have taken place in the State irrespective of the place where the contract of sale or purchase is made, if the goods are within the State.-

(a) in the case of specific or ascertained goods, at the time the contract of sale or purchase is made; and

(b) in the case of unascertained or future goods, at the time of their appropriation to the contract of sale or purchase by the seller or by the purchaser, whether the assent of the other party is prior or subsequent to such appropriation.

(2) Where there is a single contract of sale or purchase of goods situated at more places than one, the provisions of clause (a) shall apply as if there were separate contracts in respect of goods at each of such places.

(3) Notwithstanding anything contained in the Sale of Goods Act, 1930 (Central Act 3 of 1930), for the purpose of this Act, the transfer of property of goods (whether as goods or in some other form) involved in the execution of a works contract shall be deemed to have taken place in the State, if the goods are within the State at the time of such transfer, irrespective of the place where the agreement for works contract is made, whether the assent of the other party is prior or subsequent to such transfer.

(4) Notwithstanding anything contained in the Sale of Goods Act, 1930 (Central Act 3 of 1930), for the purpose of this Act, the transfer of the right to use any goods for any purpose (whether or not for a specified period) shall be deemed to have taken place in the

State, if such goods are for use within the State irrespective of the place where the contract of transfer of the right to use the goods is made.

7. Time of sale of goods.- (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in the Sale of Goods Act, 1930 (Central Act 3 of 1930), for the purpose of this Act, and subject to sub-section (2), the sale of goods shall be deemed to have taken place at the time of transfer of title or possession or incorporation of the goods in the course of execution of any works contract whether or not there is receipt of payment:

Provided that where a dealer issues a tax invoice in respect of such sale within fourteen days from the date of the sale, the sale shall be deemed to have taken place at the time the invoice is issued.

(2) Where, before the time applicable in sub-section (1), the dealer selling the goods issues a tax invoice in respect of such sale or receives payment in respect of such sale, the sale shall, to the extent that it is covered by the invoice or payment, be deemed to have taken at the time the invoice is issued or the payment is received.

(3) The Commissioner may on an application of any dealer exempt such dealer subject to such conditions as he may specify, from the time specified in sub-section (1).

8. Agents liable to pay tax.- (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in any law for the time being in force including this Act, every person who, for an agreed commission or brokerage, buys or sells on behalf of any principal who is a resident of the State shall be liable to tax under this Act at the rate or rates leviable thereunder in respect of such purchase or sale, notwithstanding that such principal is not a dealer or that the turnover of purchase or sale relating to such principal is less than the minimum specified in sub-sections (1), (2) and (3) of Section 22.

(2) The principal shall not be liable to tax on his turnover in respect of which the agent is liable to tax under sub-section (1), and the burden of proving that the turnover has been effected through an agent liable to tax under the said sub-section, shall be on such principal.

9. Collection of tax by registered dealers, Governments and statutory authorities.- (1) Every registered dealer liable to pay tax under the Act shall collect such tax at the rate or rates at which he is liable to pay tax, and the tax collected shall be accounted for under the provisions of this Act and rules made thereunder.

(2) The Central Government, a State Government, a statutory body or a local authority shall, in respect of any taxable sale of goods effected by them, collect by way of tax any amount which a registered dealer effecting such sale would have collected by way of tax under this Act, issue a tax invoice, pay the tax so collected into the Government Treasury or any designated bank and furnish monthly returns, as specified under Section 35, to the prescribed authority.

¹9-A. Deduction of tax at source (in case of works contract).- (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the Central Government, or any State Government, or an industrial, commercial or trading undertaking of the Central Government or of any State, or any such undertaking in joint sector or any other industrial, commercial or trading undertaking or any other person or body as may be notified by the Commissioner from time to time or a local authority or a statutory body, shall deduct out of the amounts

payable by them to a dealer in respect of any works contract executed for them in the State, an amount equivalent to the tax payable by such dealer under the Act.

(2) No such deduction shall be made under sub-section (1), if the amounts payable by them are in respect of sales of any goods, in the course of inter-State trade or commerce or, in the course of export out of the territory of India or, import into the territory of India or, outside the State.

(3) The deduction under sub-section (1) shall be made by an authority on the basis of tax payable as calculated by the dealer.

¹[(4) (a) Where it is found that the tax payable as calculated by any dealer is less than the tax payable for the works contract executed by him by more than fifteen percent, the officer empowered by the Commissioner shall so inform the authority responsible for deduction of tax under sub-section (1).

(b) On such information, the authority responsible for deduction of tax or the dealer shall make an application to such officer for issue of a certificate, and the officer so empowered by the Commissioner shall issue the certificate within ten days from the date of receipt of the application, failing which the authority responsible for deduction of tax shall make deduction as calculated by the dealer till the issue of the certificate.

(c) After issue of certificate, such deduction shall be made out of any amounts payable subsequently to such dealer based on the certificate issued by such officer.]¹

1. Substituted by Act 4 of 2006 w.e.f. 1.4.2006.

(5) The authority making deduction under sub-section (1), shall send every month to the prescribed authority a statement in the prescribed form containing particulars of tax deducted during the preceding month and pay full amount of the tax so deducted by it within twenty days after the close of the preceding month in which such deductions were made and the amount so payable shall for the purposes of Section 42 be deemed to be an amount due under this Act.

¹[Provided that among the authorities making deduction under sub-section (1), the specified class of authorities as may be notified by the Commissioner shall submit a statement in the prescribed form electronically and make payment electronically to the prescribed authority through the internet in the manner specified in the notification]¹

1. Inserted by Act 15 of 2015 w.e.f. 01.4.2015.

(6) Where default is made in complying with the provisions of sub-section (5), the prescribed authority may, after such enquiry as it deems fit and after giving opportunity to the concerned authority of being heard, determine to the best of its judgment, the amount of tax payable under this sub-section by such authority and the amount so determined shall be deemed to be the tax due under the Act for the purpose of section 42.

(7) If default is committed in the payment of tax deducted beyond ten days after the expiry of the period specified under sub-section (5), the authority making deductions under sub-section (1) shall pay, by way of interest, a sum equal to the interest specified under sub-section (1) of Section 37 during the period in which such default is continued.

(8) The authority making deduction under sub-section (1), shall furnish to the dealer from whom such deduction is made, a certificate obtained from the prescribed authority containing such particulars as may be prescribed.

(9) Payment by way of deduction in accordance with sub-section (5), shall be without prejudice to any other mode of recovery of tax due under this Act from the dealer executing the works contract.

(10) Where tax in respect of the works contract is remitted under sub-section (5), the tax payable by the dealer for any period, ¹[xxx]¹ shall be reduced by the amount of tax already remitted under the said sub-section.

1. Omitted by Act 4 of 2006 w.e.f. 1.4.2006.

(11) The burden of proving that the tax on such works contract has already been remitted and of establishing the exact quantum of tax so remitted shall be on the dealer claiming the reduction of tax under sub-section (10).¹

1. Inserted by Act 6 of 2005 w.e.f. 19.3.2005.

¹**[9-B. Deduction of tax at source (in case of purchases made by Government departments and others).-**(1) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the Central Government, or any State Government, or an industrial, commercial or trading undertaking of the Central Government or of any State, or any such undertaking in joint sector or a local authority or a statutory body not being a registered dealer under the Act or any other person or body as may be notified by the Commissioner from time to time shall deduct tax amount, out of the amounts payable by them to a dealer, at the rate applicable, in respect of purchase of goods effected by them in the State, with effect from such date as may be notified by the Commissioner.

(2) The authority making deduction under sub-section (1), shall send every month to the prescribed authority a statement in the prescribed form containing particulars of tax deducted during the preceding month and pay full amount of the tax so deducted by it within twenty days after the close of the preceding month in which such deductions were made and the amounts so payable shall for the purpose of Section 42 deemed to be an amount due under this Act.

Provided that the specified class of authorities as may be notified by the Commissioner shall submit a statement in the prescribed form electronically and make payment electronically to the prescribed authority through the internet in the manner specified in the notification.

(3) Where default is made in complying with the provisions of sub-section (2), the prescribed authority may, after such enquiry as it deems fit and after giving opportunity to the concerned authority of being heard, determine to the best of its judgment, the amount of tax payable under sub-section (2) by such authority and the amount so determined shall be deemed to be the tax due under the Act for the purpose of section 42.

(4) If default is committed in the payment of tax deducted beyond ten days after the expiry of the period specified under sub-section (2), the authority making deductions under sub-section (1) shall pay, by way of interest, a sum equal to the interest specified under sub-section (1) of section 37 during the period in which such default is continued.

(5) The authority making deduction under sub-section (1), shall furnish to the dealer from whom such deduction is made, a certificate obtained from the prescribed authority containing such particulars as may be prescribed.

(6) Payment by way of deduction in accordance with sub-section (2), shall be without prejudice to any other mode of recovery of tax due under this Act from the dealer selling the goods.

(7) The burden of proving that the tax on such sale has already been remitted and of establishing the exact quantum of tax so remitted shall be on the dealer.]¹

1. Inserted by Act 15 of 2015 w.e.f. 01.4.2015.

10. Output tax, input tax and net tax.- (1) Output tax in relation to any registered dealer means the tax payable under this Act in respect of any taxable sale of goods made by that dealer in the course of his business, and includes tax payable by a commission agent in respect of taxable sales of goods made on behalf of such dealer subject to issue of a prescribed declaration by such agent.

(2) Subject to input tax restrictions specified in Sections 11,12,14, ¹[17 and 18]¹, input tax in relation to any registered dealer means the tax collected or payable under this Act on the sale to him of any goods for use in the course of his business, and includes the tax on the sale of goods to his agent who purchases such goods on his behalf subject to the manner as may be prescribed to claim input tax in such cases.

1. Substituted by Act 6 of 2005 w.e.f. 19.3.2005.

¹[(3) Subject to input tax restriction specified in sections 11, 12, 14, 17, 18 and 19, the net tax payable by a registered dealer in respect of each tax period shall be the amount of output tax payable by him in that period less the input tax deductible by him as may be prescribed in that period and ²[XXX]² shall be accounted for in accordance with the provisions of this Act.]¹

³[Provided that, a registered dealer while calculating the net tax payable on or after first day of April 2015 may claim input tax relatable to goods purchased during the period immediately preceding five tax periods of such tax period, if input tax of such goods is not claimed in any of such five preceding tax periods.]³

1. Substituted by Act 15 of 2015 w.e.f. 01.4.2015.

2. Omitted by Act,6 of 2016 w.e.f 1.4.2015.

3. Inserted by Act,6 of 2016 w.e.f 1.4.2015.

(4) For the purpose of calculating the amount of net tax to be paid or refunded, no deduction for input tax shall be made unless a tax invoice, debit note or credit note, in relation to a sale, has been issued in accordance with Section 29 ¹[xxx]¹ and is with the registered dealer taking the deduction at the time any return in respect of the sale is furnished, except such tax paid under sub-section (2) of Section 3.

(5) Subject to input tax restrictions specified in Sections 11,12, 14, 17, 18 and 19, where under sub-section (3) the input tax deductible by a dealer exceeds the output tax payable by him, the excess amount shall be adjusted or refunded together with interest, as may be prescribed.

1. Omitted by Act 32 of 2013 w.e.f. 1.4.2013.

¹[(6) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, input tax deducted by a registered dealer to calculate net tax payable is provisional to a dealer who fails to furnish or furnishes incorrect and incomplete particulars for preparation of the return in the prescribed form electronically through internet in the manner specified in the notification issued by the Commissioner under first proviso to section 35 and the jurisdictional Local VAT Officer or VAT sub-officer shall assess such dealer for such tax period by disallowing input tax claimed by him and issue demand notice:

Provided that, where an assessment has been made under this sub-section and the dealer subsequently furnishes particulars for preparation of the return in the prescribed form or furnishes correct and complete particulars for preparation of the return electronically through internet in the manner specified in the notification for the tax period to which assessment relates, the jurisdictional Local VAT Officer or VAT sub-officer shall withdraw the assessment but the dealer shall be liable to penalty as applicable under sub-section (3-A) of section 72.]¹

1. Inserted by Act,6 of 2016 w.e.f 1.4.2016.

11. Input tax restrictions.- (a) Input tax shall not be deducted in calculating the net tax payable, in respect of:

(1) tax paid on purchases attributable to sale ¹[or manufacture or processing or packing or storage]¹ of exempted goods exempted under Section 5, except when such goods are sold in the course of export out of the territory of India;

1. Shall be and shall always be deemed to have been inserted by Act 5 of 2008 w.e.f. 11.3.2005.

¹[(2) tax paid on goods as specified in the Fifth Schedule subject to such conditions as may be specified, purchased and put to use for purposes other than for,

(i) resale, or

(ii) manufacture or any other process of other goods for sale;

(3) tax paid on purchase of goods as may be notified by the Government or Commissioner subject to such conditions as may be specified;

(4) tax paid on purchase of capital goods other than those falling under clause (2) or (3) except as provided in section 12;

(5) tax paid on purchase of goods, that are despatched outside the State or used as inputs in the manufacture, processing or packing of other taxable goods despatched to a place outside the State, other than as a direct result of sale or purchase in the course of inter-State trade or commerce except as provided in section 14.]¹

1. Substituted by Act 4 of 2006 w.e.f. 1.4.2006.

(6) tax paid on purchases attributable to naphtha, liquified petroleum gas, furnace oil, ¹[XXX]¹ superior kerosene oil, kerosene and any other petroleum product, when used as fuel in motor vehicles, but when used as fuel in production of any goods for sale in the course of export out of the territory of India or taxable goods or captive power, input tax shall be deducted as provided in Section 14.

1. shall be and shall always be deemed to have been omitted by Act 6 of 2007.

(7) tax paid under sub-section (2) of Section 3 on the purchase of fuel;

(8) tax paid under sub-section (2) of Section 3 on the purchase of goods excluding fuel, until output tax is payable on such goods or other goods in which such goods are put to use except when the said goods are exported out of the territory of India;

(9) tax paid on goods purchased by a dealer who is required to be registered under the Act, but has failed to register.

(b) Input tax shall not be deducted by an agent purchasing or selling goods on behalf of any other person other than a non-resident principal.

²¹[(c) Input tax shall not be deducted by any dealer executing a works contract,
 (i) in respect of the amount paid or payable to any sub-contractor as the consideration for execution of part or whole of such works contract for him, that is claimed as deduction; and
 (ii) in respect of the amount actually expended towards labour and other like charges not involving any transfer of property in goods in connection with the execution of works contract, that is claimed as deduction.]¹²

1. deemed to have been inserted by Act 5 of 2008 w.e.f.01.04.2006.

2. Substituted by Act 17 of 2012 w.e.f. 1.4.2012.

¹[(d) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, where any dealer has sold goods at a price lesser than the price of such goods purchased by him, the amount of input tax credit shall be restricted to the amount of output tax of such goods.]¹

1. Inserted by Act 15 of 2015 w.e.f. 01.4.2015.

12. Deduction of input tax in respect of Capital goods.- (1) Deduction of input tax shall be allowed to the registered dealer in respect of the purchase of capital goods ¹[on or after the commencement of this Act] for use in the business of sale of any goods in the course of export out of the territory of India and in the case of any other dealer in respect of the purchase of capital goods wholly or partly for use in the business of taxable goods.

1. Inserted by Act 6 of 2005 w.e.f. 19.3.2005.

(2) Deduction of input tax under this Section shall be allowed only after commencement of commercial production, or sale of taxable goods or sale of any goods in the course of export out of the territory of the India by the registered dealer ¹[xxx]¹.

1. Omitted by Act 4 of 2006 w.e.f. 1.4.2006.

13. Pre-registration purchases.- Deduction of input tax shall be allowed to the registered dealer, subject to the restrictions of Section 11, in respect of tax charged to him by a seller on taxable sale of goods made to him for the purpose of the business within three months prior to the date of his registration provided that no input tax shall be allowed in respect of goods which have been sold or otherwise disposed of prior to the date of registration.

¹**14. Special rebating scheme.-** Deduction of input tax shall be allowed on purchase of goods, specified in clauses (5) and (6) of sub-section (a) of Section 11, to the extent of the input tax charged at a rate higher than four per cent or any lower rate as may be notified by the Government.]¹

1. Substituted by Act 4 of 2006 w.e.f. 1.4.2006.

15. Composition of tax.- (1) Subject to such conditions and in such circumstances as may be prescribed, any dealer other than a dealer who purchases or obtains goods from outside the State or from outside the territory of India, liable to pay tax as specified in Section 4 and,

¹[(a) whose total turnover ²[in a year]² does not exceed an amount as may be notified by the State Government which shall not exceed fifty lakh rupees, and who is not a dealer falling under clause (b) or (c) or (d) below;]¹

1. Substituted by Act 4 of 2006 w.e.f. 1.4.2006.

2. Substituted by Act 6 of 2007 w.e.f. 1.4.2007.

(b) who is a dealer executing works contracts; or

(c) who is a hotelier, restaurateur, caterer; ¹[or dealer running a sweetmeat stall or an icecream parlour]¹ ²[or bakery or any other class of dealers as may be notified by the Government]²

1. Inserted by Act 27 of 2005 w.e.f. 7.6.2005.

2. Inserted by Act 4 of 2006 w.e.f. 1.4.2006.

(d) who is a mechanised crushing unit producing ¹[granite or any other metals]¹;

may elect to pay in lieu of the net amount of tax payable by him under this Act by way of composition, an amount at such rate not exceeding five per cent on his total turnover or on the total consideration for the works contracts executed or not exceeding two lakh rupees for each crushing machine ²[per annum as may be notified by the Government]² as may be prescribed.

1. Substituted by Act 4 of 2006 w.e.f. 1.4.2006.

2. Substituted by Act 6 of 2005 w.e.f. 19.3.2005.

¹[(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1), a dealer whose nature of business is of a type falling under more than one clause of sub-section (1), shall be eligible to opt for composition under the said sub-section in respect of tax payable on his turnover relating to any or all of such types of business subject to the condition that,

(a) such dealer maintains separate account of each type of his business;

(b) the total turnover in a year in respect of all types of business of such dealer falling under clause (a) of sub-section (1) does not exceed the amount as may be notified under the said clause;

(c) the amount payable by way of composition by such dealer on his total turnover or the total consideration in respect of each type of such business shall be as may be notified for such type under sub-section (1);

(d) the total turnover of such dealer from all his types of business shall be reduced to the extent of the total turnover or total consideration in respect of each such type, for calculating the amount payable by way of composition for such type of business under sub-section (1); and

(e) in respect of such type of business for which, he has not exercised his option or is not eligible, for composition under sub-section (1), then on the taxable turnover as determined from the balance total turnover after reduction as specified in clause (d), he shall be liable to tax as specified under section 4.]¹

1. Substituted by Act 6 of 2007 w.e.f. 1.4.2007.

(3) Any dealer eligible for composition of tax under sub-section (1) may report, to the prescribed authority, the exercise of his option and he shall pay such amount due and furnish a return in such manner as may be prescribed.

(4) Any dealer opting for composition of tax ¹[under this section]¹ shall not be permitted to claim any input tax on any purchases made by him.

1. deemed to have been Substituted by Act 5 of 2008 w.e.f. 1.4.2006.

¹[(5) Notwithstanding anything contained in ¹[sub-section (1)]¹,-

1. deemed to have been Substituted by Act 5 of 2008 w.e.f. 1.4.2006.

- (a) a dealer executing works contracts and who purchases or obtains goods from outside the State or from outside the territory of India shall be eligible to opt for composition under sub-section (1), and if the property in such goods (whether as goods or in some other form) is transferred in any works contract executed by him, the dealer shall be liable to pay tax on the value of such goods at the rate specified in section 4, and such value shall be deducted from the total consideration of the works contracts executed on which an amount as notified is payable under sub-section (1) by way of composition in lieu of the tax payable under the Act;
- (b) in the case of a dealer executing works contracts and opting for composition of tax under sub-section (1), no tax by way of composition shall be payable on the ¹[amounts payable or paid]¹ to a sub-contractor as consideration for execution of works contract whether wholly or partly and such amounts shall be deducted from the total consideration of the works contracts executed on which an amount as notified is payable under sub-section (1) by way of composition in lieu of the tax payable under the Act subject to production of proof that such sub-contractor is a registered dealer liable to tax under the Act and that such amounts are included in the return filed by such sub-contractor;

1. Substituted by Act 6 of 2007 w.e.f. 1.4.2007.

- (c) in the case of a dealer executing works contracts, after opting for composition of tax under sub-section (1), ¹[who]¹ effects sale of any goods liable to tax under the Act other than by transfer of the property in such goods (whether as goods or in some other form) in any works contract executed by him, the dealer shall be liable to pay tax on the value of such goods at the rate specified in section 4, without any deduction for input tax on purchase of such goods made by him;

1. shall be and shall always be deemed to have been inserted by Act 6 of 2007.

- (d) in the case of a dealer opting for composition of tax under clause (a) or (c) of sub-section (1), the turnover on which tax is leviable under sub-section (2) of section 3 shall be deducted from the total turnover on which an amount as notified is payable under sub-section (1) by way of composition in lieu of the tax payable under ²[the Act;]²¹.

1. Inserted by Act 4 of 2006 w.e.f. 1.4.2006.

2. Shall be and shall always be deemed to have been substituted by Act 6 of 2007

w.e.f. 11.3.2005

¹[(e) a dealer executing works contracts and opting for composition of tax under sub-section (1), shall be liable to pay tax, if any, under sub-section (2) of section 3, in addition to tax by way of composition on the total consideration for the works contracts executed;]¹

1. Inserted by Act 6 of 2007 w.e.f. 1.4.2006.

16. Special accounting scheme.- Where a dealer liable to pay tax under Section 4 is unable to identify each individual sale, its value or the rate of tax, ¹[or is unable to issue a tax invoice as specified in section 29 for each individual sale]¹ he may apply to the prescribed authority to pay net tax under Section 10 under a special method to be mutually agreed by such authority in such manner as may be prescribed.

1. Inserted by Act 27 of 2005 w.e.f. 1.6.2005.

17. Partial rebate.- Where a registered dealer deducting input tax.-

(1) makes sales of taxable goods and goods exempt under Section 5, or

(2) in addition to ¹[sales of taxable goods or]¹ the sales referred to in clause (1), despatches taxable goods or goods exempted under Section 5 outside the State not as a direct result of sale or purchase in the course of inter-State trade, or

1. Shall be and shall always be deemed to have been inserted by Act 6 of 2007 w.e.f. 11.3.2005.

(3) puts to use the inputs purchased in any other purpose (other than sale, manufacturing, processing, packing or storing of goods), in addition to use in the course of his business,¹[or,]¹

1. Shall be and shall always be deemed to have been inserted by Act 6 of 2007 w.e.f. 11.3.2005.

¹[(4) falls under any of the above clauses and also purchases any petroleum product for use as fuel in production of any goods or captive power,]¹

1. Shall be and shall always be deemed to have been inserted by Act 6 of 2007 w.e.f. 11.3.2005.

apportionment and attribution of input tax deductible between such sales and despatches of goods or such purpose, shall be made in accordance with Rules or by special methods to be approved by the Commissioner or any other authorised person and any input tax deducted in excess shall become repayable forthwith.

¹[18. Deduction of tax at source in the case of canteens.- (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, a factory or other industrial concern or any other establishment, in which a canteen or cafeteria or restaurant or other similar facility is run, through a dealer, as an amenity provided for the employees of such factories or concerns or establishments, shall deduct out of any amounts payable by them to such dealer as their contribution by whatever name called, in respect of sale of articles of food and drinks to their employees, an amount at the rate of four percent of the aggregate of the sale prices received or receivable by such dealer from the employees and contribution paid or payable by such factories or concerns or establishments to such dealer.

(2) No deduction shall be made under sub-section (1) if the aggregate of the sale prices received or receivable by and contribution paid or payable to such dealer in respect of sale of articles of food and drinks to the employees is less than ¹[five lakh rupees]¹ in a year.

1. Substituted by Act 4 of 2010 w.e.f. 1.4.2010.

(3) The factory or other industrial concern or other establishment making deduction under sub-section (1), shall send every month to the prescribed authority a statement in the prescribed form containing particulars of tax deducted during the preceding month and pay full amount of the tax so deducted by it within twenty days after the close of the preceding month in which such deduction was made and the amount so payable shall be deemed to be the tax due under this Act for the purposes of section 42.

(4) If default is committed in the payment of tax deducted beyond ten days after the expiry of the period specified under sub-section (3), the factory or concern or establishment making deduction under sub-section (1) shall pay, by way of interest, a sum equal to the interest specified under sub-section (1) of section 37 during the period in which such default is continued.

(5) The factory or concern or establishment making deduction under sub-section (1) shall furnish to the dealer from whom such deduction is made, a certificate obtained from the prescribed authority containing such particulars as may be prescribed.

(6) Payment by way of deduction in accordance with sub-section (3), shall be without prejudice to any other mode of recovery of tax due under this Act from such dealer referred to in sub-section (1).

(7) Where tax in respect of the dealer referred to in sub-section (1) is remitted under sub-section (3), the tax payable by the dealer for any period, shall be reduced by the amount of tax already remitted under the said sub-section.

(8) The burden of proving that the tax on his turnover relating to sale of articles of food and drinks has already been remitted and of establishing the exact quantum of tax so remitted shall be on the dealer claiming the reduction.]¹

1. Substituted by Act 4 of 2006 w.e.f. 1.4.2006.

²[¹[18A.xxx]¹]²

1. Inserted by Act 6 of 2007 w.e.f. 1.4.2007.

2. Omitted by Act 17 of 2012 w.e.f. 1.4.2012.

19. Change in use ¹[or tax payment scheme]¹ after deduction of input tax.- (1)

Where a registered dealer has deducted input tax on any goods and those goods are not used in the course of his business or lost or destroyed, any input tax deducted becomes repayable in the period following the date on which those goods were put to such other use.

(2) Where such goods have been wholly or mainly used or are intended for use in sale of taxable goods or in sale of any goods in the course of export out of the territory of India prior to the change of use, ²[input tax repayable shall be calculated]² on the prevailing market value of such goods at the time of change of use.

¹[(3) Where a registered dealer after deducting input tax on any goods used in the course of his business, opts for composition of tax under section 15, the input tax deducted on the goods held in stock on the date on which the dealer so opts shall be repayable by the dealer in the tax period following such date and the input tax so repayable shall be calculated on the market value of such goods on such date ;]¹

1. Inserted by Act 5 of 2009 w.e.f.1.4.2009.

2. Shall be and shall always be deemed to have been substituted by Act 6 of 2007 w.e.f. 11.3.2005.

20. Deduction of input tax on exports and interstate sales,¹[and to special economic zone units and developers]¹ etc..- (1) Tax paid under this Act by any dealer on purchase of inputs in respect of,-

(a) any goods sold in the course of export out of the territory of India, or

(b) any goods taxable under the Act, sold in the course of interstate ²[trade or commerce]²

1. inserted by Act 6 of 2007 w.e.f. 1.4.2007.

2. Shall be and shall always be deemed to have been substituted by Act 4 of 2006 w.e.f. 1.4.2006.

(c) (d) ¹[xxxx]¹

1. Omitted by Act 6 of 2005 w.e.f. 19.3.2005.

shall be deducted as provided under Section 10, ¹[subject to such conditions as may be prescribed] from output tax payable by such dealer.

1. Inserted by Act 6 of 2005 w.e.f. 19.3.2005.

¹[(2) Tax paid under this Act on purchase of inputs by a registered dealer who is a developer of any special economic zone or an unit located in any special economic zone established under authorisation by the authorities specified by the Central Government in this behalf, shall be refunded or deducted from the output tax payable by such dealer, subject to such conditions and in the manner as may be prescribed.]¹

1. substituted by Act 6 of 2007 w.e.f. 1.4.2007.

Explanation 1.- For the purposes of this section, the expression "special economic zone" has the meaning assigned to it in clause (iii) to Explanation 2 to the proviso to section 3 of the Central Excise Act, 1944 (Central Act 1 of 1944).

¹[**Explanation 2.-** xxx]

1. Omitted by Act 6 of 2005 w.e.f. 19.3.2005.

¹[**21. Reimbursement of tax.-** Tax collected under this Act on such class of purchases as may be prescribed, made by specialised agencies of the United Nations Organisation, Multilateral Financial Institutions and Organisations notified under the United Nations (Privileges and Immunities) Act, 1947 (Central Act 46 of 1947) and Consulates or Embassies of any other country but excluding consulates or embassies as may be notified shall be reimbursed, in such manner and subject to such conditions as may be prescribed.]¹

1. Substituted by Act 12 of 2011 w.e.f. 1.4.2011.

¹[Provided that reimbursement of Tax collected under this Act shall also be available in respect of personal purchases made by the Diplomats and Consulate officers of the Embassies and Consulates of the countries which are notified subject to such conditions as may be specified therein by the State Government based on reciprocal agreements entered into by the Central Government with such countries.]¹

1. Inserted by Act 05 of 2015 w.e.f. 09.01.2015.

Chapter III Registration

22. Liability to register.- (1) ¹[XXX]¹

1. Omitted by Act 4 of 2010 w.e.f. 1.4.2010.

(2) Every dealer who at any time has reason to believe that his taxable turnover is likely to exceed ³[¹[⁴[ten]⁴]³ lakh rupees]¹ during any year after the year ending Thirty First day of March ²[⁴[2015]⁴]² shall be liable to be registered and report such liability forthwith or on such date as may be notified by the Government.

1. Substituted by Act 4 of 2010 w.e.f.1.4.2010

2. Substituted by Act 6 of 2005 w.e.f. 19.3.2005.

3. Substituted by Act 15 of 2014 w.e.f. 01.03.2014

4. Substituted by Act 15 of 2015 w.e.f. 01.4.2015.

(3) Every dealer whose taxable turnover exceeds ³[⁴[eighty three thousand three hundred thirty]⁴]³ rupees]¹ in any one month after the date from which the tax shall be levied, in accordance with Section 3, ²[xxx]², shall register forthwith.

1. Substituted by Act 4 of 2010 w.e.f. 1.4.2010.

2. Omitted by Act 11 of 2005 w.e.f. 1.4.2005.

3. . Substituted by Act 15 of 2014 w.e.f. 01.03.2014

4. Substituted by Act 15 of 2015 w.e.f. 01.4.2015.

(4) Every dealer to whom a business or part of a business is transferred by another dealer who is liable to be registered under this Act, shall apply for registration from the date of that transfer, if he is not already registered.

(5) Every dealer liable to register under sub-sections (2), (3) or (4) shall report his liability to be registered in the prescribed manner at the end of the month on which that liability arises or on such date as may be notified under sub-section (2).

(6) Every dealer who obtains or brings taxable goods from outside the State, whether as a result of purchase or otherwise, shall be liable to be registered after such first purchase or procurement irrespective of the value of goods purchased or procured and shall report such liability at the end of the month in which such purchase or procurement takes place.

(7) Every dealer who exports taxable goods is liable to register after the first export and shall report such liability at the end of the month in which such export takes place.

(8) Every dealer who effects sale of taxable goods in the course of interstate trade or commerce or dispatches taxable goods to a place outside the State is liable to register after the first sale or dispatch and shall report such liability at the end of the month in which such sale or dispatch takes place.

(9) Every casual trader and every non-resident dealer or his agent shall be liable to register ¹[before the commencement of his business]¹ irrespective of the value of the taxable goods sold and shall report such liability forthwith.

1. Substituted by Act 4 of 2006 w.e.f. 1.4.2006.

9A. ²[¹[XXX]¹]²

1. Inserted by Act 6 of 2005 w.e.f. 19.3.2005.

2. . Omitted by Act 15 of 2014 w.e.f. 01.03.2014

(10) In determining whether a person is liable to be registered under sub-sections (1), (2) or (3), the prescribed authority may have regard to the total or taxable turnover or total receipts of any other person where both persons are associates, and, where the prescribed authority deems that any business has been deliberately broken up into smaller businesses to avoid registration, the prescribed authority may issue a notice requiring those businesses to be registered as one business entity.

23. Voluntary registration.- A dealer who sells taxable goods, though not liable to register under Section 22 but who desires to register voluntarily, shall make an application to the prescribed authority in such form and in such manner as may be prescribed, giving correct and complete particulars ¹[and such dealer on becoming liable to register under section 22 shall on the date he becomes so liable, be eligible for deduction of input tax as specified under section 13 subject to the conditions specified in section 11.]¹

1. Inserted by Act 5 of 2009 w.e.f. 1.4.2009.

24. *Suo motu* registration.- Where a dealer liable to be registered has failed to inform the competent authority of his liability to be registered, the competent authority may after conducting such survey, inspection or enquiry as may be prescribed, proceed to register such person under Section 22.

25. Registration.- (1) The form of application to register under Section 22 or 23, the time and manner of making application, and the fee, payable shall be as may be prescribed.

¹[Provided that the Commissioner may notify the website in which an application shall be made electronically.]¹

1. Substituted by Act 12 of 2011 w.e.f. 1.4.2011.

(2) On receipt of an application to register under Section 22 or 23, the prescribed authority shall register any such dealer and grant him a certificate of registration, if he is satisfied that the applicant is a bona fide dealer and that he complies with the requirements of this Act, with effect from the ¹[the date of such application or from the date of commencement of business by such dealer, whichever is later].¹

1. Substituted by Act 6 of 2007 w.e.f. 1.4.2007.

(3) The prescribed authority may refuse to grant a certificate of registration to the applicant for any good and sufficient reasons to be recorded in writing, after allowing the applicant to show cause in writing against such refusal.

(4) In respect of the Central Government, any State Government, any statutory body or any local authority liable to collect tax under sub-section (2) of Section 9, the Commissioner may authorise issue of a certificate of registration to such body in the manner as may be prescribed.

26. Security.- (1) The prescribed authority may, for the proper payment of the tax, from time to time demand from a registered dealer or from a dealer who has applied for registration under this Act, reasonable security not exceeding a prescribed amount to be paid in the prescribed manner.

(2) The prescribed authority may, by order, forfeit the whole or any portion of the security furnished by a dealer,

(a) for collecting any amount of tax, interest or penalty that is payable by such dealer, or

(b) if such dealer is found to have misused any prescribed certificate or declaration or has failed to keep or retain them in the prescribed manner.

(3) No order shall be passed under sub-section (2), without giving the dealer an opportunity of showing cause in writing against such forfeiture.

27. Cancellation of registration.- (1) In any case where,

(a) any business of a registered dealer has been discontinued, transferred fully or otherwise disposed of; or

(b) there is any change in the status of the ownership of the business; or

(c) the taxable turnover of sale of goods of a registered dealer has, during any period of ¹[twelve consecutive months]¹ not exceeded ²[³[⁴[ten]⁴]³ lakh rupees]²; or

1. Substituted by Act 4 of 2006 w.e.f. 1.4.2006.

2. Substituted by Act 4 of 2010 w.e.f. 1.4.2010.

3. Substituted by Act 15 of 2014 w.e.f. 01.03.2014.

4. Substituted by Act 15 of 2015 w.e.f. 01.04.2015.

(d) a dealer issues tax invoices without effecting any taxable sales; or

(e) a dealer being an individual, registered under this Act dies,

and for any other good and sufficient reason, the prescribed authority may, either on its own motion or on the application of the dealer, or in the case of death, on the application of the legal heirs, made in the prescribed manner, cancel the registration certificate from such date, including any anterior date, as it considers fit having regard to the circumstances of the case.

¹[Provided that in the case of a deceased individual, on application by his legal heirs for transfer of registration and subject to such conditions as may be prescribed, the prescribed authority may instead of cancellation permit transfer of his certificate of registration to the legal heirs. ;]¹

1. Inserted by Act 5 of 2009 w.e.f. 1.4.2009.

(2) The cancellation of a certificate of registration under this Section shall not affect the liability of the dealer to pay tax, any penalty and interest due for any period prior to the date of cancellation whether or not such tax, penalty and interest is assessed before the date of cancellation but remains unpaid, or is assessed thereafter.

(3) On cancellation of registration, except where the business is transferred as a whole to another registered dealer as specified, a dealer who has availed deduction of input tax, shall be liable to ¹[repay such input tax on any taxable goods held by him calculated on]¹ at their prevalent market price.

1. Substituted by Act 6 of 2007 w.e.f. 1.4.2007.

(4) A dealer liable to pay tax under sub-section (3) shall furnish a final return at such time as may be prescribed.

28. Obligation of registered dealer to inform changes after registration.- (1)

Where.-

(a) a registered dealer sells or otherwise disposes of his business or any part thereof, or

(b) there is any other change in the ownership of the business including any change in the status, or

(c) a registered dealer discontinues his business or changes his place of business or opens a new place of business, or

(d) a registered dealer changes the name or nature of the business,

such registered dealer or, in case of his death his legal representative, shall within the prescribed time, inform the prescribed authority accordingly.

(2) Where,-

(a) a change of ownership of the business takes place on account of transfer of business from one registered dealer to another, the dealer succeeding to the business, or

(b) there is any change in the status of the ownership of the business,

such registered dealer shall surrender the certificate of registration already issued in respect of the business and apply for registration afresh in the prescribed manner.

(3) On any application for amendment of a certificate of registration or upon his own motion, the prescribed authority may amend the registration certificate of a dealer or reject the application within thirty days of the date of receipt of such application, after making such enquiry as it deems fit and after giving the dealer the opportunity of showing cause in writing against such amendment or rejection.

(4) Any amendment of a certificate shall take effect from the date of the event referred to in sub-section (1) where applicable and in all other cases the amendment shall take effect from the date of application.

(5) Where any change in registration other than of death of the registered dealer is not reported to the prescribed authority within the prescribed time, it shall be deemed that no such change has occurred and the dealer as registered shall be liable to tax that is payable in respect of any business carried on.

Chapter IV

Accounts and documents

29. Tax invoices and bills of sale.- (1) A registered dealer effecting a ¹[a sale of taxable goods or exempt goods along with any taxable goods, in excess of the prescribed value]¹ shall issue at the time of the sale, a tax invoice marked as original for the sale, containing the particulars prescribed, and shall retain a copy thereof.

1. Substituted by Act 6 of 2007 w.e.f. 1.4.2007.

(2) A tax invoice marked as original shall not be issued to any registered dealer in circumstances other than those specified in sub-section (1), and in a case of loss of the original, a duplicate may be issued where such registered dealer so requests.

¹[(3) A registered dealer,-

- (a) selling non-taxable goods; or
- (b) opting to pay tax by way of composition under section 15 and selling any goods; or
- (c) permitted to pay tax under section 16 and selling any goods;

in excess of the prescribed value, shall issue a bill of sale containing such particulars as may be prescribed.]¹

1. Substituted by Act 5 of 2008 w.e.f. 1.8.2008.

¹[(4) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1) or (3) or sub-section (1) of section 7, a registered dealer executing civil works contracts shall issue a tax invoice or bill of sale at such time and containing such particulars as may be prescribed.]¹

1. Inserted by Act 6 of 2007 w.e.f. 1.4.2007.

¹[30. xxx]¹

1. Omitted by Act 17 of 2012 w.e.f. 1.4.2012.

31. Accounts.- (1) Every registered dealer and every dealer liable to pay tax under this Act shall keep and maintain a true and correct account, in Kannada or English or Hindi or in such other language as the Government may, by notification, specify, of all his purchases, receipts, sales, other disposals, production, manufacture and stock showing the

values of goods subject to each rate of tax under this Act including input tax paid and output tax payable.

(2) If the Commissioner or prescribed authority is of the opinion that the accounts kept and maintained by any dealer or any class of dealers do not sufficiently enable him or it to verify the returns required under this Act or to make any assessment under it, he or it may, by order, require any dealer or class of dealers, to keep such accounts and records including tax invoices of manufacture, sales, purchases, disposals or transfers of stock other than by way of sales in such form and in such manner as he or it may direct.

¹[2-A) The Commissioner may require every registered dealer belonging to a class of dealers as may be notified by him to install and use an electronic tax register of such type and description and secured in such manner as may be prescribed, for the purpose of accessing information regarding any matter or transaction which may affect the tax liability of such dealer.

(2-B) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-sections (1) to (3) of section 29, every registered dealer falling under sub-section (2-A), shall issue tax invoices or bills of sale, through the electronic tax register, irrespective of the value of the goods sold and such dealer shall be allowed to recover the cost of the electronic tax register, in the manner and subject to such conditions as may be prescribed;]¹

1. Inserted by Act 5 of 2009 w.e.f. 1.4.2009

(3) If the Commissioner considers that any class of dealers is not in a position to keep and maintain accounts in accordance with the provisions of this Section, he may, for reasons to be recorded in writing, permit such class of dealers to maintain accounts in the prescribed manner.

(4) Every dealer whose ¹[turnover]¹ in a year exceeds ²[³[one hundred lakh rupees]³ shall have his accounts audited by a Chartered Accountant or a Cost Accountant]² or a Tax Practitioner subject to such conditions and such limits as may be prescribed and shall submit to the prescribed authority a copy of the audited statement of accounts and prescribed documents in the prescribed manner.

1. Inserted by Act 5 of 2009 w.e.f. 1.4.2009.

2. Substituted by Act 6 of 2007 w.e.f. 1.4.2007.

3. Substituted by Act 12 of 2011 w.e.f.1.4.2011.

¹[Provided that every dealer whose total turnover for the year ending Thirty First day of March, 2010 exceeds forty lakh rupees shall have his accounts audited.]¹

²[Provided further that the dealers so required to submit a copy of the audited statement of accounts and prescribed documents in the prescribed manner shall submit them electronically through the website notified by the Commissioner.]²

1. Inserted by Act 4 of 2010 w.e.f.1.4.2010.

2. Inserted by Act 6 of 2016 w.e.f. 1.4.2016.

(5) ²[¹[Every registered dealer shall furnish every year to the prescribed authority, a statement relating to his turnovers in such form, containing such particulars and within such period as may be prescribed.]]¹²

1. Omitted by Act 5 of 2008 w.e.f. 1.8.2008.

2. Inserted by Act 15 of 2014 w.e.f.1.03.2014.

(6)¹[xxx]¹

1. Omitted by Act 12 of 2011 w.e.f. 1.4.2011.

32. Period of retention of accounts.- (1) Every dealer required under this Act to keep and maintain books of account or other records including tax invoices relating to his purchases and sales shall retain them until the expiration of five years after the end of the year to which they relate or for such other period as may be prescribed or until the assessment reaches finality, whichever is later.

(2) Where such dealer is a party to an appeal or revision under this Act, he shall retain, until the appeal or revision and any appeal therefrom is finally disposed of, every record and accounting document that pertains to the subject matter of the appeal or revision.

33. Electronic records.- Every dealer required to keep and maintain records and accounts pursuant to Section 31 and who does so by electronic means shall retain them in an electronically readable format for the retention period specified in Section 32.

34. Requirement to provide documents and information.- Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Act, the prescribed authority may, for any purpose related to the administration or enforcement of this Act, by notice, require any person to provide the prescribed authority, within such reasonable time as is stipulated in the notice, with any information or additional information, including a return under this Act, or any other document, whether inside or outside the State.

Chapter V

Administration and collection of tax

35. Returns.- (1) Subject to sub-sections (2) to (4), every registered dealer, and the Central Government, a State Government, a statutory body and a local authority liable to pay tax collected under sub-section (2) of Section 9, shall furnish a return in such form and manner, including electronic methods, and shall pay the tax due on such return within twenty days ¹[or fifteen days]¹ after the end of the preceding month or any other tax period as may be prescribed.

1. Inserted by Act 5 of 2009 w.e.f. 1.4.2009.

¹[Provided that the specified class of dealers as may be notified by the Commissioner shall furnish particulars for preparation of the return in the prescribed form ²[and]² submit the return in the prescribed form, electronically through internet in the manner specified in the said notification:

Provided further that the specified class of dealers as may be notified by the Commissioner shall pay tax payable on the basis of the return, by electronic remittance through internet in the manner specified in the said notification.]¹

1. Inserted by Act 4 of 2010 w.e.f.1.4.2010.

2. substituted by Act 6 of 2016 w.e.f 1.04. 2010.

(2) The tax on any sale or purchase of goods declared in a return furnished shall become payable at the expiry of the period specified in sub-section (1) without requiring issue of a notice for payment of such tax.

(3) Subject to such terms and conditions as may be specified, the prescribed authority may require any registered dealer.-

- (a) to furnish a return for such periods, or
- (b) to furnish separate branch returns where the registered dealer has more than one place of business.

¹[(4) If any dealer having furnished a return under this Act, other than a return furnished under sub-section (3) of Section 38, discovers any omission or incorrect statement therein, other than as a result of an inspection or receipt of any other information or evidence by the prescribed authority,

- (a) he shall furnish a revised return within the time prescribed for filing the return for the succeeding tax period; and
- (b) he shall furnish a revised return any time thereafter but within six months from the end of the relevant tax period, if so permitted by the prescribed authority.]¹

1. Substituted by Act 17 of 2012 w.e.f. 1.4.2012.

36. Interest in case of failure to furnish returns or to pay tax declared on returns or other amounts payable.- (1) Every dealer shall be liable to pay simple interest on any amount of tax which should have been declared on a return, but which has been omitted from it, unless that omission is corrected within three months of the omission subject to sub-section (2) of Section 72, and such interest is payable from the date the tax should have been declared, and the dealer shall declare his liability to pay that interest in such form and manner as may be prescribed.

- (2) If a dealer required to furnish a return under this Act.-
 - (a) fails to pay any amount of tax or additional tax declared on the return, or
 - (b) furnishes a revised return more than three months after tax became payable, declaring additional tax, but fails to pay any interest declared to be payable under sub-section (1), or
 - (c) fails to declare any tax or interest which should have been declared, or
 - (d) fails to make a return,

such dealer shall be liable to pay interest in respect of the tax and additional tax payable as declared by him or the tax payable and interest payable under sub-section (1) for the period for which he has failed to furnish a return.

(3) Where any other amount is payable under this Act is not paid within the period specified in Section 42, interest shall be payable on such amount from such period.

(4) The interest shall also be payable under this Section during any period during which recovery of any tax or other amount payable under the Act is stayed by an order of any authority or Court in any appeal or other proceedings disputing such tax or amount.

37. Rate of interest.- (1) The rate of simple interest payable under Section 36 shall be ¹[one and one half per cent]¹ per month:

1. Substituted by Act 12 of 2011 w.e.f. 1.4.2011.

- (a) from the date the tax had become payable to the date of its payment or to the date of any assessment under this Act, whichever is earlier; and
- (b) from the date on which any amount payable under this Act was due.

(2) For the purpose of this Section interest in respect of parts of a month shall be computed proportionately and month shall mean any period of thirty days.

38. Assessment of tax.- (1) Every dealer shall be deemed to have been assessed to tax based on the return filed by him under section 35, except in cases where the Commissioner may notify the dealer of any requirement of production of accounts before the prescribed authority in support of a return filed for any period and such authority shall proceed to assess such dealer,-

- (a) on the basis of the return filed where he is satisfied that the return filed is correct and complete, or
- (b) to the best of its judgment, where the return filed appears to be incorrect or incomplete, after giving the dealer an opportunity of showing cause against such assessment in writing and any additional tax assessed shall be paid within ¹[thirty days]¹ from the date of service of such assessment on the dealer.”;

1. Substituted by Act 32 of 2013 w.e.f. 1.4.2013.

(2) Where a registered dealer fails to furnish his monthly or final return on or before the date provided in this Act or the rules made there under, ²[or the return furnished is incorrect or incomplete,]² the prescribed authority shall issue an assessment to the registered dealer to the best of its judgment and the tax assessed shall be paid within ten days from the date of ¹[service of such assessment on the dealer.]¹

1. Substituted by Act 4 of 2006 w.e.f. 1.4.2006.

2. Inserted by Act 6 of 2016 w.e.f. 1.4.2016

(3) Where an assessment has been made under sub-section (2) and the dealer subsequently furnishes a return for the period to which the assessment relates, the prescribed authority may withdraw the assessment but the dealer shall be liable to penalties and interest as applicable.

(4) Where the dealer furnishes a return under sub-section (3), such return shall be furnished within one month of ¹[service of such assessment on the dealer]¹.

1. Substituted by Act 4 of 2006 w.e.f. 1.4.2006.

(5)¹[(a)]¹ The prescribed authority on any evidence showing a liability to tax coming to its notice ²[may with the previous permission of his Joint Commissioner or Additional Commissioner]² ³[issue]³ a protective assessment in the case of a dealer registered under this Act or a dealer liable to be registered under this Act, if the prescribed authority has reason to believe that such dealer will fail to pay any tax, penalty or interest so assessed ⁴[or imposed or payable]⁴ and such tax, penalty or interest shall become payable forthwith.

1. Renumbered by Act 6 of 2007 w.e.f. 1.4.2007.

2. Substituted by Act 6 of 2007 w.e.f. 1.4.2007.

3. Shall be deemed to have been inserted by Act 5 of 2007 w.e.f. 1.4.2007.

4. Inserted by Act 4 of 2006 w.e.f. 1.4.2006.

¹[(b) On any application made within thirty days from the date of receipt of such protective assessment by the dealer or on his own motion within thirty days from the date of issue of such protective assessment, if the Joint Commissioner or Additional Commissioner considers that any protective assessment issued is erroneous, he may after giving the dealer concerned an opportunity of being heard and after making such enquiry as he deems necessary, pass such order thereon as the circumstances of the case may justify.]¹

1. Inserted by Act 6 of 2007 w.e.f. 1.4.2007.

¹[(6) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, where a dealer is a body corporate and has more than one place of business, Commissioner may, subject to such conditions as may be prescribed and with the consent of the dealer, treat each of such places of business as a separate unit for the purposes of levy, assessment and collection of tax and thereupon all the provisions of this Act regarding registration, filing of returns, assessment and collection of tax, shall apply as if each of such places of business is a separate unit.]¹

1. Inserted by Act 6 of 2005 w.e.f. 19.3.2005.

¹[(7)The authority authorized by the Commissioner in this behalf shall assess, a dealer who fails, within the time specified, to get registered though liable to do so, to the best of its judgement for the tax period or periods that would apply to such dealer if he were to be registered, after giving the dealer an opportunity of showing cause against such assessment in writing and the tax assessed and any interest payable shall be paid within ten days from the date of service of such assessment on the dealer.]¹

1. Inserted by Act 6 of 2007 w.e.f. 1.4.2007.

39. Re-assessment of tax.- (1) Where the prescribed authority has grounds to believe that any return furnished which is deemed as assessed ¹[or]¹ any assessment issued under Section 38 understates the correct tax liability of the dealer, it, -

(a) may, based on any information available, re-assess, to the best of its judgement, the additional tax payable ²[and also impose any penalty under sub-section (2) ³[or sub section ⁴[(5)]⁴]³ of section 72 and demand payment of any interest]²; and

1. Substituted by Act 6 of 2007 w.e.f. 1.4.2007.

2. Substituted by Act 4 of 2006 w.e.f. 1.4.2006.

3. Inserted by Act 6 of 2007 w.e.f. 1.4.2007.

4. Shall be deemed to have been substituted by Act 5 of 2008 w.e.f.01.04.2007.

(b) shall issue a notice of re- assessment to the ¹[XXX]¹ dealer demanding that the tax shall be paid within ²[thirty days]² of the date of service of the notice after giving the dealer the opportunity of showing cause against such re-assessment in writing.

1. Omitted by Act 6 of 2007 w.e.f. 1.4.2007.

2. Substituted by Act 32 of 2013 w.e.f. 1.4.2013.

¹[(2) Where after making a re-assessment under this Section,

(a) any further evidence comes to the notice of the prescribed authority, or

(b) if the prescribed authority has reason to believe that the whole or any part of the turnover of a dealer in respect of any tax period has escaped re-assessment to tax, or

(c) tax has been under-re-assessed, or

(d) has been re-assessed at a rate lower than the rate at which it is assessable under this Act, or

(e) any deductions or exemptions have been wrongly allowed in respect thereof,

the prescribed authority may, notwithstanding the fact that whole or part of such escaped turnover was already before the said authority at the time of re-assessment, proceed to make any further re-assessments in addition to such earlier re-assessment.]¹

1. Substituted by Act 32 of 2013 w.e.f. 1.4.2013.

40. Period of limitation for assessment.-²[(1) An assessment under section 38 or re-assessment under Section 39 of an amount of tax due for any prescribed tax period shall not be made after five years after the end of the prescribed tax period.

Provided that an assessment or reassessment relating to any tax period upto the period ending 31st day of March, 2007 shall be made within a period of eight years after the end of the prescribed tax period.

Provided further that an assessment or reassessment relating to any tax period commencing from the 1st day of April, 2007 upto the period ending 31st day of March, 2012 shall be made within a period of seven years after the end of the prescribed tax period.

³[Provided also that, an assessment or reassessment relating to any tax period commencing from the 1st day of April, 2012 upto the period ending 31st day of March, 2014 shall be made within a period of six years after the end of the prescribed tax period.]³

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1), if any tax is, not paid by a dealer who has failed to get registered though liable to do so or fraudulently evaded attracting punishment under Section 79, an assessment or reassessment may be made within eight years from the end of the prescribed tax period.

Provided that an assessment or reassessment relating to any tax period upto the period ending 31st day of March, 2007 shall be made under this sub-section within a period of ten years after the end of the prescribed tax period.]¹²

(3) In computing the period of limitation specified for assessment or re-assessment, as the case may be under this Act, the period taken for disposal of any appeal against an assessment or other proceeding by the appellate authority, a tribunal or competent court⁴[or any revisional proceeding by the Joint Commissioner or the Additional Commissioner or the Commissioner]⁴ shall not be taken into account in computing such period for assessment or reassessment as the case may be.

1. Substituted by Act 17 of 2012 w.e.f. 1.4.2012.

2. Deemed to have been substituted by Act 54 of 2013 w.e.f.1.04.2005

3. Inserted by Act 15 of 2017 w.e.f. 01.04.2017.

4. Deemed to have been inserted by Act 15 of 2017 w.e.f.1.04.2005.

41. Power of rectification of assessment or re-assessment in certain cases.-

(1) Where any assessment or re-assessment or an order of an appellate authority or a revisional authority other than a court or tribunal, is found to be erroneous in so far as it is prejudicial to the interest of the public revenue by a judgement or an order of any court, then notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, authority concerned may proceed to rectify such assessment or re-assessment or order and determine the tax payable by the dealer in

accordance with such judgement or order at any time within a period of three years from the date of such judgement or order.

(2) Where any court makes an order or gives judgement to the effect that any tax assessed under this Act or any other law should have been assessed under a provision of a law different from that under which it was assessed, then in consequence of such order or judgement or to give effect to any finding or direction contained in any such order or judgement, such turnover or part thereof, may be assessed or re-assessed to tax, as the case may be, at any time within five years from the date of such order or judgement, notwithstanding any limitation period which would otherwise be applicable under the law applicable to that assessment or re-assessment.

(3) Where any proceedings for the recovery of any tax, penalty, interest or any part thereof remaining unpaid, have been commenced in a court and the amount of tax, penalty or interest is subsequently modified, enhanced or reduced in consequence of any decision made or order passed in the appeal, the prescribed authority may, in such manner and within such period as may be prescribed, inform the dealer or the person and the authority under whose order the recovery is to be made, and thereupon such proceedings may be continued with the modified, enhanced or reduced amount of tax, penalty or interest therein substituted.

(4) No order of rectification under this Section shall be passed without giving the dealer an opportunity of showing cause in writing against such rectification.

42. Payment and recovery of tax, penalties, interest and ¹[other amounts, issuance of clearance certificates]¹.- (1) Every registered dealer shall furnish returns to the prescribed authority, and the tax payable shall be paid in such manner as may be prescribed, within the period specified and on an application by a dealer, the Government or Commissioner may permit, subject to such conditions as may be prescribed, payment of tax or any other amount payable, in such instalments and at such intervals as may be prescribed.

¹. Substituted by Act 4 of 2006 w.e.f. 1.4.2006.

(2) Every registered dealer shall, on receipt of a Notice from the prescribed authority, pay any penalty or interest due in such manner as may be prescribed.

(3) (a) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the Government may, in such circumstances and subject to such conditions as may be prescribed, by notification, defer payment by any new industrial unit of the whole or any part of the tax payable in respect of any period and also permit payment of such tax before the expiry of any deferred period, subject to the condition that in respect of such industrial unit the Government has already notified deferred payment of tax under the provisions of the Karnataka Sales Tax Act, 1957 (Karnataka Act 25 of 1957).

¹. Shall be and shall always be deemed to have been substituted by Act 4 of 2006 w.e.f. 1.4.2006.

(b) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act but subject to such conditions as the Government may, by general or special order specify, where a dealer to whom incentives by way of deferment offered by the Government in its orders issued from time to time has been granted by virtue of eligibility certificate and where liability equal to the amount of any such tax payable by such dealer has been created as a loan by the Department of Industries and Commerce of the

Government of Karnataka, then such tax shall be deemed, in the public interest, to have been paid.

(c) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the deferred payment of tax under clause (a) shall not attract interest under sub-section (2) of Section 36, provided the conditions laid down for payment of the tax deferred are satisfied.

(4) Any other amount due under this Act shall be paid within ten days from the date of service of the order or proceedings imposing such amount, unless otherwise specified.

(5) The Commissioner or the Government may, subject to such conditions as they may specify, remit by an order the whole or any part of the interest payable in respect of any period by any person or class of persons.

(6) Where the amount paid falls short of the aggregate of the tax or any other amount due and interest payable, the amount so paid shall first be adjusted towards interest payable and the balance, if any, shall be adjusted towards the tax or any other amount due.

(7) A registered dealer, furnishing a revised return in accordance with this Act which shows a greater amount of tax to be due than was paid or payable in accordance with the original return, shall pay with that revised return the tax so payable in such manner as may be prescribed.

(8) Any amount, which remains unpaid under this Act after the due date of payment, shall be recoverable from a dealer in the manner specified under this Act.

(9) Any tax due or assessed, or any other amount due under this Act from a dealer, or any other person, may without prejudice to any other mode of collection be recovered.-

(a) as if it were an arrears of land revenue; or

(b) by attachment and sale or by sale without attachment of any property of such dealer or any other person by the prescribed authority or the prescribed officer in the prescribed manner, and any prescribed certificate issued towards such sale shall be deemed to be a decree of a Civil Court and shall be executed in the same manner as a decree of such Court; or

(c) notwithstanding anything contained in the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (Central Act 2 of 1974), on application to any Magistrate, by such Magistrate as if it were a fine imposed by him.

(10) Where a dealer or other person who has appealed or applied for revision of any order made under this Act and has complied with an order made by the appellate or the revising authority in regard to the payment of the tax or other amount, no proceedings for recovery under this Section shall be taken or continued until the disposal of such appeal or application for revision.

(11) The High Court may, either suo motu or on an application by the Commissioner or any person aggrieved by the order, revise any order made by a Magistrate under clause (c) of sub-section (9).

(12) Where for the purpose of complying with the requirement of any law for the production of a clearance certificate with respect to payment of tax or any other amount under this Act, a registered dealer makes an application to the prescribed authority, the prescribed authority shall, if no amount of assessed tax or no other amount under this Act is due by such dealer or no amount of tax payable in accordance with the provisions of sub-

section (1) of section 35 is outstanding from such dealer, issue a clearance certificate in the prescribed form.

1. Inserted by Act 4 of 2006 w.e.f. 1.4.2006.

43. Duties of Receivers.- (1) A receiver appointed by any court shall notify the Commissioner in writing within fourteen days after being appointed to the position of receiver or taking possession of an asset in the State whichever is earlier.

(2) The Commissioner may notify the receiver in writing of the amount which appears to be sufficient to provide for any tax which is or will become payable by the person whose assets are in the possession of the receiver.

(3) A receiver shall not part with any asset in the State, which is held by the receiver in his capacity as receiver without the prior written permission of the Commissioner or any other officer authorised by him.

(4) A receiver.-

(a) shall set aside, out of the proceeds of sale of an asset, the amount notified by the Commissioner under sub-section (2), or such lesser amount as may subsequently be fixed by the Commissioner;

(b) is liable to the extent of the amount set aside for the tax payable by the person who owned the asset; and

(c) may pay any debt that has priority over the tax referred to in this Section notwithstanding any provision of this Section.

(5) A receiver is personally liable to the extent of any amount required to be set aside under sub-section (4) for the tax referred to in sub-section (2) if and to the extent that, the receiver fails to comply with the requirements of this Section.

(6) In this Section, "receiver" includes a person, who with respect to an asset in the State is, -

(a) a liquidator of a company; or

(b) a receiver appointed out of court or by a court; or

(c) a trustee for a bankrupt person; or

(d) a mortgagee in possession; or

(e) an executor of a deceased estate; or

any other person conducting the business of a person legally incapacitated.

44. Special provisions relating to companies.-(1) Notwithstanding anything contained in the Companies Act, 1956 (1 of 1956), when any tax due from or assessed on a company under this Act for any period cannot be recovered, then, every person who is or was a director of the company at any time during the period for which the tax is due shall be jointly and severally liable for the payment of such tax unless he proves that the non-recovery cannot be attributed to any gross neglect, misfeasance or breach of duty on his part in relation to the affairs of the company.

(2) (a) If the person committing an offence under this Act is a company, the company as well as every person in charge of, or responsible to, the company for the conduct of its business at the time of the commission of the offence shall be deemed to be guilty of the offence and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.

(b) No such person referred to in clause (a) shall be liable to any punishment if he proves that the offence was committed without his knowledge or that he exercised all due diligence to prevent the commission of such offence.

(c) Notwithstanding anything contained in clause (a), where an offence under this Act has been committed by a company, and it is proved that the offence has been committed with the consent or connivance of, or that commission of the offence is attributable to any neglect on the part of any director, manager, managing agent or any other officer of the company, such director, manager, managing agent or any other officer shall also be deemed to be guilty of that offence and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.

(3) When two or more companies are to be amalgamated by an order of a Court or of the Central Government, and the order is to take effect from a date earlier to the date of the order, and any two or more such companies have sold or purchased any goods to or from each other in the period commencing on the date from which the order is to take effect and ending on the date of the order, then such transactions of sale or purchase will be included in the turnover of the sales or purchase of the respective companies and will be assessed to tax accordingly, and the said two or more companies shall be treated as distinct companies for all periods up to the date of the said order, and the registration certificates of the said companies shall be cancelled, where necessary, with effect from the date of the said order.

45. Recovery of tax, penalty, or any other amount, from certain other persons.-

(1) The prescribed authority may at any time or from time to time, by notice in writing, a copy of which shall be forwarded to the dealer at his last address known to the prescribed authority, require any person from whom money is due or may become due to the dealer or any person who holds or may subsequently hold money for or on account of the dealer to pay to the prescribed authority, either forthwith upon the money becoming due or being held at or within the time specified in the notice, not being before the money becomes due or is held, so much of the money as is sufficient to pay the amount due by the dealer in respect of arrears of tax or penalty or the whole of the money when it is equal to or less than that amount.

(2) The prescribed authority may at any time or from time to time amend or revoke any such notice or extend the time for making any payment in pursuance of the notice.

(3) Any person making any payment in compliance with a notice under this Section shall be deemed to have made the payment under the authority of the dealer and the receipt of the prescribed authority shall constitute a good and sufficient discharge of the liability of such person to the extent of the amount referred to in the receipt.

(4) Any person discharging any liability to the dealer after receipt of the notice referred to in this Section shall be personally liable to the prescribed authority to the extent of the liability discharged or to the extent of the liability of the dealer for the amount due under this Act, whichever is less.

(5) Where any person to whom a notice under this Section is sent, proves to the satisfaction of the prescribed authority issuing such notice or any other officer to whom the matter is referred for verification, that the sum demanded or any part thereof is not due by him to the dealer or that he does not hold any money for or on account of the dealer, then

nothing contained in this Section shall be deemed to require such person to pay the sum demanded or any part thereof, to the prescribed authority.

(6) Any amount which a person is required to pay to the prescribed authority or for which he is personally liable to the prescribed authority under this Section shall, if it remains unpaid, be a charge on the properties of the said person and may be recovered as if it were ¹[an arrear of tax payable under this Act.]¹

1. Shall be and shall always be deemed to have been substituted by Act 6 of 2007 w.e.f. 11.3.2005.

(7) For the purpose of this Section, the amount due to a dealer or money held for or on account of a dealer by any person shall be computed after taking into account such claims, if any, as may have fallen due for payment by such dealer to such person and as may be lawfully subsisting.

¹[(8) The provisions of this section shall mutatis mutandis apply for the recovery of dues, if any, from any other person.]¹

1. Inserted by Act 5 of 2008 w.e.f. 01.08.2008.

46. Tax payable on transfer of business, assessment of legal representatives, etc.- (1) When the ownership of the business of a dealer is transferred, the transferor and the transferee shall jointly and severally be liable to pay any tax or penalty or any other amount remaining unpaid at the time of transfer or that may become payable in respect of such business after the date of transfer but relating to the years up to the date of transfer and for the purpose of recovery from the transferee, such transferee shall be deemed to be the dealer liable to pay the tax or penalty or other amount due under this Act.

(2) When a firm liable to pay the tax or penalty is dissolved, the assessment of the tax and imposition of penalty shall be made as if no dissolution of the firm had taken place, and every person who was at the time of dissolution a partner of the firm and the legal representative of any such person who is deceased shall be jointly and severally liable to pay the tax or penalty assessed or imposed.

¹[(2-A) Where the business of a registered dealer is transferred as a whole on account of change in ownership, sale, merger, amalgamation, lease or transfer of the business to a joint venture, on cancellation of registration, subject to such restrictions and conditions as may be prescribed, the registered dealer may opt to transfer any excess input tax that has not been adjusted by him or refunded to him, to the transferee.]¹

1. Inserted by Act 5 of 2008 w.e.f. 01.08.2008.

(3) Where any firm is liable to pay any tax or penalty or any other amount under this Act, the firm and each of the partners of the firm shall be jointly and severally liable for such payment.

(4) Where a partner of a firm liable to pay any tax or penalty or any other amount under this Act retires, he shall, notwithstanding any contract to the contrary, be liable to pay any tax or penalty or any other amount remaining unpaid at the time of his retirement, and any tax or penalty or any other amount due up to the date of retirement, though unassessed.

(5) When an undivided Hindu family or Aliyasanthana family liable to pay the tax or penalty is partitioned, the assessment of the tax and the imposition of penalty shall be made as if no partition of the family had taken place, and every person who was a member of the

family before the partition shall be jointly and severally liable to pay the tax or penalty assessed or imposed.

(6) Where a dealer dies, his executor, administrator or other legal representative shall be deemed to be the dealer for the purposes of this Act and the provisions of this Act shall apply to him in respect of the business of the said deceased dealer, provided that, in respect of any tax, penalty or fee assessed as payable by any such dealer or any tax, penalty or fee, which would have been payable by him under this Act if he had not died, the executor, administrator or other legal representative shall be liable only to the extent of the assets of the deceased in his hands.

47. Payment and disbursement of amounts wrongly collected by dealer as tax.-

(1) ¹[Where]¹ any amount is collected by way of tax or purporting to be way of tax from any person by any dealer, whether knowingly or not, such dealer shall pay the entire amount so collected, to the prescribed authority within twenty days after the close of the month in which such amount was collected, notwithstanding that the dealer is not liable to pay such amount as tax or that only a part of it is due from him as tax under this Act.

1. Substituted by Act 32 of 2013 w.e.f. 1.4.2013.

- (2) If default is made in payment of the amount in accordance with sub-section (1), -
- (a) the whole of the amount outstanding on the date of default shall become immediately due and shall be a charge on the properties of the dealer;
 - (b) the dealer liable to pay the amount shall pay interest at the rate of ¹[One and a quarter per cent]¹ of such amount for each month of default and

1. Substituted by Act 11 of 2005 w.e.f. 1.4.2005.

- (c) the whole of the amount remaining unpaid along with the interest calculated under clause (b) of this sub-section shall be recoverable in the manner specified in Section 42.

(3) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, or in any other law for the time being in force, any amount paid or payable by any dealer under sub-section (1), shall, to the extent it is not due as tax be forfeited to the Government and be recovered from him and such payment or recovery shall discharge him of the liability to refund the amount to the person from whom it was collected.

(4) Where any amount is paid or recovered by or from any dealer under sub-section (1) or (3), a refund of such amount or any part thereof can be claimed from Government by the person from whom, it was realized by way of tax provided an application in writing in the prescribed form is made to the Commissioner, within two years from the date of the order ¹[of forfeiture, but excluding by a person who is a dealer who has claimed deduction of input tax on the tax realized from him]¹ On receipt of any such application, the Commissioner shall hold such inquiry as he deems fit and if the commissioner is satisfied that the claim is valid and admissible, and that the amount so claimed as refund is actually paid or recovered, he shall refund the amount or any part thereof, which is found due to the person concerned.

1. Shall be and shall always be deemed to have been substituted by Act 4 of 2006 w.e.f. 1.4.2006.

¹[(5) For the purpose of sub-section (2), non-payment during any period during which recovery of any amount due under this Section is stayed by an order of any authority or Court in any appeal or other proceedings disputing such amount, shall be deemed to be a 'default', unless the appeal or other proceeding is allowed by such Authority.]¹

1. Inserted by Act 11 of 2005 w.e.f. 1.4.2005.

¹[**47-A. Rounding off of tax, etc.-** The amount of tax, penalty or any other amount payable and the amount of refund due, under this Act shall be rounded off to the nearest rupee and, for this purpose, where such amount contains a part of a rupee consisting of paise, then, if such part is fifty paise or more, it shall be increased to one rupee and if such part is less than fifty paise, it shall be ignored.]¹

1. Inserted by Act 5 of 2008 w.e.f. 1.4.2008.

48. Tax to be first charge on property.- Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in any law for the time being in force, any amount payable by a dealer or any other person on account of tax, penalty or interest or any amount which a dealer is required to pay or deduct from payment or for which he is personally liable to the Government shall be a first charge on the property of the dealer or such person, as the case may be.

49. Period of limitation for recovery of tax.- (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in any law for the time being in force, no proceedings for the recovery of any amount under this Act shall be initiated after the expiry of twelve years from the end of the relevant tax period or from the date of the relevant assessment, provided that when an appeal or application for revision has been filed, the period of limitation shall run from the date on which the amount due is finally determined.

(2) The period of limitation specified under sub-section (1) shall not apply to any case in which, during the course of recovery proceedings initiated under any clause of sub-section ¹[(9)]¹ of Section 42 or under Section 45, any other fresh proceedings are initiated ²[or the dealer who has collected any amount by way of tax or purporting to be by way of tax.]²

1. Shall be and shall always be deemed to have been substituted by Act 4 of 2006 w.e.f. 1.4.2006.

2. Inserted by Act 4 of 2006 w.e.f. 1.4.2006.

50. Payment of interest on refunds.- (1) Where any amount refundable to any person under an order made, or proceedings taken, under any provision of this Act or Rules made thereunder is not refunded to him within thirty five days,

(a) of the date of such order, if that order is made by the refunding authority, or

(b) of the date of receipt of such order by the refunding authority, if that order is made by an authority other than the refunding authority,

the refunding authority, being any officer of the Commercial Taxes Department authorized to make any refund under this Act, shall pay such person simple interest at the rate of ¹[Six percent] per annum on the said amount from the day immediately following the expiry of the said thirty five days to the day of the refund.

1. Substituted by Act 6 of 2005 w.e.f. 19.3.2005.

(2) The interest calculable under sub-section (1) shall be on the balance of the amount remaining after adjusting out of the refundable amount any tax, interest or other amount due under this Act, for any year by the person on the date from which such interest is calculable.

(3) In computing the period of thirty five days referred to in sub-section (1), such periods as may be prescribed shall be excluded.

(4) The interest payable for a part of month shall be proportionately determined.

51. Power to withhold refund in certain cases.- ¹[(1) Where an order giving rise to refund is the subject-matter of an appeal or further proceeding or where any other

proceeding under this Act is pending, and the authority competent to grant such refund is of the opinion that the grant of refund is likely to adversely affect the revenue, such authority may, with the previous approval of the Commissioner, withhold the refund till such time as the Commissioner may determine]¹

1. Substituted by Act 4 of 2006 w.e.f. 1.4.2006.

(2) The dealer shall be paid interest under sub-section (1) of Section 50 on the amount of refund ultimately determined to be due to the dealer as a result of such proceedings for the period commencing from the expiry of thirty five days from the date of the order referred in sub-section (1) to the date of refund.

52. Production and inspection of documents and powers of entry, search and seizure.- (1) Any officer authorised by the Commissioner ¹[to exercise all or any of the powers specified below either generally or specifically]¹ in this behalf shall have the power.-

1. Shall be and shall always be deemed to have been inserted by Act 5 of 2008 w.e.f.11.03.05

(a) to enter and inspect the place of business of any dealer, or any other place, where it is believed by such Officer that business is being carried on or accounts including documents are being kept by such dealer.

¹[(a-1) to cause purchase of any goods by any person authorized by him from the business premises of any dealer, to check issue of tax invoices or bills of sale by such dealer and on return of goods so purchased by such officer, such dealer or any person in charge of the business premises shall refund the amount paid towards the goods after cancelling any tax invoice or bill of sale issued;]¹

1. Inserted by Act 6 of 2007 w.e.f. 1.4.2007.

(b) to direct such dealer to produce at such time and at such place accounts, registers and documents relating to his business activities for examination.

¹[(b-1) to direct such dealer to produce electronic tax register for examination;]¹

1. Inserted by Act 5 of 2009 w.e.f. 1.4.2009.

(c) to enter and inspect the goods in the possession of the dealer or in the possession of any other person on behalf of such dealer, wherever such goods are kept.

(d) to enter and search such places including the dealer's place of residence, and including the search of the dealer or person acting on behalf of the dealer found there, where concealment of facts relating to the business are suspected.

(e) to seize any accounts, registers ¹[including electronic tax registers]¹ or documents from the dealer, where he has reason to suspect that a dealer is attempting to avoid or evade tax or is concealing his tax liability in any manner, after recording such reasons in writing, and give the dealer or any other person from whose custody such accounts, records ¹[including electronic tax registers]¹ or documents are seized, a receipt for and, if requested, copies of the same and may retain them in his custody for examination, inquiry, prosecution or other legal proceedings for such period as he considers necessary.

1. Inserted by Act 5 of 2009 w.e.f. 1.4.2009.

(f) to seal any box or receptacle, godown or building or any part of the godown or building in which accounts or taxable goods are suspected to be kept or stored,

where the owner or the person-in-charge of the business or any other person-in-charge of the business or any other person-in-occupation either leaves the premises or is not available or fails or refuses to open any box or receptacle, godown or building or any part of the godown or building when called upon to do so.

- (g) to break open the receptacle, godown or building or part of the godown or building where the owner or the person-in-charge of the business or the person in occupation leaves the premises or, after an opportunity having been given to him to do so, fails to open the receptacle, godown or building or part of the godown or building, and to prepare a list of the goods and documents found therein.
- (h) to record the statement of any dealer or his manager, agent or servant, to take extracts from the records found in any premises and to put identification marks on accounts, registers, documents or goods.
- (i) to take samples of goods from the possession of any dealer, where he considers it necessary to protect the revenue against mistake or fraud, and provide a receipt for any samples so taken, and the samples shall, except where an offence is found, be returned to the dealer or be disposed of by ¹[such officer]¹ with the consent of such dealer.

1. Substituted by Act 6 of 2007 w.e.f. 1.4.2007.

- (j) to seize any stock of goods liable to tax, which are found in possession of a dealer or in the possession of any person on behalf of a dealer and which are not accounted for in his accounts, records or documents maintained in the course of his business, the value of which shall not exceed his tax liability and any penalty, including interest, and a list of goods so seized shall be prepared by such officer and a copy thereof shall be given to the dealer or any other person from whose custody such goods are seized.
- (k) in circumstances where it is not possible to seize the accounts, records or documents under sub-section (1) or the goods under sub-section (3), to serve on the owner or the person who is in immediate possession or control thereof, an order that he shall not remove, part with or otherwise deal with them except with the prior consent of such Officer, and after serving such order to take such steps as are deemed necessary to secure the items referred to in the order.
- (l) to issue an protective assessment as specified in sub-section (5) of Section 38.

¹[(1-A) The audit party authorized by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India shall have the power to direct any registered dealer to produce at such time and such place as it may specify, accounts, registers, electronic tax register and documents relating to his business activity for examination.;]¹

1. Inserted by Act 5 of 2009 w.e.f. 1.4.2009.

(2) Where the records and accounts under Sections 31 and 33 are maintained by electronic means, the dealer shall provide such access to such accounts and records as may be required by the ¹[officer or audit party authorised under sub-section (1) or (1-a)].¹

1. Substituted by Act 5 of 2009 w.e.f. 1.4.2009.

(3) The powers conferred on the officer under clauses (d) to (g), (i) and (j) of sub-section (1) shall be exercised in accordance with the provisions of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, (Central Act 2 of 1974) and the power to enter a dealer's place of residence shall be authorized by an officer not below the rank of a Joint Commissioner.

(4) The accounts, registers, records, including computer hardware and software, and other documents seized under sub-section (1) shall not be retained by such officer for a period exceeding one hundred and eighty days from the date of seizure, unless the reasons for retaining the same beyond the said period are recorded by him, in writing and the approval of the next higher authority is obtained and such approval in any case shall not be for more than sixty days at a time.

(5) There shall be a presumption in respect of goods, accounts, registers or documents found at any place of business that they relate to that business, unless the contrary is proved by the dealer whose business occupies that place.

(6) The dealer or person from whom goods have been seized under clause (j) of sub-section (1) shall have a period of seven days to appeal against seizure of the goods.

(7) Subject to sub-section (6), after the expiry of the prescribed period, if any tax assessed or penalty or interest due is not paid, the officer shall dispose of the goods in public auction and adjust the sale proceeds towards any such amount due, and the excess amount shall, after deducting the charges incurred by the State, be refunded in the manner prescribed.

53. Establishment of check posts and inspection of goods in movement.- (1) If the Government or the Commissioner considers it necessary, with a view to prevent or check evasion of tax under this Act in any place or places in the State, it or he may, by notification, direct the establishment of a check post or the erection of a barrier, or both, at such place or places as may be notified.

(2) The owner or person in charge of a goods vehicle or a boat, ship or similar vessel shall:

(a) carry with him a goods vehicle record, a trip sheet or a log book, as the case may be; and

(b) carry with him ¹[such documents as may be prescribed]¹ ²[or notified by the Commissioner]² in respect of the goods carried in the goods vehicle or boat, ship or similar vessel; and

2. Shall be and shall always be deemed to have been substituted by Act 6 of 2007 w.e.f. 11.3.2005.

2. Inserted by Act 5 of 2009 w.e.f. 1.4.2009.

(c) ¹[report at the first check-post or barrier situated on the route ordinarily taken from the place in the State, from which the movement of the goods commences, to its destination and]¹ produce the documents referred to ²[in clauses]² (a) and (b) before any officer-in-charge of check post or barrier, or any other officer as may be empowered by the Government ³[or the Commissioner]³, in this behalf, and obtain the seal of such officer affixed thereon, and, in respect of a bill of sale, give one copy thereof and, in respect of a delivery note, give a copy marked as original, to such officer and carry and retain with him the other copy until termination of movement of the goods; and

1. Inserted by Act 6 of 2005 w.e.f. 19.3.2005.

2. Substituted by Act 6 of 2005 w.e.f. 19.3.2005.

3. Inserted by Act 4 of 2010 w.e.f. 1.4.2010.

(d) on entering the State limits, report at the first situated check post or barrier and, on leaving the State limits, report at the last situated check post or barrier and give a declaration containing such particulars as may be prescribed in respect of the goods carried in the goods vehicle or boat, ship or similar vessel, before any officer-in-charge of the check post or barrier or any other officer as may be empowered by the Government ¹[or the Commissioner]¹, in this behalf; and

1. Inserted by Act 4 of 2010 w.e.f. 1.4.2010.

(e) stop the vehicle or boat, ship or similar vessel, as the case may be, and keep it stationary as long as may be required by the officer-in-charge of the check post or barrier or the officer empowered as aforesaid, to examine the contents in the vehicle or boat, ship or similar vessel and inspect all records relating to the goods carried, which are in the possession of such driver or other person-in-charge, who shall, if so required, give his name and address and the name and address of the owner of the vehicle or boat, ship or similar vessel:

¹[Provided that the Commissioner may notify the website in which the particulars prescribed to be contained in the declaration specified under clause (d) shall be entered in respect of any specified class of goods or any specified class of dealers or as a result of any specified class of transactions as may be notified by him. Where the Commissioner has so notified the website, the owner or the person in charge of the goods vehicle or a boat or a ship or similar vessel shall enter the above particulars in the notified website and shall produce proof of entering the particulars in such website, before the officer-in-charge of the checkpost or barrier or any other empowered officer.]¹

1. Inserted by Act 17 of 2012 w.e.f. 1.4.2012.

¹[**Explanation.-** For the purpose of sub-sections (4),(8),(10) and (12) of this section, the expressions “carrier” and “bailee” shall include Railways run by the Central Government or others and all such provisions as applicable to a carrier or bailee shall *mutatis mutandis* apply to Railways.]¹

1. Inserted by Act 4 of 2006 w.e.f. 1.4.2006.

¹[(2-A) Notwithstanding anything contained in clause (c) of sub-section (2), the owner or person in charge of the goods vehicle carrying goods of any specified class of goods or any specified class of dealers or as a result of any specified class of transactions as may be notified by the Commissioner,

(a) shall report at the first check post or barrier situated on the route ordinarily taken from the place in the State, from which the movement of goods commences, to its destination; and

(b) shall produce proof of entering in the website, particulars of the goods carried by the consignor or consignee of the goods as may be specified in the notification, before the officer specified in sub-section (2); and

(c) on such production, the officer may allow the goods vehicle to pass through.

(2-B) Where the officer in charge of the check post or barrier, or the officer empowered under sub-section (2), finds that there is any contravention of or non-compliance with, the provisions of clause (a) or that the particulars as specified under clause (b) of sub-section (2-A) have not been entered or the particulars entered are incorrect and incomplete and for which sufficient cause is not furnished, he shall proceed to levy penalty as specified under sub-section (12)]¹

1. Inserted by Act 4 of 2010 w.e.f. 1.4.2010.

(3) Where any goods vehicle is intercepted by the officer empowered at any place other than a check post or barrier, such officer may, if he deems it necessary, direct the owner or person-in-charge of the goods vehicle to take it to the ¹[nearest check post or office of the department of Commercial Taxes or police station or any other place as may be notified by the Commissioner]¹, and such owner or person-in-charge of the goods vehicle shall comply with such direction.

1. Substituted by Act 4 of 2010 w.e.f. 1.4.2010.

(4) (a) Where goods are delivered to a carrier or other bailee for transmission, the movement of the goods shall be deemed to commence at the time of such delivery and terminate at the time when delivery is taken from such carrier or bailee. Where, before delivery is taken from him, a carrier or bailee to whom goods are delivered for transmission keeps the said goods in any office, shop, godown, vessel, receptacle, vehicle, any other place of business or any building or place, any officer empowered as aforesaid shall have power to enter into and search such office, shop, godown, vessel, receptacle, vehicle, other place of business or building or place and to examine the goods and inspect ¹[all documents relating to such goods]¹

1. Shall be and shall always be deemed to have been substituted by Act 4 of 2006 w.e.f. 1.4.2006.

(b) The carrier or bailee or the person-in-charge of the goods and records shall give all facilities for such examination or inspection and, if so required, produce the bill of sale or delivery note or other documents referred to in sub-section (2), giving a declaration containing such particulars as may be prescribed regarding the goods, together with his name and address and the name and address of the carrier or the bailee and the consignee.

(c) The power conferred by clause (a) shall also include.-

¹[(i) to take possession of any goods liable to tax, in respect of which documents prescribed are not produced, till the completion of any proceedings under sub-section (8) or (12)]¹

1. Substituted by Act 4 of 2006 w.e.f. 1.4.2006.

¹[(ii)]¹ the power to seal any box or receptacle, godown or building or any part of the godown or building in which accounts or taxable goods are suspected to be kept or stored, where the carrier or bailee or person in charge of the place of business either leaves the premises or is not available or fails or refuses to open any box or receptacle, godown or building or any part of the godown or building when called upon to do so; and

¹[(iii)]¹ the power to break open any box or receptacle, godown or building or part of the godown or building where the carrier or bailee or the person in charge of the place of business leaves the premises or, after an opportunity has been given to

him to do so, fails to open the box, receptacle, godown or building or part of the godown or building.

1. Renumbered by Act 4 of 2006 w.e.f. 1.4.2006.

(d) The officer acting under ¹[sub-clause (ii) of clause (c)]¹ shall prepare a list of the goods and documents found in such box, receptacle, godown or building or part of the godown or building.

1. Shall be and shall always be deemed to have been substituted by Act 4 of 2006 w.e.f. 1.4.2006.

(5) (a) If any officer, empowered to enter into and search any office, shop, godown, vessel, receptacle, vehicle, any other place of business or any building or place where a carrier or bailee keeps the goods delivered to him for transmission, has reason to suspect that such carrier or bailee has colluded with the owner of the goods in evading payment of any tax, he may, for reasons to be recorded in writing, seize accounts, registers, records or other documents of the bailee or carrier as he may consider necessary and shall give a receipt for the same. The account, registers, records and other documents seized shall be retained by such officer only for so long as may be necessary for their examination and for any inquiry or proceeding under this Act.

(b) The accounts, registers, records and other documents so seized shall not be retained by such officer for a period exceeding one hundred and eighty days from the date of seizure, unless the reasons for retaining the same beyond the said period are recorded by him in writing and the approval of the next higher authority is obtained, and such approval in any case shall not be for more than sixty days at a time.

(c) Where such officer, upon examining the accounts registers, records or other documents seized under clause (a), has reason to believe that any dealer has attempted to evade payment of any tax, he may issue a protective assessment on such dealer in accordance with sub-section (5) of Section 38.

(6) All searches and seizures under sub-section (4) or (5) shall be made in accordance with the provisions of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (Central Act 2 of 1974).

(7) No person shall tamper with any seal put under sub-clause (i) of clause (c) of sub-section (4).

(8) Where the officer-in-charge of the check post or barrier, or the officer empowered as aforesaid, on interception of the goods vehicle or on inspection of any godown, is of the opinion that further verification is necessary with respect to either the accuracy of the particulars furnished in the documents accompanying the goods under transport or in transit, or as to the sufficiency and the cause adduced in respect of any contravention of sub-section (2), he may verify the particulars himself or, if it is necessary to cause it to be verified by referring the matter to any other officer and if such verification is not likely to be completed within a reasonable time, he may direct, in writing, the carrier or the person in charge of the goods vehicle or the godown not to deliver the goods until permitted to do so by him or such other officer to whom the matter is referred for verification, and allow the intercepted vehicle, if any, to pass through.

(9) The verification under sub-section (8) shall be completed within a period of fifteen days from the date of the direction issued under that sub-section and, where such verification cannot be completed within the aforesaid period, the officer who has issued such

direction or, as the case may be, the officer to whom the matter is referred for verification, shall obtain the permission in writing of the next higher authority to extend such period for completion of the verification. However, such extension shall not be permitted for a period exceeding fifteen days at a time.

(10) Where such officer or other officer to whom the matter is referred, upon such verification, is of the opinion that there is a non-compliance with sub-section (2), punishable under sub-section (12), he may proceed, in respect of such goods in the custody of the carrier or the person-in-charge of the vehicle or the godown, in accordance with sub-sections (12) and (14).

(11) Where the officer-in-charge of the check post or any empowered officer has issued a notice for contravention of any of the provisions of this Section, further proceedings in pursuance to such notice may, subject to such conditions and in such manner as may be prescribed, be continued by any other officer empowered by the Commissioner in this behalf, from the stage at which it is pending.

(12) (a) The officer in charge of a check post or a barrier or any other officer in respect of any contravention of, or noncompliance with, the provisions of sub-section (2), for which sufficient cause is not furnished, levy a penalty which, -

(i) shall not be less than the amount of tax leviable but shall not exceed one and half of the amount of tax leviable in respect of the goods under transport in contravention of ¹[clause (c) or] clause (d) of sub-section (2), if a dealer registered under the Act accepts that he is the consignor or consignee of the goods,

1. Substituted by Act 6 of 2005 w.e.f. 19.3.2005.

(ii) in cases other than those falling under item (i), shall not be less than double the amount of tax leviable but not exceed three times the amount of tax leviable in respect of the goods under transport .

¹[Provided that in respect of any goods on which the rate of tax leviable is less than four per cent, the penalty leviable under sub-clause (ii) shall be equivalent to five times the amount of tax leviable.]¹

1. Inserted by Act 12 of 2011 w.e.f. 1.4.2011.

(b) Where the amount of penalty leviable is more than the value of the goods, the amount of penalty leviable shall be restricted to such value.

(c) In proceedings under sub-section (10), where the penalty levied is not paid, the carrier or bailee or person-in-charge of the goods vehicle shall jointly and severally be liable to pay such penalty.

(d) Before levying any penalty under this sub-section, the officer shall give the person-in-charge of the goods vehicle or boat, ship or similar vessel, the carrier, the bailee, or dealer registered under the Act, as the case may be, a reasonable opportunity of being heard.

(13) Where the destination of the goods to be delivered in the State is not less than one hundred kilometers from the check post or barrier or any other place at which the goods vehicle or boat, ship or similar vessel is intercepted, a period of not less than ten days shall

be given to the person concerned to show cause against the proceedings initiated under sub-section (12).

(14) (a) Where the penalty levied is not paid, the officer levying the penalty shall have power to take possession of so much of the goods as in his opinion would be sufficient to meet the amount of penalty levied and retain the same with him until the penalty levied is paid or for ten days, whichever is earlier.

(b) Where it is not practicable to take possession of only so much of the goods as would be sufficient to meet the amount of penalty levied for the reason that the goods vehicle is a tanker carrying goods in liquid or gaseous form or that the goods form a single unit not separable into any part or parts thereof, the officer levying the penalty shall have power to take possession of the goods vehicle or the entire goods, as the case may be, and retain the same with him until the penalty levied is paid or for ten days, whichever is earlier.

(c) After the expiry of the period of ten days, if the penalty is not paid, the officer shall dispose of the goods in public auction and adjust the sale proceeds towards penalty, and the excess amount shall, after deducting the charges incurred by the State Government, be refunded in the manner prescribed.

¹[(d) Before taking possession or within ten days after taking possession of the goods or the goods vehicle, if the owner or person in-charge of the goods vehicle or the dealer registered under the Act, makes payment of penalty levied, the officer taking such possession shall forthwith return the goods or the goods vehicle to the person making such payment.]

1. Substituted by Act 6 of 2005 w.e.f. 19.3.2005.

(e) In the case of perishable goods, the officer may dispose of the same before the expiry of the period of ten days, if in his opinion such disposal is necessary.

(15) Any person aggrieved by the levy of penalty under this Section may appeal within thirty days from the date on which the order of penalty was served on the person to the prescribed authority.

54. Transit of goods by road through the State and issue of transit pass.-

1. ²[Where a vehicle carrying goods as may be notified by the Government or the Commissioner]²

(a) from any place outside the State and bound for any place outside the State and passes through the State ; or

(b) imported into the State from any place outside the country and such goods are being carried to any place outside the State,

the driver or any other person-in-charge of such vehicle shall furnish the necessary information and obtain a transit pass in duplicate containing such particulars as may be prescribed, from the officer-in-charge of the first check post or barrier after his entry into the State or after movement has commenced from the State, as the case may be, or from the officer empowered for the purposes of ¹[section 53]¹, upon interception of the goods vehicle after its entry into the State or after movement has commenced, as the case may be.

1. Shall be and shall always be deemed to have been substituted by Act 4 of 2010 w.e.f. 11.3.2005.

2. Substituted by Act 17 of 2012 w.e.f. 1.4.2012.

²¹[Provided that the Commissioner may notify the website in which the necessary information shall be furnished by the driver or any other person-in-charge of the vehicle after

entry of such vehicle into the State or after its movement has commenced from the State, for issue of a transit pass. Where the Commissioner has so notified the website, the driver or any other person in charge of the vehicle after entry of the vehicle into the State or after movement has commenced from the State, shall enter the above information in the notified website for issue of a transit pass.]¹²

1. Inserted by Act 12 of 2011 w.e.f. 1.4.2011.

2. Substituted by Act 17 of 2012 w.e.f. 1.4.2012.

(2) The driver or the person-in-charge of the vehicle shall deliver within the stipulated time a copy of the transit pass obtained under sub-section (1) to the officer-in-charge at the last checkpost or barrier before his exit from the State.

¹[Provided that the Commissioner may notify the website in which the driver or the person in charge of the vehicle shall enter the particulars of the transit pass obtained under sub-section (1), before his exit from the State on a route where no checkpost or barrier is situated. Where the Commissioner has so notified the website, the driver or the other person in charge of the vehicle shall enter the particulars of the transit pass obtained under sub-section (1) in the notified website before his exit from the State.]¹

1. Inserted by Act 17 of 2012 w.e.f. 1.4.2012.

(3) (a) If for any reason the goods carried in a goods vehicle are after entry into the State, or after commencement of movement, as the case may be, not moved out of the State within the time stipulated in the transit pass, the owner of the goods vehicle shall furnish to the officer empowered in this behalf the reasons for such delay and other particulars, if any, thereof and such officer shall after due enquiry extend the time of exit by suitably amending the transit pass.

(b) Where the goods carried by a vehicle are, after their entry into the State, or after commencement of movement, as the case may be, transported outside the State by any other vehicle or conveyance, the onus of proving that the goods have actually moved out of the State shall be on the owner of the vehicle who originally brought the goods into the State.

(4) If the driver or any other person-in-charge of the vehicle does not comply with sub-section (2), it shall be presumed that the goods carried thereby have been sold within the State by the owner of the vehicle and shall, irrespective of whether he is a taxable person, be assessed to tax by the officer empowered in this behalf in the prescribed manner.

(5) If the owner of the vehicle, having obtained the transit pass as provided under sub-section (1), fails to deliver the same as provided under sub-section (2), he shall be liable to pay by way of penalty a sum not exceeding twice the amount of tax leviable on the goods transported.

(6) The amount of tax and the penalty levied under this Section shall be recovered in the prescribed manner.

(7) Where the owner of the vehicle who is assessed to tax under sub-section (4), is carrying after such assessment, any goods taxable under this Act in a goods vehicle from any place outside the State, or from within the State, as the case may be, and bound for any other place outside the State and is passing through the State, the prescribed authority may demand from such owner an amount equivalent to twice the amount of tax leviable on such goods under this Act as security.

(8) The prescribed authority after being satisfied that the goods carried in the goods vehicle in respect of which the security amount under sub-section (7) was collected, has passed through the State, shall refund such security amount to the owner.

(9) The prescribed authority may by an order adjust the whole or any part of security amount towards any amount of tax or penalty payable under this Section by such owner.

¹[(10) In case where a vehicle owned by a person is hired for transportation of goods by some other person including a transporting or any other similar agency, both the persons shall for the purposes of this Section, be deemed to be the owner of the vehicle, and shall be jointly and severally liable to pay any amount of tax or penalty payable.]

1. Substituted by Act 6 of 2005 w.e.f. 19.3.2005.

55. Penalty in case of under-valuation of goods.- (1) Where, in respect of goods liable to tax under this Act carried in a goods vehicle or boat, ship or similar vessel, or held in stock by any dealer or on his behalf by any other person, or held in the custody of any transporter, the prescribed authority, or any officer empowered under Section 53, has reason to believe that the value shown in the document accompanying the goods in transit or in the purchase invoice is lower than the prevailing market price or Maximum Retail Price, by a difference of thirty per cent or more ¹[and such difference is not on account of any discount or margin allowed in accordance with the regular trade practice of the seller or any special discount or margin allowed by the seller or the goods being sold by the seller after manufacture to the trade mark or brand holder]¹ such authority or officers, for reasons to be recorded in writing and after allowing the person or dealer a reasonable opportunity of being heard, may impose a penalty of a sum not exceeding twice the amount of the tax due on such goods.

1. Inserted by Act 4 of 2006 w.e.f. 1.4.2006.

(2) The amount of tax and the penalty levied under this Section shall be recovered in the manner specified under sub-Section (14) of Section 53.

(3) The value of goods in transit shall be the total price as mentioned in the invoice, challan, delivery note, or any other related document, plus the cost of transportation of the goods incurred up to the time of its interception.

(4) In determining whether or not the price shown in the invoice, challan, delivery note, or any other related document involves under-valuation, in the case of owner of the goods other than an owner carrying on business in packaged goods, the authority exercising the power under sub-section (1) shall apply the prevailing market price or fair market value and in the case of an owner carrying on business in packaged goods, shall apply the Maximum Retail Price.

(5) Any person objecting to an order affecting him under this Section may appeal to the prescribed authority.

(6) Such appeal shall be dealt with as if it were an appeal filed under Section 62 or Section 64, as the case may be, and all the provisions of those Sections shall *mutatis mutandis* apply to such appeal.

56. Liability to furnish information by certain agents.- (1) Every person or a clearing or forwarding house or agency, transporting agency, ¹[including Railways run by Central Government or others]¹shipping agency, shipping-out agency or steamer agency or air-cargo agency or courier agency engaged in the business of transporting taxable goods in

the State shall furnish to the prescribed authority information relating to any taxable goods cleared, forwarded, transported or shipped by him or it during any period or relating to any dealer as may be required by the prescribed authority.

1. Inserted by Act 4 of 2006 w.e.f. 1.4.2006.

(2) The authority prescribed in this behalf, shall have the power to call for and examine the books of account or other documents in the possession of such person or agency with a view to verify the correctness of the information furnished under sub-section (1).

(3) Any person failing to comply with the provisions of sub-sections (1) and (2) without valid reason shall be liable to penalty under Section 75.

57. Special evidential requirements relating to banks.- The prescribed authority may require any bank or any officer thereof to furnish such information, document or statement for the purpose of any proceedings under this Act, and any person failing to comply with such requirement without valid reason shall be liable to penalty under Section 75.

Chapter VI

Authorities and Appellate Tribunal

58. Appointment of Commissioner, Additional Commissioners, Joint Commissioners, Deputy Commissioners, Assistant Commissioners, State Representatives and Commercial Tax Officers.- (1) The State Government may appoint a Commissioner of Commercial Taxes and as many Additional Commissioners, Joint Commissioners, Deputy Commissioners, Assistant Commissioners, State Representatives and Commercial Tax Officers, as they think fit for the purpose of performing the functions, respectively conferred on them by or under this Act or by or under any other law for the time being in force.

(2) The Commissioner may, empower an officer not below the rank of an Assistant Commissioner or an Advocate or a Chartered Accountant ¹[or a Cost Accountant]¹ or a Tax Practitioner enrolled in the prescribed manner to perform the functions of a State Representative.

1. Inserted by Act 6 of 2007 w.e.f. 1.4.2007.

(3) In proceedings before the Appellate Tribunal, the State Representative shall be competent, -

- (a) to prepare and sign applications, appeals and other documents,
- (b) to appear, represent, act and plead,
- (c) to receive notices and other processes, and
- (d) to do all other acts connected with such proceedings, on behalf of the Government or any officer appointed under this Act.

59. Instructions to Subordinate Authorities.- (1) The Government and the Commissioner may from time to time, issue such orders, instructions and directions to all officers ¹[including Commercial Tax Inspectors]¹ and persons employed in the execution of this Act as they may deem fit for the administration of this Act, and all such officers and

persons shall observe and follow such orders, instructions and directions of the Government and the Commissioner.

1. Inserted by Act 4 of 2006 w.e.f. 1.4.2006.

(2) No such orders, instructions, or directions shall be issued under sub-section (1) so as to interfere with the discretion of any appellate authority in the exercise of its appellate functions.

(3) All officers and persons employed in the execution of this Act, shall observe and follow such administrative instructions as may be issued to them for their guidance by the Additional Commissioner or Joint Commissioner within whose jurisdiction they perform their functions.

(4) Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, the Commissioner may, on his own motion or on an application by a registered dealer liable to pay tax under the Act, if he considers it necessary or expedient so to do, for the purpose of maintaining uniformity in the work of assessments and collection of revenue, clarify the rate of tax payable under this Act in respect of goods liable to tax under the Act, and all officers and persons employed in the execution of this Act shall observe and follow such clarification.

(5) No such application under sub-section (4) shall be entertained unless it is accompanied by proof of payment of such fee, paid in such manner, as may be prescribed.

¹**[60. Clarification and Advance Rulings.-** (1) The Commissioner may constitute an 'Authority for Clarification and Advance Rulings', consisting of atleast three Additional Commissioners, to clarify the rate of tax in respect of any goods or the exigibility to tax of any transaction or eligibility of deduction of input tax or liability of deduction of tax at source under the Act, in respect of any case or class of cases as the Commissioner may specify.

2. Any registered dealer seeking clarification or advance ruling under this section, shall make an application to the Authority in such form, accompanied by proof of payment of such fee, paid in such manner as may be prescribed.

²[(2A) On receipt of an application, the Authority shall cause a copy thereof to be forwarded to the assessing or registering authority concerned and call for its finding on the clarification sought or question raised and also any information or records.

(2B) The Authority may, after examining the application and any records called for, by order, either, admit or reject the application.

Provided that the Authority shall not allow the application where the question raised in the application,-

(i) is already pending before any officer or authority of the Department or Appellate Tribunal or any Court;

(ii) relates to a transaction or issue which is designed apparently for the avoidance of tax.

Provided further that no application shall be rejected under this sub-section unless an opportunity has been given to the applicant of being heard and where the application is rejected, reasons for such rejections shall be recorded in the order.

(2C) A copy of every order made under sub-section (2B) shall be sent to the applicant and the officer concerned.

(2D) Where an application is admitted under sub-section (2B), the Authority shall after examining such further material as may be placed before it by the applicant or obtained by the Authority, pass such order as deemed fit on the questions specified in the application, after giving an opportunity to the applicant of being heard, if he so desires and also to the assessing authority or registering authority concerned. The authority shall pass an order within ninety days of the receipt of any application and a copy of such order shall be sent to the applicant and to the officer concerned.]²

(3) No officer or any other authority of the Department or the Appellate Tribunal shall proceed to decide any issue in respect of which an application has been made by an applicant under this Section.

(4) The order of the authority shall be binding, only on the applicant who seeks clarification and only in respect of the goods or transaction in relation to which a clarification is sought and also only in the proceedings before the officers of the department (other than the Commissioner) and the Appellate Tribunal, relating to such applicant.

(5) The order of Authority under this Section shall be binding as aforesaid unless there is a change in law or facts on the basis of which the order was passed.

(6) Where the authority finds, on a representation made to it by any officer or otherwise, that an order passed by it was obtained by the applicant by fraud or misrepresentation of facts, it may, by order, declare such order to be void ab initio and thereupon all the provisions of this Act shall apply to the applicant as if such order had never been made.

(7) Subject to the provisions of ²[sub-section (4) of section 59,]² sub-section (2) of section 64 and section 66, every order passed under this section shall be final.]¹

²[8) Notwithstanding any clarification or any ruling given by the 'Authority for Clarification and Advance Rulings' under sub-section (2D) pertaining to any particular goods, the rate of tax payable in respect of such goods by the applicant shall be at such rate as may be clarified by the Commissioner under sub-section (4) of section 59, from the date of its publication in the official Gazette.]²

1. Omitted by Act 6 of 2007 w.e.f.1.4.2007 and inserted by Act 4 of 2010 w.e.f. 1.4.2010.

2. Inserted by Act 54 of 2013 w.e.f 01.08.2013

61. Jurisdiction of officers and change of incumbent of an office.- (1) The Additional Commissioners, Joint Commissioners, Deputy Commissioners, Assistant Commissioners and Commercial Tax Officers shall perform their functions in respect of such areas or of such dealers or classes of dealers or of such cases or classes of cases as the Commissioner may direct.

(2) The word 'case' in relation to any dealer specified in any order or direction issued thereunder means all proceedings under this Act in respect of any year which may be pending on the date of such order or direction or which may have been completed on or

before such date, and includes also all proceedings under this Act which may be commenced after the date of such order or direction in respect of any year.

(3) Whenever in respect of any proceeding under this Act, any prescribed authority ceases to exercise jurisdiction and is succeeded by another who may exercise that jurisdiction, the authority or officer so succeeding may continue the proceeding from the stage at which the proceeding was left by his predecessor.

(4) The person concerned may demand that before the proceeding under sub-section (3) is so continued, the previous proceeding or any part thereof be reopened or that before any order is passed against him, he be reheard.

Chapter VII Appeals and Revision

62. Appeals.- (1) Any person objecting to any order or proceedings affecting him passed under the provisions of this Act by the prescribed authority may appeal to the prescribed appellate authority.

(2) The appeal shall be preferred,

(a) in respect of an order of assessment, within thirty days from the date on which the notice of assessment, was served on the appellant, and

(b) in respect of ¹[any other order or proceedings]¹ within thirty days from the date on which the order was communicated to the appellant:

1. Substituted by Act 6 of 2007 w.e.f. 1.4.2007.

(3) The appellate authority may admit an appeal preferred after the period as aforesaid but within a further period of one hundred and eighty days, if it is satisfied that the appellant had sufficient cause for not preferring the appeal within that period.

(4) (a) No appeal against an order of assessment shall be entertained by the appellate authority unless it is accompanied by satisfactory proof of the ²[payment of tax and other amount]² not disputed in the appeal.

(b) The tax or other amount shall be paid in accordance with the order ¹[or proceedings]¹ against which an appeal has been preferred.

1. Inserted by Act 6 of 2007 w.e.f. 1.4.2007.

2. Substituted by Act 17 of 2012 w.e.f. 1.4.2012.

¹[(c) ²[(i) The appellate authority may, in its discretion, ³[stay payment of seventy per cent of tax]³ and other amount, if the appellant ³[makes payment of the balance thirty per cent of the tax]³ and other amount along with prescribed form of appeal.]²

(ii) Where any application made by an applicant for staying proceedings of recovery of any tax or other amount has not been disposed of by the Appellate Authority within a period of thirty days from the date of such application, it shall be deemed that the Appellate Authority has made an order staying proceedings of recovery of such tax or other amount ²[subject to ³[payment of thirty per cent of the tax]³ and other amount disputed]² and furnishing of sufficient security to the satisfaction of the assessing authority in

regard to the ³[balance seventy per cent of such tax]³ or amount within a further period of fifteen days]¹

1. Substituted by Act 6 of 2005 w.e.f. 19.3.2005.
2. Substituted by Act 17 of 2012 w.e.f. 1.4.2012.
3. Substituted by Act 32 of 2013 w.e.f. 1.4.2013.

(d) Where an order staying proceedings of recovery of any tax or other amount is passed in any proceedings relating to an appeal under sub-section (1), the appellate authority shall dispose of the appeal within a period of ¹[two hundred forty days]¹ from the date of such order.

1. Substituted by Act 12 of 2011 w.e.f. 1.4.2011.

¹[(e)xxx]¹

1. Omitted by Act 17 of 2012 w.e.f. 1.4.2012.

(5) The appeal shall be in the prescribed form and shall be verified in the prescribed manner.

¹[Provided that the Commissioner may notify the website in which appeal shall be filed electronically:

Provided further that a single appeal may be preferred against orders of assessment or reassessment or any other orders or proceedings, in respect of more than one tax period of any financial year]¹

1. Inserted by Act 15 of 2015 w.e.f. 01.4.2015.

(6) In disposing of an appeal, the appellate authority may, after giving the appellant a reasonable opportunity of being heard,

(a) in the case of an order of assessment or penalty:

- (i) confirm, reduce or enhance the assessment including any part thereof whether or not such part is objected to in the appeal;
- (ii) pass such other orders as it may think fit; and

(b) in the case of any other order, ¹[or proceedings]¹ confirm, cancel or vary such order.

1. Inserted by Act 6 of 2007 w.e.f. 1.4.2007.

¹[(6A) (i) In disposing of an appeal before it, the appellate authority shall not remand the case to make fresh assessment or fresh order, but shall proceed to dispose of the appeal on its merit, as it deems fit, if necessary by taking additional evidence.

¹[(ii) The appellate authority shall pass an order by disposing of an appeal, within a period of ninety days from the date on which the hearing of the case was concluded.]¹

1. Substituted by Act 5 of 2009 w.e.f. 1.4.2009.

(7) Every order passed on appeal under this Section shall, subject to the provisions of Sections 63 to 67, be final.

63. Appeal to the Appellate Tribunal.- (1) Any officer ¹[empowered by the State Government or the Commissioner]¹ in this behalf or any other person objecting to an order passed by the appellate authority under Section 62 ²[or the Joint Commissioner under

section 63-A]² may appeal to the Appellate Tribunal within a period of sixty days from the date on which the order was communicated to him.

1. Substituted by Act 6 of 2007 w.e.f. 1.4.2006.

2. Inserted by Act 5 of 2008 w.e.f.01.08.2008.

(2) The Appellate Tribunal may admit an appeal preferred after the period of sixty days referred to in sub-section (1), but within a further period of one hundred and eighty days, if it is satisfied that the appellant had sufficient cause for not preferring the appeal within that period.

(3) The officer authorized under sub-section (1) or the person against whom an appeal has been preferred, as the case may be, on receipt of notice that an appeal against the order of the appellate authority has been preferred under sub-section (1) by the other party, may, notwithstanding that he has not appealed against such order or any part thereof, file, at any time before the appeal is finally heard, a memorandum of cross-objections, verified in the prescribed manner, against any part of the order of the appellate authority, and such memorandum shall be disposed of by the Appellate Tribunal as if it were an appeal presented within the time specified in sub-section (1).

(4) The appeal, or the memorandum of cross-objections, shall be in the prescribed form, shall be verified in the prescribed manner, and, in the case of an appeal preferred by any person other than an officer ¹[empowered by the State Government or the Commissioner]¹ under sub-section (1) shall be accompanied by ²[proof of ³[payment of thirty per cent of tax]³ or other amount disputed and also]² a fee equal to two percent of the amount of assessment objected to, provided that the sum payable in no case be less than two hundred rupees or more than one thousand rupees.

⁴[Provided that a single appeal may be preferred against orders of assessment or reassessment or any other orders or proceedings, in respect of more than one tax periods of any year.]⁴

1. Substituted by Act 6 of 2007 w.e.f. 1.4.2006.

2. Inserted by Act 6 of 2005 w.e.f. 19.3.2005.

3. Substituted by Act 32 of 2013 w.e.f. 1.4.2013.

4. . Inserted by Act 15 of 2014 w.e.f. 01.03.2014

(5) (a) The Appellate Tribunal shall, after giving both parties to the appeal a reasonable opportunity of being heard, pass such orders thereon as it thinks fit.

(b) If the appeal involves a question of law on which the Appellate Tribunal has previously given its decision in another appeal and either a revision petition in the High Court against such decision or an appeal in the Supreme Court against the order of the High Court thereon is pending, the Appellate Tribunal may defer the hearing of the appeal before it till such revision petition in the High Court or the appeal in the Supreme Court is disposed of.

(c) If as a result of the appeal any change becomes necessary in the assessment, which is the subject matter of the appeal, the Appellate Tribunal may authorize the prescribed authority to amend the assessment, and the prescribed authority shall amend the assessment accordingly and thereupon, any amount over paid by the dealer shall be refunded to him without interest, or any additional amount of tax due from him shall be collected in accordance with the provisions of the Act, as the case may be.

(6) (a) Notwithstanding that an appeal has been preferred under sub-section (1), tax shall be paid in accordance with the assessment made in the case.

1[(b) x x x]¹

1. Omitted by Act 6 of 2005 w.e.f. 19.3.2005.

¹[(7) (a) The Appellate Tribunal may, in its discretion, ²[stay payment of seventy per cent of the tax]² or other amount disputed, if the appellant makes payment of the ²[thirty percent of the tax]² or other amount disputed along with the prescribed form of appeal.

(b) The Appellate Tribunal shall dispose of such appeal within a period of ⁴³[three years]³⁴ from the date of the order staying proceedings of ²[recovery of seventy per cent of tax]² or other amount and, if such appeal is not so disposed of within the period specified, the order of stay shall stand vacated after the said period and the Appellate Tribunal shall not make any further order staying proceedings of recovery of the said tax or other amount.]¹

1. Substituted by Act 6 of 2005 w.e.f. 19.3.2005.

2. Substituted by Act 32 of 2013 w.e.f. 1.4.2013.

3. Substituted by Act 15 of 2015 w.e.f. 01.4.2015.

4. Substituted by Act 23 of 2018 w.e.f. 01.4.2015.

(8) (a) The Appellate Tribunal may, on the application either of the appellant or of the respondent, review any order passed by it under sub-section (5) on the basis of facts which were not before it when it passed the order.

(b) No such application under clause (a) shall be preferred more than once in respect of the same order.

(c) The application for review shall be preferred in the prescribed manner within six months from the date on which the order to which the application relates was communicated to the applicant; and where the application is preferred by any person other than an officer empowered by the State Government under sub-section (1), it shall be accompanied by a fee equal to that which has been paid in respect of the appeal.

(d) If the application for review is preferred within ninety days from the date on which the order to which the application relates is communicated to the applicant, the application shall be accompanied by half the fee which had been paid in respect of the appeal.

(9) (a) With a view to rectifying any mistake apparent from the record, the appellate Tribunal may, at any time, within five years from the date of any order passed by it under sub-section (5) or sub-section (8), amend such order.

(b) No order under this sub-section shall be made without giving both parties affected by the order a reasonable opportunity of being heard.

(10) Except as provided in the rules, the Appellate Tribunal shall not have powers to award costs to either of the parties to the appeal or review.

(11) Every order passed by the Appellate Tribunal under sub-section (5) or (8) or (9) shall be communicated to the appellant, the respondent, the appellate authority on whose order the appeal was preferred and the Commissioner.

(12) Every order passed by the Appellate Tribunal under sub-section (5) shall, subject to the provisions of sub-section (8), sub-section (9) and Section 65, be final and

every order passed by it under sub-section (8) shall, subject to the provisions of sub-section (9) and Section 65, be final.

¹[63-A. Revisional powers of Joint Commissioner.- (1) The Joint Commissioner may on his own motion call for and examine the record of any order passed or proceeding recorded under this Act and if he considers that any order passed therein by any officer, who is not above the rank of a Deputy Commissioner, is erroneous in so far as it is prejudicial to the interest of the revenue, he may, if necessary, stay the operation of such order for such period as he deems fit and after giving the person concerned an opportunity of being heard and after making or causing to be made such inquiry as he deems necessary, pass such order thereon as the circumstances of the case justify, including an order enhancing or modifying the assessment, or ²[cancelling the assessment and directing a fresh assessment]².

(2) The Joint Commissioner shall not exercise any power under this section, if -

(a) the time for appeal against the order has not expired; or

(b) more than four years have expired after the passing of the order sought to be revised.

(3) The Joint Commissioner shall pass order under this section within a period of one year from the date of initiation of proceeding or calling for the records under this section, as the case may be.

(4) Every order passed in revision under this section shall, subject to the provisions of sections 63 and 64 be final.

(5) In computing the period of limitation for the purpose of sub-section (2), any period, during which any proceeding under this Section is stayed by an order or injunction of any court, shall be excluded.

(6) For the purposes of this Section, 'record' shall include all records relating to any proceedings under this Act available at the time of examination by the Joint Commissioner.]¹

1. Inserted by Act 4 of 2006 w.e.f. 1.4.2006.

2. Substituted by Act 32 of 2013 w.e.f. 1.4.2013.

64. Revisional powers of Additional Commissioner and Commissioner.- (1) The Additional Commissioner may on his own motion call for and examine the record of any order passed or proceeding recorded under this Act and if he considers that any order passed therein by any officer, who is not above the rank of a Joint Commissioner, is erroneous in so far as it is prejudicial to the interest of the revenue, he may, if necessary, stay the operation of such order for such period as he deems fit and after giving the person concerned an opportunity of being heard and after making or causing to be made such inquiry as he deems necessary, pass such order thereon as the circumstances of the case justify, including an order enhancing or modifying the assessment, or canceling the assessment or directing a fresh assessment.

(2) The Commissioner may on his own motion call for and examine the record of any proceeding under this Act, and if he considers that any order passed therein by any officer subordinate to him ¹[or the Authority for Clarification and Advance Rulings constituted under Section 60] is erroneous in so far as it is prejudicial to the interest of the revenue, he may if necessary, stay the operation of such order for such period as he deems fit and after giving the person concerned an opportunity of being heard and after making or causing to be made

such inquiry as he deems necessary, pass such order thereon as the circumstances of the case justify, including an order enhancing or modifying the assessment, or canceling the assessment or directing a fresh assessment.

1. Inserted by Act 6 of 2005 w.e.f. 19.3.2005.

(3) The Additional Commissioner or the Commissioner shall not exercise any power under sub-section (1) or sub-section (2), as the case may be, if-

- (a) the time for appeal against the order has not expired;
- (b) the matter has been subject to an appeal under Section 63 or a revision in the High Court; or
- (c) more than four years have expired after the passing of the order sought to be revised.

¹[Provided that in the case of an order passed by the appellate authority under section 62 allowing the appeal preferred in full, the condition specified in clause (a) shall not apply.]¹

1. Inserted by Act 5 of 2009 w.e.f. 1.4.2009.

(4) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (3), the Additional Commissioner or the Commissioner may pass an order under sub-section (1) or (2), as the case may be, on any point which has not been raised and decided in an appeal or revision referred to in clause (b) of sub-section (3), 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 a period of four years referred to in clause (c) of that sub-section, whichever is later.

(5) Every order passed in revision under sub-section (1) shall, subject to the provisions of sub-section (2) of this Section and Sections 66 and 67, be final.

(6) Every order passed in revision under sub-section (2) shall, subject to the provisions of Sections 65 and 66, be final.

(7) If the order passed or proceedings recorded by the appropriate authority referred to in sub-section (1) or (2), involves an issue on which the High Court has given its decision adverse to the revenue in some other proceedings and an appeal to the Supreme Court against such decision of the High Court is pending, the period spent between the date of the decision of the High Court and the date of the decision of the Supreme Court shall be excluded in computing the period referred to in clause (c) of sub-section (3).

(8) In computing the period of limitation for the purpose of sub-section (3), any period, during which any proceeding under this Section is stayed by an order or injunction of any court, shall be excluded.

(9) For the purposes of this Section, 'record' shall include all records relating to any proceedings under this Act available at the time of examination by the Additional Commissioner or the Commissioner.

65. Revision by High Court in certain cases.- (1) Within ¹[one hundred and Eighty days] from the date on which an order under sub-section (5) or (8) or (9) of Section 63 was communicated to him, the appellant or the respondent may prefer a petition to the High Court against the order on the ground that the Appellate Tribunal has either failed to decide or decided erroneously any question of law:

1. Substituted Inserted by Act 11 of 2005 w.e.f. 1.4.2005.

(2) The High Court may admit a petition preferred after the period of ¹[one hundred and Eighty days] aforesaid if it is satisfied that the petitioner has sufficient cause for not preferring the petition within that period.

1. Substituted Inserted by Act 11 of 2005 w.e.f. 1.4.2005.

(3) The petition shall be in the prescribed form, shall be verified in the prescribed manner, and shall, when it is preferred by any person other than an officer empowered by the Government under sub-section (1) of Section 63, be accompanied by a fee of one hundred rupees.

(4) If the High Court, on perusing the petition, considers that there is no sufficient ground for interfering, it may dismiss the petition summarily:

(5) The High Court shall not dismiss any petition unless the petitioner has had a reasonable opportunity of being heard in support thereof.

(6) (a) If the High Court does not dismiss the petition summarily, it shall, after giving both the parties to the petition a reasonable opportunity of being heard, determine the question or questions of law raised and either reverse, affirm or amend the order against which the petition was preferred or remit the matter to the Appellate Tribunal with the opinion of the High Court on the question or questions of law raised or pass such other order in relation to the matter as the High Court thinks fit.

(b) Where the High Court remits the matter to the Appellate Tribunal under clause (a) with its opinion on questions of law raised, the latter shall amend the order passed by it in conformity with such opinion.

(7) Before passing an order under sub-section (6) the High Court may, if it considers necessary so to do remit the petition to the Appellate Tribunal and direct it to return the petition with its finding on any specific question or issue.

(8) Notwithstanding that a petition has been preferred under sub-section (1), the tax shall be paid in accordance with the assessment made in the case.

(9) If as a result of the petition, any change becomes necessary in such assessment, the High Court may authorize the prescribed authority to amend the assessment and the prescribed authority shall amend the assessment accordingly and thereupon the amount overpaid by the person concerned shall be refunded to him without interest or the additional amount of tax due from him shall be collected in accordance with provisions of this Act, as the case may be.

(10) (a) The High Court may, on the application of either party to the petition, review any order passed by it under sub-section (6) on the basis of facts which were not before it when it passed the order.

(b) The application for review shall be preferred within such time and in such manner as may be prescribed, and shall where it is preferred by any person other than an officer empowered by the Government under sub-section (1) of Section 63 be accompanied by a fee of one hundred rupees.

(11) (a) With a view to rectifying any mistake apparent from the record, the High Court may, at any time within five years from the date of the order passed by it under sub-section (6), amend such order.

(b) The High Court shall not pass an order under this sub-section without giving both parties affected by the order a reasonable opportunity of being heard.

(12) In respect of every petition preferred under sub-section (1) or (10), the costs shall be in the discretion of the High Court.

66. Appeal to High Court.- (1) Any person objecting to an order passed by the Commissioner or the Additional Commissioner under Section 64 ¹[or a dealer aggrieved by the order of the Authority under Section 60] may appeal to the High Court within sixty days from the date on which the order was communicated to him.

¹. Inserted by Act 11 of 2005 w.e.f. 1.4.2005.

(2) The High Court may admit an appeal preferred after the period of sixty days aforesaid, if it is satisfied that the person had sufficient cause for not preferring the appeal within that period.

(3) The appeal shall be in the prescribed form, shall be verified in the prescribed manner, and shall be accompanied by a fee of five hundred rupees.

(4) The High Court shall, after giving both parties to the appeal a reasonable opportunity of being heard, pass such order thereon as it thinks fit.

(5) The provisions of sub-sections (6) to (12) of Section 65, shall apply in relation to appeals preferred under sub-section (1) as they apply in relation to petitions preferred under sub-section (1) of Section 65.

67. Objections to Jurisdiction.- No objection as to the territorial or pecuniary jurisdiction of any prescribed authority shall be entertained or allowed by any Court, Tribunal or authority in an appeal or revision, unless such objection was taken before the prescribed authority at the earliest possible opportunity.

68. Petitions, applications and appeals to High Court to be heard by a Bench of not less than two judges.- Every Petition, application or appeal preferred to the High Court under Section 65 or 66 shall be heard by a bench of not less than two Judges, and in respect of such petition, application or appeal, the provisions of Section 98 of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 (Central Act V of 1908), shall apply.

69. Rectification of mistakes.- (1) With a view to rectifying any mistake apparent from the record, the prescribed authority, appellate authority or revising authority, may, at any time within five years from the date of an order passed by it, amend such order.

(2) Any amendment which has the effect of enhancing an assessment or otherwise increasing the liability of the person concerned shall not be made unless the prescribed authority, appellate authority or revising authority, as the case may be, has given notice to the person concerned of its intention to do so and has allowed the person concerned the opportunity of showing cause in writing against such amendment.

²[¹[(2-a) [xxx]¹]²

¹. Inserted by Act 6 of 2005 w.e.f. 19.3.2005.

². Omitted by Act 17 of 2012 w.e.f. 1.4.2012.

(3) Where an order has been considered and decided in any proceedings by way of appeal or revision relating to an order referred to in sub-section (1), the authority passing such order may, notwithstanding anything contained in any law for the time being in force,

amend the order under that sub-section in relation to any matter other than the matter which has been so considered and decided.

(4) An order passed under sub-section (1), shall be deemed to be an order passed under the same provision of law under which the original order, the mistake in which was rectified, has been passed.

70. Burden of proof.- (1) For the purposes of payment or assessment of tax or any claim to input tax under this Act, the burden of proving that any transaction of a dealer is not liable to tax, or any claim to deduction of input tax is correct, shall lie on such dealer.

(2) Where a dealer knowingly issues or produces a false tax invoice, credit or debit note, declaration, certificate or other document with a view to support or make any claim that a transaction of sale or purchase effected by him or any other dealer, is not liable to be taxed, or liable to tax at a lower rate, or that a deduction of input tax is available, the prescribed authority shall, on detecting such issue or production, direct the dealer issuing or producing such document to pay as penalty:

- (a) in the case of first such detection, three times the tax due in respect of such transaction or claim; and
- (b) in the case of second or subsequent detection, five times the tax due in respect of such transaction or claim.

(3) Before issuing any direction for the payment of the penalty under this Section, the prescribed authority shall give to the dealer the opportunity of showing cause in writing against the imposition of such penalty.

Chapter VIII

Penalties, Offences and Power to make Rules

71. Penalties relating to registration.- (1) A dealer who, without reasonable cause, fails to apply for registration within the time prescribed in sub-sections (1) or (5) to (9) of section 22 shall be liable to a penalty of two thousand rupees in addition to the interest chargeable on the tax payable at the rate provided under section 37.

1. Substituted by Act 4 of 2006 w.e.f. 1.4.2006.

(2) A dealer who fails to report to the prescribed authority a change in circumstances as required by Section 28 shall be liable to a ¹[penalty not exceeding]¹ five thousand rupees.

1. Substituted by Act 6 of 2005 w.e.f. 19.3.2005.

(3) The power to levy the penalties shall be vested in the registering authority as prescribed.

72. Penalties relating to returns ¹[and assessment]¹.- ²[(1)A dealer who fails to furnish a return or who fails to pay the tax due on any return furnished as required under the Act shall be liable to pay together with any tax or interest due,]²

³[(a) a penalty of fifty rupees for each day of default and where such default is more than five days, such penalty,-

(i) shall not exceed two hundred and fifty rupees if the tax due is less than the said amount;

(ii) shall be calculated at fifty rupees per day not exceeding the amount of tax due, if the tax due is more than two hundred and fifty rupees; and]³

⁴[(b) a further penalty equal to,-

(i) five percent of the amount of tax due or fifty rupees whichever is higher, if the default is not for more than ten days, and

(ii) ten percent of the tax due, if the default is for more than ten days;]⁴

⁵[Provided that no penalty shall be payable for failure to furnish a return for any tax period in a year under this sub-section by a dealer who not being liable to get registered under section 22 and is also not liable to pay any tax for such tax period, if he makes an application for cancellation of his certificate of registration.]⁵

1. Inserted by Act 6 of 2007 w.e.f. 1.4.2007.

2. Substituted by Act 6 of 2007 w.e.f. 1.4.2007.

3. Shall be deemed to have been substituted by Act 5 of 2008 w.e.f.01.04.07.

4. Substituted by Act 5 of 2008 w.e.f.01.08.08

5. Inserted by Act 15 of 2014 w.e.f. 01.03.2014

(2) A dealer who for any prescribed tax period furnishes ¹[particulars for preparation of a return or furnishes]¹ a return which understates his liability to tax or overstates his entitlement to a tax credit by more than five per cent of his actual liability to tax, ²[or his actual tax credit, as the case may be]² shall after being given the opportunity of showing cause in writing against the imposition of a penalty, be liable to a penalty equal to ³[ten per cent]³ of the amount of such tax under or overstated.

⁴[(2-A) A dealer who for any prescribed tax period furnishes a revised return which understates his liability to tax or overstates his entitlement to a tax credit by more than five per cent of his actual liability to tax, or his actual tax credit, as the case may be shall after being given the opportunity of showing cause in writing against the imposition of a penalty, be liable to a penalty equal to ten per cent of the amount of such tax under or overstated.

Explanation: Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, for the purpose of this section, revised return means a return filed under clause (a) and clause (b) of sub-section (4) of section 35.]⁴

1. Inserted by Act 4 of 2010 w.e.f.1.4.2010.

2. Inserted by Act 5 of 2008 w.e.f. 1.8.2008.

3. Substituted by Act 4 of 2006 w.e.f. 1.4.2006.

4.. Inserted by Act 6 of 2016 w.e.f. from1.4.2016

(3) A dealer who furnishes a return which is incomplete or incorrect in any material particular, ¹[as informed in a notice issued to him]¹ shall be liable to a ²[penalty ⁴[of]⁴ ³[fifty rupees]³]² for each day the return remains incomplete or incorrect.

1. Inserted by Act 6 of 2007 w.e.f. 1.4.2007.

2. Substituted by Act 6 of 2005 w.e.f. 19.3.2005.

3. Substituted by Act 4 of 2006 w.e.f. 1.4.2006.

4. Shall be deemed to have been inserted by Act 5 of 2008 w.e.f.01.04.06

¹[(3-A) A dealer who fails to furnish or furnishes incomplete or incorrect particulars for preparation of the return as notified under proviso to sub-section (1) of section 35, as informed in a notice issued to him shall be liable to a penalty of fifty rupees for each day the return remains incomplete or incorrect]¹

1. Inserted by Act 15 of 2015 w.e.f. 01.4.2015.

¹[(3-B). A dealer who fails to submit the copy of the audited statement of accounts and prescribed documents as prescribed in the proviso to sub-section (4) of section 31 as informed in the notice issued to him shall be liable to a penalty of fifty rupees for each day of default.]¹

1. Inserted by Act 06 of 2016 w.e.f. 01.4.2016.

(4) In any case where a dealer who has failed to furnish a return has been issued with an assessment showing less than his actual liability to tax and he pays such tax as assessed, such dealer, after being given the opportunity of showing cause in writing against the imposition of a penalty, shall be liable to a ¹[penalty ²[of ten per cent]²]¹ of the amount of the tax under-assessed.

1. Substituted by Act 6 of 2005 w.e.f. 19.3.2005.

2. Substituted by Act 4 of 2006 w.e.f. 1.4.2006.

¹[(5)A dealer who fails, within the time specified, to get registered though liable to do so, after being given an opportunity of showing cause in writing against the imposition of a penalty, shall be liable to pay penalty of thirty percent of the amount of tax payable by him as assessed under section 38 or re-assessed under section 39.]¹

1. Inserted by Act 6 of 2007 w.e.f. 1.4.2007.

¹[(6)]¹ The power to levy the above penalties shall be vested in the prescribed authority to which returns are required to be furnished ²[or the prescribed authority making an assessment or re-assessment]²

1. Renumbered by Act 6 of 2007 w.e.f. 1.4.2007.

2. shall be and shall always be deemed to have been inserted by Act 4 of 2006 w.e.f. 1.4.2006.

¹[(7) Any dealer who fails to submit returns as required by the provisions of the Act continuously for three months or two quarters, as a case may be, shall on conviction, in addition to recovery of any tax or penalty or interest or other amount that may be due from him or levied on him, be punishable with simple imprisonment which may extend to six months or with a fine which shall not be less than five thousand rupees but which may extend to twenty five thousand rupees or with both and when the offence is a continuing one, with a daily fine not exceeding two hundred rupees during the period of continuance of the offence.]¹

1. Inserted by Act 17 of 2012 w.e.f. 1.4.2012.

73. Penalties in relation to unauthorised collection of tax.- (1) If any dealer, not being registered under this Act, collects any amount by way of tax or purporting to be by way of tax under this Act, he shall be liable to remit to the prescribed authority such amount, whether or not that amount would be payable under the provisions of this Act, and also liable to a penalty of an amount ¹[equal to]¹ the amount so collected, after being given the opportunity of showing cause in writing against repayment of the tax and the imposition of such penalty.

1. Substituted by Act 6 of 2007 w.e.f. 1.4.2007.

(2) The power to levy the above penalty shall be vested in the assessing authority as prescribed.

74. Penalties relating to the keeping of records ¹[and submission of audited statement of accounts]¹ ⁷[and turnovers]⁷:- (1) Any dealer who fails to keep and maintain proper records, ⁶[xxx]²⁶ in accordance with Sections 31 or by order of the prescribed

authority shall be liable to a ³[penalty of not exceeding]⁵ ⁴[five thousand rupees]⁵ if such failure is the first during any year or ⁵[ten thousand rupees]⁵ if such failure is the second or subsequent during that year⁴ and, in addition, ³[a further penalty not exceeding two hundred rupees]³ per day for so long as the failure continues after being given an opportunity to show cause against such imposition of penalty.

1. Inserted by Act 5 of 2008 w.e.f. 01.08.2008.

2. Inserted by Act 6 of 2007 w.e.f. 1.4.2007.

3. Substituted by Act 6 of 2005 w.e.f. 19.3.2005.

4. Substituted by Act 6 of 2007 w.e.f. 1.4.2007.

5. Substituted by Act 17 of 2012 w.e.f. 1.4.2012.

6. Omitted by Act 32 of 2013 w.e.f. 1.4.2013.

7. Inserted by Act, 15 of 2014 w.e.f. 01.03.2014

(2) Any dealer who fails to retain records and accounts in accordance with Sections 32 and 33, after being given the opportunity of showing cause in writing against the imposition of a penalty, shall be liable to a penalty of ten thousand rupees.

(3) The power to levy the above penalty shall be vested in the officer authorised under Section 52.

¹[(4) Any dealer who fails to submit within the time prescribed a copy of the audited statement of accounts³[or statement as required under sub-section (5) of Section 31 of the Act, as the case may be]³ shall be liable to pay a penalty of five thousand rupees and, a further penalty of fifty rupees per day for so long as the ²[failure to submit a copy of the audited statement of accounts]² ³[or statement as required under sub-section (5) of Section 31 of the Act, as the case may be]³ continues, after being given an opportunity of showing cause in writing against such imposition of penalty by the prescribed authority.]¹

1. Inserted by Act 5 of 2008 w.e.f. 01.08.2008.

2. Shall be and shall always be deemed to have been substituted by Act 5 of 2009 w.e.f. 1.8.2008.

3. Inserted by Act, 15 of 2014 w.e.f. 01.03.2014.

75. Penalties relating to production of records and furnishing of

information.-Any dealer or person who on demand by the prescribed authority fails to produce any records or furnish any information in accordance with the requirements of this Act, after being given the opportunity of showing cause in writing against the imposition of a penalty, shall be liable to a ¹[penalty not exceeding]¹ ²[ten thousand rupees]² and, in addition, two hundred rupees per day for so as long as the failure continues.

1. Substituted by Act 6 of 2005 w.e.f. 19.3.2005.

2. Substituted by Act 17 of 2012 w.e.f. 1.4.2012.

¹[**76. Penalties relating to tax invoices, bills of sale, credit notes and debit notes.**- (1) A registered dealer who.-

(a) fails to provide a tax invoice as required by sub-section (1) of section 29 ¹[xxx]¹,
or

(b) provides a tax invoice otherwise than in accordance with the provisions of section 29 ¹[xxx]¹,

shall be liable to a penalty of two thousand rupees or an amount equivalent to the tax payable on the transaction, whichever is higher for such offence which is the first during a financial year and if the offence committed is not the first offence during a financial year, a penalty of five thousand rupees or an amount equivalent to the tax payable on the transaction, whichever is higher.

1. Omitted by Act 32 of 2013 w.e.f. 1.4.2013.

(2) A registered dealer who fails to issue a bill of sale ¹[as]¹ required by sub-section (1) of section 29 shall be liable to a penalty of one thousand rupees for such offence which is the first during a financial year and if the offence committed is not the first offence during a financial year, a penalty of two thousand rupees.

1. Shall be deemed to have been substituted by Act 5 of 2008 w.e.f.01.04.2006.

(3) The power to levy the penalty under this section shall be vested in the officer authorised under section 52.]¹

1. Substituted by Act 4 of 2006 w.e.f. 1.4.2006.

77. Penalties relating to seals ¹[electronic tax registers]¹ and to unaccounted stocks.- (1) Any person who removes, or in any way tampers with, a seal attached under the provisions of clause (f) of sub-section (1) of Section 52, and sub-section (4) of Section 53, shall be liable on conviction by a Court, not inferior to that of a Magistrate of the First Class, to a fine of not less than five thousand rupees but not exceeding ²[twenty five thousand]² rupees and imprisonment for a period ³[xxx]³ not exceeding one year.

¹[(1-A) Any registered dealer falling under sub-section (2-A) of section 31, who,-

(a) refuses to install an electronic tax register; or

(b) refuses or fails to use the electronic register installed; or

(c) removes or in any way tampers with the seal used to secure any electronic tax register installed or destroys or attempts to destroy any electronic tax register installed,

shall be liable on conviction by a Court, not inferior to that of a Magistrate of the First Class, to a fine of not less than five thousand rupees but not exceeding twenty five thousand rupees and imprisonment for a period not exceeding one year.]¹

1. Inserted by Act 5 of 2009 w.e.f. 1.4.2009.

2. Substituted by Act 6 of 2005 w.e.f. 19.3.2005.

3. Omitted by Act 6 of 2005 w.e.f. 19.3.2005.

(2) Any person or dealer who is found to be in possession of unaccounted stocks of any taxable goods under the provisions of clause (j) of sub-section (1) of Section 52, after being given the opportunity of showing cause in writing against the imposition of a penalty, shall be liable to a ¹[penalty ²[which shall not be less than the amount of tax leviable or one thousand rupees whichever is higher but which shall not exceed double the amount of tax leviable or five thousand rupees whichever is higher.]]²¹

1. Substituted by Act 6 of 2005 w.e.f. 19.3.2005.

2. Substituted by Act 4 of 2006 w.e.f. 1.4.2006.

(3) The power to levy the penalty under sub-section (2) shall be vested in the officer authorised under Section 52.

78. Offences against officers. -Any person who obstructs, hinders, molests or assaults an authorised officer or any other public servant assisting him in the performance of his duties under this Act, or does anything which is likely to prevent or obstruct any search or production of evidence, shall be liable on conviction by a Court, not inferior to that of a Magistrate of the First Class, to a fine of not less than five thousand rupees but not exceeding ¹[twenty five thousand rupees or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding one year or both].

1. Substituted by Act 6 of 2005 w.e.f. 19.3.2005.

79. Fraudulent evasion of tax.- Without prejudice to the provisions of Sections 71 to 77, if any person is knowingly concerned, in or in the taking of steps with a view to the fraudulent evasion of tax by him or any other person, he shall be liable to a fine of one lakh rupees or double the amount of the tax evaded, whichever is the greater or to imprisonment for a minimum term of six months but not exceeding five years, or to both.

80. Cognizance of offences.- (1) No Court shall take cognizance of any offence punishable ¹[under section 72 or 79]¹ except with the previous sanction of the Joint Commissioner, and no Court inferior to that of a Magistrate of the First Class, shall try any such offence.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (Central Act 2 of 1974), all offences punishable ¹[under section 72 or 79]¹ shall be cognizable and bailable.

1. Substituted by Act 17 of 2012 w.e.f. 1.4.2012.

81. Disclosure of information.- (1) All particulars contained in any statement made, returns furnished or accounts or documents produced in accordance with this Act, other than proceedings before a criminal court, shall, save as provided in sub-section (2), be treated as confidential and notwithstanding anything contained in the Indian Evidence Act, 1872, no court shall save as aforesaid be entitled to require any officer of the Government to produce before it any such statement, return, account, document or record or any part thereof to give evidence before it in respect thereof.

(2) The Commissioner may furnish or cause to be furnished to:

- (a) any officer, authority or body performing any function under any law relating to the imposition of any tax, duty, cess or fee; or
- (b) any such officer, authority or body performing any function under any other law as the Government in the public interest may by notification specify,

any such information relating to any person in respect of any assessment made under this Act as may, in the opinion of the Commissioner be necessary for the purpose of enabling the officer, authority or body to perform his or its function under that law.

(3) If the Government or Commissioner is of the opinion that it is necessary or expedient in the public interest to publish name of any person along with his photograph or any other particulars relating to any proceeding under this Act in respect of such person, it may cause to be published such name along with his photograph and particulars in such manner as it thinks fit.

(4) No publication under this Section shall be made relating to any penalty imposed or any conviction for any offence connected with any proceeding under this Act, until the time for presenting an appeal to the Appellate Authority has expired without any appeal having been presented or the appeal has been disposed of.

82. Compounding offences.- (1) Where any dealer has committed an offence under sub-section (1) of Section 77 or Section 79, the prescribed authority may, on admission by such dealer in writing and upon his option to compound at any time prior to the commencement of the court proceedings relating thereto, compound such offence and order the dealer to pay such sum of money as specified by the prescribed authority, which shall

not exceed the amount of the fine prescribed for the offence, in addition to any tax and interest due.

(2) Furnishing of a cheque or any other instrument towards payment of a sum by any such dealer shall be deemed to be an application for compounding the offence.

(3) Where the prescribed authority compounds an offence under this Section, the order referred to in sub-section (1),

- (a) shall be in writing and specify the offence committed, the sum of money to be paid and the due date for the payment; and
- (b) shall be served on the dealer who committed the offence; and
- (c) shall be final and not subject to any appeal; and
- (d) may be enforced in the same manner as a decree of a court for the payment of the amount stated in the order.

(4) When the prescribed authority compounds an offence under this Section, the dealer concerned shall not be liable to prosecution in respect of such offence or to any further penalty under this Section and such dealer shall not appeal against the said proceedings.

83. Validity of assessments not to be questioned in prosecution.- The validity of the assessment of any tax or of the levy of any fee or other amount, made under this Act, or the liability of any person to pay any tax, fee or other amount so assessed or levied shall not be questioned in any Criminal Court in any prosecution or other proceeding, whether under this Act or otherwise.

84. Bar and limitation to certain proceedings.- (1) No suit, prosecution or other proceeding shall lie against any officer or servant of the Government, for any act done or purported to be done under this Act without the previous sanction of the Government.

(2) No officer or servant of the State Government shall be liable in respect of any such act in any civil or criminal proceeding if the act was done in good faith in the course of the execution of duties or the discharge of the functions imposed by or under this Act.

(3) No suit shall be instituted against the State Government and no suit, prosecution or other proceeding shall be instituted against any officer or servant of the State Government in respect of any act done or purporting to be done under this Act, unless the suit, prosecution or other proceeding is instituted within six months from the date of the act complained of.

85. Courts not to set aside or modify assessments except as provided under this Act.- Notwithstanding anything contained in any law for the time being in force, no suit or other proceedings shall be entertained by any court, except as expressly provided for under this Act, to set aside or modify any assessment or other proceedings commenced by virtue of the provisions of this Act, and no such court shall question the validity of any assessment, levy of penalty or interest nor grant any stay of proceedings or allow recovery of any amount due under this Act.

86. Appearance before any Authority in proceedings.- Any person who is entitled to appear before any authority other than the High Court in connection with any proceeding under this Act, may be represented before such authority-

- (a) by his relative or a person regularly employed by him if such relative or person is duly authorized by him in writing in this behalf;
- (b) by a legal practitioner; or
- (c) subject to such conditions as may be prescribed, by an Accountant or by a person enrolled in the prescribed manner as a Tax Practitioner by the Commissioner, and duly authorized by the person whom he represents.

87. Power to summon persons to give evidence.- (1) The officers empowered by Rules made in this behalf shall have all the powers conferred on a Court by the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 (Central Act V of 1908), for the purpose of securing attendance of persons or the production of documents in any enquiry under this Act.

(2) The Commissioner or the assessing, appellate or revising authority shall, in securing the attendance of any dealer as a witness before the Tribunal or High Court or for production of any document for the purposes of this Act at such proceedings, have the same powers as those conferred on a civil court under the provisions of the Civil Procedure Code, 1908 (Central Act 5 of 1908).

88. Power to make rules.- (1) The Government may, subject to the condition of previous publication, make rules, by notification, to carry out the purposes of this Act.

(2) In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, such rules may provide for:

- (a) all matters expressly required or allowed by this Act to be prescribed;
- (b) estimation of turnover for purposes of registration on the basis of inventory of goods found at the time of inspection or during survey
- (c) the assessment to tax under this Act of business which are discontinued or the ownership of which has changed;
- (d) the procedure for assessment of Central and State Government Departments, Statutory Bodies and Local Authorities;
- (e) the assessment to tax under this Act of business owned by minors and other incapacitated persons or by persons residing outside the State;
- (f) the assessment of a business owned by any person whose estate or any portion of whose estate is under the control of the court of Wards, the Administrator-General, the Official trustee or any receiver or manager, including any person whatever his designation who in fact manages property on behalf of another, appointed by or under any order of a Court;
- (g) the administration of the checkpoints set up and the barriers erected under this Act and the regulation of work therein;
- (h) the assessment to tax under this Act of any turnover which has escaped assessment;
- (i) compelling the submission of returns and the production of documents and enforcing the attendance of persons and examining them on oath or affirmation;
- (j) securing that returns furnished or accounts or documents produced or evidence of any kind given under this Act before any prescribed authority or an appeal or revision from any decision of such authority are kept confidential;

- (k) the procedure to be followed and the powers exercisable in proceedings for recovery under Section 42;
- (l) the duties and powers of officers appointed for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this Act;
- (m) the term of office and conditions of service of the members of the Appellate Tribunal;
- (n) the fees payable for the grant of duplicate certificates of registration or licences or copies of such certificates and licences or of any other document;
- (o) the maintenance of purchase bills or accounts of purchases and sales by dealers and the time for which they should be preserved;
- (p) the issue of delivery notes or way bills in respect of goods delivered or transferred to retail dealers in pursuance of sales effected to them, the form and manner of their issue and the time for which they should be preserved;
- (q) the extent of liability of commission agent, broker, del credere agent, auctioneer or any other mercantile agent, who carries on the business of buying, selling, supplying or distributing goods on behalf of any principal;
- (r) the qualifications and disqualifications of Tax Practitioners, the procedure for their enrolment, the fees payable for enrolment and the fees payable for annual renewal of such enrolment;
- (s) generally regulating the procedure to be followed and the forms to be adopted in proceeding under this Act;
- (t) any other matter for which there is no provision or no sufficient provision in this Act and for which provision is, in the opinion of the Government, necessary for giving effect to the purposes of this Act.

(3) In making a rule under sub-section (1) or sub-section (2), the Government may provide that a person guilty of breach thereof shall, on conviction by a Magistrate of the first class, be punishable with fine which may extend to five thousand rupees and where the breach is a continuing one, with further fine which may extend to one hundred rupees for every day after the first breach during which the breach continues.

(4) Any rule under this Act may be made to have effect retrospectively and when any such rule is made, a Statement specifying the reasons for making such a rule shall be laid before both Houses of the State Legislature along with the rule under Section 90, and all rules, shall, subject to any modification made under Section 90, have effect as if enacted in this Act.

89. Laying of Rules and notifications before the State Legislature.- Every rule made under this Act and every notification issued under ¹[this Act]¹ shall be laid as soon as may be after it is published before each House of the State Legislature while it is in session for a total period of thirty days which may be comprised in one session or in two or more successive sessions, and if before the expiry of the session in which it is so laid or the sessions immediately following, both Houses agree in making any modification in the rule or notification or both Houses agree that the rule or notification should not be made, the rule or notification shall thereafter have effect only in such modified form or be of no effect, as the case may be; so, however, that any such modification or annulment shall be without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done under that rule or notification.

1. Shall be and shall always be deemed to have been substituted by Act 4 of 2006 w.e.f. 1.4.2006.

90. Power to remove difficulties.- (1) If any difficulty arises in giving effect to the provisions of this Act in consequence of the transition to the said provisions of this Act from the provisions of the Acts in force immediately before the commencement of this Act, the Government may by Notification in the Official Gazette make such provisions as appear to it to be necessary or expedient for removing difficulty.

(2) If any difficulty arises in giving effect to the provisions of the Act, otherwise than in relation to the transition from the provisions of the Acts in force before the commencement of this Act, the Government may, by notification, make such provisions, not inconsistent with the purposes of this Act, as appear to it to be necessary or expedient for removing the difficulty.

¹[FIRST SCHEDULE

(Goods exempted from tax under sub-section (1) of section 5)

Serial Number	Description of Goods
(1)	(2)
1.	Agricultural implements manually operated or animal driven.
2.	Aids and implements used by handicapped persons.
3.	All seeds for sowing other than oil seeds.
4.	¹ [All varieties of textiles and fabrics but excluding those specified elsewhere in Third Schedule or notified by the Government.] ¹
	1. Substituted by Act 17 of 2012 w.e.f. 1.4.2012.
5.	¹ [(i) Animal feed and feed supplements, namely, processed commodity sold as poultry feed, cattle feed, pig feed, fish feed, fish meal, prawn feed, shrimp feed and feed supplements and mineral mixture concentrates, intended for use as feed supplements;
	(ii) Chunni of pulses, ² [wheat bran and de-oiled cake but excluding soya bean de-oiled cake.] ¹ ²
	1. Substituted by Act 4 of 2006 w.e.f. 1.4.2006.
	2. Substituted by Act 32 of 2013 w.e.f. 1.4.2013.
6.	Animal ¹ [shoe and nails.] ¹
	1. Substituted by Act 4 of 2006 w.e.f. 1.4.2006.
7.	Aviation turbine fuel.
8.	Awalakki (Beaten rice) and Mandakki (Parched rice or puffed rice).
9.	Bangles of all materials excluding precious metals.
10.	Betel leaves.
11.	Books, Periodicals and journals including maps, charts and globe.
12.	Bread and bun.

13. Cart driven by animals ¹[and their parts, but excluding rubber tyres, tubes and flaps]¹

1. Inserted by Act 4 of 2006 w.e.f. 1.4.2006.

14. Charakha, Ambar Charaka, handloom fabrics and Gandhi Topi.

15. Charcoal and firewood except Casurina and Eucalyptus timber.

16. Coarse grains and their flour excluding paddy, rice and wheat and their flour.

17. Condoms and contraceptives.

18. Cotton and silk yarn in hank.

19. Curd and butter milk.

20. Diesel.

21. Earthen Pots.

22. Electrical energy.

23. Fish seeds, Prawn seeds, Shrimp seeds, fishing nets and twine and fishing requisites including purse-seiners and gill netters, but excluding boats, trawlers and other mechanized boats.

24. Fresh milk and pasteurised milk.

25. Fresh plants, saplings, fresh flowers, plantain leaves, patravali (dinner leaves) and their products.

26. Fresh Vegetables & fresh fruits.

27. Garlic, ginger, green chillies, onions, potatoes, sweet potatoes, tapioca and their seeds.

28. Hay (green or dry).

29. Human blood ¹[including all its components]¹

1. Substituted by Act 4 of 2006 w.e.f. 1.4.2006.

30. Jaggery.

31. Khadi garments including made-up articles; other goods sold by Khadi and Village Industries as may be notified.

32. Kumkum, bindi and sindhur.

33. Leaf plates and cups whether pressed or stiched.

34. ²[¹[Liquor including beer, fenny, liqueur and wine]¹]²

1. Omitted by Act 15 of 2014 w.e.f. 01.03.2014.

2. Inserted by Act 15 of 2017 w.e.f. 01.04.2017.

35. Lottery tickets.

36. Meat including flesh of poultry, fish, prawns, shrimps and lobsters, ¹[not cured or frozen]¹ eggs, livestock including poultry, but excluding horses; raw wool.

1. Substituted by Act 4 of 2006 w.e.f. 1.4.2006.

37. National flag.

38. Non-judicial stamp paper sold by the Government Treasuries and authorized vendors; postal items like envelopes, post card including greeting cards and stamps sold by the Government; rupee note when sold to the Reserve Bank of India; cheques, loose or in book form.
39. Organic manure, Compost manure, fish manure and poultry manure.
40. Pappad.
41. Petrol including special boiling spirit.
42. ¹[XXX]¹
1. Omitted by Act 6 of 2007 w.e.f. 1.4.2007.
43. Salt.
44. Semen including frozen semen.
45. Silkworm eggs, silkworm pupae, silkworm cocoons and raw silk including raw silk yarn, but excluding raw silk imported from outside the country.
46. Slates, slate pencils and chalk crayons.
47. ²[¹[XXX]¹]²
1. Deemed to have been substituted by Act 17 of 2012 w.e.f. 8.4.2011.
2. ommited by Act 54 of 2013 w.e.f from 01.08.2013.
48. Sugar cane.
49. Tender coconuts.
50. ¹[XXX]¹
1. Omitted by Act 6 of 2007 w.e.f. 1.4.2007.
51. Toddy, Neera and Arrack.
52. Unbranded broom sticks.
53. Vibhuthi.
54. Water other than.-
- (i) aerated, mineral, distilled , medicinal , ionic , battery and de-mineralised water; and
- (ii) water sold in sealed container.]¹

1. Inserted by Act 27 of 2005 w.e.f. 7.6.2005.

SECOND SCHEDULE
GOODS TAXABLE AT ONE PER CENT

[Section 4(1)(a)(i)]

Serial Number	Description of goods
1	2
1	1. Bullion and specie ¹ [2. xxx]

3. xxx]¹

1. Omitted by Act 12 of 2011 w.e.f. 1.4.2011.

¹[THIRD SCHEDULE¹[XXX]¹

1. Omitted by Act 4 of 2010 w.e.f. 1.4.2010.

[section 4(1)(a)(ii)]

Serial Number	Description of goods
(1)	(2)
1.	Agricultural implements not operated manually or not driven by animal
2.	All kinds of bricks including fly ash bricks; refractory bricks and the like; asphaltic roofing sheets; earthen tiles.
3.	All processed fruit and vegetables including fruit jams, jelly, pickle, fruit squash, paste, fruit drink and fruit juice (whether in sealed container or otherwise)
4.	All types of yarn other than cotton and silk yarn in hank; sewing thread
5.	¹ [All utensils ² [xxx] ² including pressure cookers and pans and cutlery, but excluding stoves, trays, baskets and other containers, furniture, instruments, implements and tools used in kitchen or household and utensils made of precious metals.] ¹
	1. Substituted by Act 4 of 2006 w.e.f. 1.4.2006.
	2. Omitted by Act 12 of 2011 w.e.f. 1.4.2011.
6.	Animal hair
7.	Arecanut and powder
8.	Bamboo and cane including bamboo splints and sticks
9.	Bearings, ¹ [(excluding parts of motor vehicles)] ¹ namely.-
	1. Inserted by Act 4 of 2006 w.e.f. 1.4.2006.
	(1) Ball bearings
	(2) Tapered roller bearings including cone and tapered roller assemblies
	(3) Spherical roller bearings
	(4) Needle roller bearings
	(5) Other cylindrical roller bearings
	(6) Other, including combined ball or roller bearings
	(7) Plummer blocks, bearing housing, locate rings and covers, adopter withdrawal sleeves, locknut, lock-washer clamps and rolling elements
10.	Beedi leaves
11.	Beehive
12.	Beltings, namely, Transmission, conveyor or elevator belts or belting of vulcanized rubber whether combined with any textile material or otherwise.

13. Bicycles, tandem cycles, cycle combinations, cycle-rickshaws, children's tricycles and similar articles and parts and accessories thereof including their tyres, tubes and flaps.
14. Biomass briquettes
15. Bitumen ¹[and cold tar.]¹

1. Inserted by Act 4 of 2006 w.e.f. 1.4.2006.
16. Bone meal
17. Buckets made of iron and steel, aluminium, plastic or other materials except precious metals
18. Bulk Drugs
19. Candles
20. Capital goods as may be notified
21. Centrifugal and monoblock and submersible pumpsets and parts
22. Chalk stick
23. ¹[Chemical fertilizers, chemical fertilizer mixtures; bio-fertilizers, micro nutrients, gypsum, plant growth promoters and regulators; rodenticides, fungicides, weedicides and herbicides; insecticides or pesticides but excluding phenyl, liquid toilet cleaners, floor cleaners, mosquito coils, mosquito repellants and the like used for non-agricultural or non-horticultural purposes.]¹

1. Substituted by Act 5 of 2008 w.e.f. 1.8.2008.
24. Coffee beans and seeds (whether raw or roasted); cocoa pods and beans; green tea leaf and chicory.
25. Coir and coir products excluding rubberised coir products
26. Combs
27. Cotton waste and cotton yarn waste.
28. Crucibles
29. Cups and plates of paper and plastics
30. ²[¹[HDPE and other plastic woven fabrics.]¹]²

1. Omitted by Act 12 of 2011 w.e.f. 1.4.2011.

2. Inserted by Act 17 of 2012 w.e.f. 1.4.2012.
31. Edible oils (Non-refined and refined), but excluding coconut oil sold in sachets, bottles or tins of 200 grams or 200 millilitre each or less, including when such consumer containers are sold in bulk in a common container; oil cake.
32. Embroidery or zari articles, that is to say,-imi,zari,kasab,saima dabka,chumki,gota sitara, naqsi,kora,glass bead,badia, gizal
33. Exercise books, student note books, graph books and laboratory note books.

34. Exim scrips, REP licenses, special import licenses (SIL), value based advance licenses (VABAL), Export quotas, DEPB licenses, copyrights, patents and the like¹[including software licences by whatever name called.]¹

1. Inserted by Act 6 of 2007 w.e.f. 1.4.2007.

35. Feeding bottle and nipple
36. Fibres of all kinds and Fibre Waste
37. Fireclay, clay, coal ash, coal boiler ash, fly ash, coal cinder ash, coal powder and clinker.
38. Flour (Atta), Maida and Soji of wheat; flour and soji of rice; ¹[soji and poha of maize;]¹ flour of pulses

1. Substituted by Act 4 of 2006 w.e.f. 1.4.2006.

39. Fried gram
40. Hand pumps , parts and fittings
41. Handicrafts excluding furniture
42. Honey
43. Hose pipes and fittings thereof ¹[excluding parts of motor vehicles]¹
1. Inserted by Act 4 of 2006 w.e.f. 1.4.2006.
44. Hosiery goods
45. Husk and bran of cereals and pulses.
46. Ice
47. Idol made of clay and clay lamps
48. Imitation Jewellery, Synthetic gems and hairpins
49. Incence sticks commonly known as agarbathi, dhupkathi or dhupbathi including sambrani and lobana
50. Indian musical instruments namely, Veena, violin, tambura, mridanga, ghatam, khanjira, harmonium, flute, star, sarod, santoor, dilruba, nadaswara, dolu, tabla, shehnai, pakwaz, vichitra veena, gotu vadyam, morsing, chande, triangle, rudraveena and sarangi and parts and accessories thereof.
51. Industrial inputs and packing materials as may be notified
52. ¹[Industrial cables other than copper and alluminium single core PVC cable upto six square milimetre for use upto1100 Volts.]¹

1. Substituted by Act 6 of 2007 w.e.f. 1.4.2007.

53. IT Products including telecommunication equipments as may be notified.
54. Kerosene lamps and lanterns, petromax, glass chimney
55. Kerosene oil sold through Public Distribution System (PDS)
56. Khova

57. Kites

58. Lignite

59. Lime, limestone, products of lime, dolomite and other white washing materials.

²[¹[59-A. XXX]¹]²

1. Inserted by Act, 15 of 2014 w.e.f. 01.03.2014

2. Omitted by Act 15 of 2017 w.e.f. 01.04.2017

60. Medical and pharmaceutical preparations; Medicated ointments manufactured or imported under license granted under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act 1940; Light liquid paraffin of IP grade; Wadding gauze, bandages and similar articles for medical, surgical, dental or veterinary purposes; ¹[Surgical gloves and Syringes including needles]¹ Diagnostic or laboratory reagents including prepared diagnostic or laboratory reagents

3. Substituted by Act 4 of 2006 w.e.f. 1.4.2006.

61. Medical equipments, devices and implants

62. Medicinal plants, roots, herbs and barks used in the preparation of Ayurvedic medicines.

63. Mixed PVC stabilizer ¹[;plastic boxes, cases and crates for conveyance or packing of goods]¹

4. Shall be deemed to have been inserted by Act 5 of 2008 w.e.f.7.6.2005.

64. ¹[Moulded plastic footwear fully made of plastic and of single mould, hawai chappals (rubber) and their straps.]¹

5. Substituted by Act 4 of 2006 w.e.f. 1.4.2006.

65. Napa Slabs (Rough flooring stones) and Shahabad stones

66. Non-ferrous castings

67. Non-ferrous metals and alloys; Ingots, slabs, blocks, billets, sheets, circles, hoops, strips, bars, rods, rounds, squares, flats and other extrusions of Aluminium, brass, bronze, copper, cadmium, lead and zinc, metal powders, metal pastes of all types and grades, metal scraps and waste.

68. Oil Seeds other than those specified in serial number 30

69. ¹[(i) Paper of all kinds including ammonia paper, blotting paper, carbon paper, cellophane,

PVC coated paper, stencil paper, tissue paper, water proof paper, art boards, card boards, corrugated boards, duplex boards, pulp boards, straw boards, triplex boards and the like, but excluding photographic paper.

(ii) Waste paper, paper waste and newsprint.]¹

6. Substituted by Act 4 of 2006 w.e.f. 1.4.2006.

70. Pipes, tubes and fittings of all kinds excluding electrical conduit pipes and its fittings.

71. Printed materials other than books meant for reading; stationary articles namely, Account books, paper envelopes, diaries, calendars, race cards, catalogues, greeting cards, invitation cards, humour post cards, picture post cards, cards for special occasions, photo and stamp albums, computer stationery.
72. Printing ink excluding toner and cartridges.
73. ¹[Meat including flesh of poultry, fish, prawns, shrimps and lobsters when cured or frozen or processed.]¹
7. Substituted by Act 4 of 2006 w.e.f. 1.4.2006.
74. Pulp of bamboo, wood and paper.
75. Pulses other than those specified in serial number 30.
76. Rail coaches, engines, wagons and parts thereof.
77. Rakhi
78. Readymade garments, clothing accessories and other made up textile articles:-
- (1) Clothing accessories including socks, stockings, gloves, shawls, scarves, mufflers, mantillas, veils, ties, bow-ties, knitted or crocheted
 - (2) Clothing accessories, not knitted or crocheted, including handkerchiefs, shawls, scarves, mufflers, mantillas, veils, ties, bow-ties, cravats, gloves – headbands
 - (3) Blankets and travelling rugs
 - (4) Bed linen, table linen, toilet linen and kitchen linen and other made ups
 - (5) Curtains (including drapes) and interior blinds; curtain and bed valances
 - (6) Other furnishing articles
 - ¹[(7) Woven labels, badges and the like.]¹
8. Inserted by Act 4 of 2006 w.e.f. 1.4.2006.
79. Religious pictures not for use as calendar
80. Renewable energy devices and parts thereof
81. Sacred thread (janivara)
82. Safety matches
83. Sand and grits
84. Sewing machines and parts and accessories thereof
85. Ship and other water vessels including non-mechanised country boats
86. Skimmed milk powder, UHT milk and cottage cheese
87. Solvent oil other than organic solvent oil
88. Spectacles, lenses and frames including attachments, parts and accessories thereof ¹[but excluding sunglasses and goggles and their lenses, frames, other attachments, parts and accessories]¹; contact lens and lens cleaner

9. Inserted by Act 4 of 2006 w.e.f. 1.4.2006.

89. Spices in all forms including jeera (cumin seeds), methi, poppy seeds (kaskas), Corriander (dhaniya), shajeera, somph, katha, azwan, kabab chini, bhojur phool, tejpatha, japatri, nutmeg (marathamoggu), kalhoovu, aniseed, turmeric, cardamom, pepper, cinnamon, dal chinny, cloves, tamarind and dry chillies; ¹[including cut chillies, spent chillies and chilly seeds, but excluding spices in the form of masala powder, instant mixes or other mixtures containing more than one spice or a spice with any other material]¹ wet dates; Hing (Asafoetida)
90. Sports goods (indoor and out door) including body building equipments, but excluding wearing apparels and footwear.
91. Starch including sago; tamarind seed and tamarind powder
92. Tea
93. Tools, namely.-
- (1) Hand saws; blades for saw of all kinds
 - (2) Pliers including cutting pliers
 - (3) Hand operated spanners and wrenches (including torque meter wrenches but not including tap wrenches); interchangeable spanner sockets, with or without handle
 - (4) Drilling, threading or tapping tools
 - (5) Planes, chisels, gouges and similar cutting tools for working wood
 - (6) Screwdrivers
 - (7) Interchangeable tools for hand tools, whether or not power-operated, or for machine-tools including dies for drawing or extruding metal, and rock drilling or earth boring tools.
 - (8) Tools for working in the hand, pneumatic, hydraulic or with self-contained electric or non-electric motor.
94. Toys excluding electronic toys
95. Tractors and Power tillers, their parts and accessories including trailers, but excluding batteries, tyres, tubes and flaps.
96. Transmission towers (electrical) and wires, and conductors such as Aluminium conductor steel reinforced.
97. Umbrella except garden umbrella
98. Vegetable oil including gingili oil, bran oil and castor oil excluding vegetable oil use as toilet article and edible oil.
99. Welding Electrodes of all kinds, graphite electrodes including anodes, welding rods, soldering rods and soldering wires
100. Writing instruments and writing ink, namely.-
- (1) Ball point pens
 - (2) Felt tipped and other porous-tipped pens and markers

- (3) Indian ink drawing pens
- (4) Fountain pens
- (5) Propelling or sliding pencils
- (6) Refills for ball point pens, comprising the ball point and the ink reservoir
- (7) Pen nibs and nib points
- (8) Pencils and crayons with leads encased in a rigid sheath
- (9) Pencil leads, black or coloured
- (10) Pastels and drawing charcoals other than chalks
- (11) Geometry boxes, colour boxes, pencil sharpeners
- (12) Writing ink]¹

1. Substituted by Act 27 of 2005 w.e.f. 7.6.2005.

FOURTH SCHEDULE
GOODS TAXABLE AT TWENTY PER CENT
[Section 4(1)(a)(iii)]

Serial Number	Description of goods
1	2
1.	Narcotics
2.	Molasses
¹ 3.	Denatured anhydrous alcohol
4.	Denatured Spirit
5.	Ethyl alcohol
6.	Rectified Spirit] ¹
² 7.	Aerated and carbonated non-alcoholic beverages whether or not containing sugar or other sweetening matter or flavor or any other additive including soft drinks and soft drink concentrates(whether in sealed container or otherwise)] ²

1. Inserted by Act 6 of 2007 w.e.f. 1.4.2007.

2. Inserted by Act 6 of 2016 w.e.f. 1.4.2016.

FIFTH SCHEDULE
INPUT TAX RESTRICTED GOODS
(Section 11(3))

Serial Number	Description of Goods
1	2
1.	Motor vehicles of all kinds, aeroplanes, helicopters or any other type of flying machine, parts and accessories thereof including tyres, tubes and flaps.
2.	Articles of food and drinks, including cakes, biscuits and confectionery; ready to serve foods; processed or semi-processed or semi-cooked food-stuffs; fruits, fruit

and vegetable products sold in any kind of sealed containers; dressed chicken, meat, fish, prawns, shrimps and lobsters sold in any kind of sealed containers; aerated water, including soft drinks; sweets and sweet meats; instant mixes; soft drink concentrates; spice powders, pastes and the like; tobacco and tobacco products.

3. All electrical or electronic goods and appliances including air conditioners, air coolers, telephones, fax machines, duplicating machines, photocopiers and scanners, parts and accessories thereof, other than those for use in the manufacture, processing, packing or storing of goods for sale and those for use in computing, issuing tax invoice or sale bills, security and storing information.
4. Textiles, crockery, cutlery, carpets, paintings and artifacts.
5. Furniture including slotted angles and ready to assemble parts of furniture, stationery articles including paper, sanitary fittings, cement and other construction materials including bricks, timber, wood, glass, mirrors, roofing materials, stones, tiles and paints, toilet articles.

¹[SIXTH SCHEDULE

[Section 4(1)I]

Serial Number	Description of Works Contract	Rate of Tax
1	2	3
1.	Bottling, canning and packing of goods.	² [Five per cent] ²
2.	Dyeing and printing of textiles.	² [Five per cent] ²
3.	Electroplating, electorgalvanising, anodizing and the like.	² [Five per cent] ²
4.	¹ [Fabrication and erection of structural works of iron and steel including fabrication, supply and erection of iron trusses, purlines and the like.] ¹	² [Five per cent] ²
	1. Substituted by Act 06 of 2016 w.e.f. 1.04.2016	
5.	Fabrication or supply and installation of capital goods specified in serial number 20 in Third Schedule	² [Five per cent] ²
6.	Lamination, rubberisation, coating and similar processes, ¹ [including powder coating.] ¹	² [Five per cent] ²
	1. Inserted by Act 5 of 2008 w.e.f. 1.8.2008.	
7.	² [¹ [Manufacture and supply of readymade garments, clothing accessories and other made up textile articles including dyeing, printing, stitching, embroidery work and the like.]] ²	² [¹ [Five per cent] ¹] ²
	1. Omitted by Act 12 of 2011 w.e.f. 1.4.2011.	
	2. Inserted by Act 17 of 2012 w.e.f. 1.4.2012.	
8.	Printing; block making.	² [Five per cent] ²
9.	Processing and supplying of photographs, photoprints	² [Five per cent] ²

and photo negatives.

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| 10. | Processing, printing and supplying of cinematographic films. | ² [Five per cent] ² |
| 11. | Programming and providing of computer software. | ² [Five per cent] ² |
| 12. | Providing and laying of steel pipes for purposes other than for plumbing, drainage and the like. | ¹ [At the maximum rate specified for declared goods in section 15 of the Central Sales Tax Act, 1956 (Central Act 74 of 1956)] ¹ |
| | 1. Substituted by Act 12 of 2011 w.e.f. 1.4.2011. | |
| 13. | Rewinding of electrical motors. | ² [Five per cent] ² |
| 14. | Service and maintenance of IT products including Telecommunications equipments specified in serial number 53 of Third Schedule. | ² [Five per cent] ² |
| 15. | Sizing and dyeing of yarn. | ² [Five per cent] ² |
| 16. | Supply and erection of electrical transmission towers | ² [Five per cent] ² |
| 17. | Supplying and fixing of Shahabad slabs and stones. | ² [Five per cent] ² |
| 18. | Supply and installation of centrifugal, monoblock and submersible pumpsets. | ² [Five per cent] ² |
| 19. | Supply and training out of stone ballasts | ² [Five per cent] ² |
| 20. | Supply, erection, installation and commissioning of renewable energy devices. | ² [Five per cent] ² |
| 21. | Tyre retreading | ² [Five per cent] ² |
| 22. | Composite contracts involving two or more of the above categories. | ² [Five per cent] ² |
| 23. | All other works contracts not specified in any of the above categories including composite contracts with one or more of the above categories. | ³ [fourteen percent] ³ |

1. Inserted by Act 4 of 2006 w.e.f. 1.4.2006.

2. Substituted by Act 4 of 2010 w.e.f.1.4.2010.

3. Substituted by Act 12 of 2011 w.e.f. 1.4.2011.

Explanation.- The works contract specified in any of the serial numbers in this Schedule shall include works contract for carrying out improvement, modification or repair.¹

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T.N. Chaturvedi
Governor of Karnataka

By order and in the name of the Governor of Karnataka

G. Dakshina Moorthy
Secretary to Government,
Department of Parliamentary
Affairs and Legislation,

**FINANCE SECRETARIAT
NOTIFICATION**

I

No. FD 55 CSL 2005(1), Bangalore, dated 11th March, 2005
Karnataka Gazette Extraordinary No. 326, dated 11-03-2005

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (3) of the Section 1 of the Karnataka Value Added Tax Act, 2003 (Karnataka Act 32 of 2004), the Government of Karnataka hereby appoints the 11th day of March, 2005, as the date on which all the provisions of the said Act except Section 3 and 22 will come into force.

**FINANCE SECRETARIAT
NOTIFICATION**

II

No. FD 55 CSL 2005(2), Bangalore, dated 23rd March, 2005

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (3) of the Section 1 of the Karnataka Value Added Tax Act, 2003 (Karnataka Act 32 of 2004), the Government of Karnataka hereby appoints the First day of April, 2005, as the date on which all the provisions of the said Act except Section 3 and 22 will come into force.

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KARNATAKA ACT NO 32 OF 2013

(First Published in the Karnataka Gazette Extra-ordinary on the Twelfth day of March, 2013)

THE KARNATAKA VALUE ADDED TAX (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2013

(Received the assent of the Governor on the fifth day of March, 2013)

An Act further to amend the Karnataka Value Added Tax Act, 2003.

Whereas it is expedient further to amend the Karnataka Value Added Tax Act, 2003 (Karnataka Act 32 of 2004) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

Be it enacted by the Karnataka State Legislature in the Sixty fourth year of the Republic of India, as follows.-

1. Short title and commencement.- (1) This Act may be called the Karnataka Value Added Tax (Amendment) Act, 2013.

(2) It shall come into force with effect from the First day of April, 2013.

(Sections 10, 38, 39, 47, 62, 63, 63A, 74, 76 and Schedule 1st are Incorporated in the Principal Act)

KARNATAKA ACT NO. 54 OF 2013

(First Published in the Karnataka Gazette Extra-ordinary on the Thirty first day of July, 2013)

THE KARNATAKA VALUE ADDED TAX (SECOND AMENDMENT) ACT, 2013

(Received the assent of the Governor on the thirty first day of July, 2013)

An Act further to amend the Karnataka Value Added Tax Act, 2003.

Whereas it is expedient further to amend the Karnataka Value Added Tax Act, 2003 (Karnataka Act 32 of 2004) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

Be it enacted by the Karnataka State Legislature in the Sixty fourth year of the Republic of India, as follows.-

1. Short title and commencement.- (1) This Act may be called the Karnataka Value Added Tax (Second Amendment) Act, 2013.

(2) It shall come into force with effect from the First day of August, 2013.

(Section 40,60,& Schedule 1st or Incorporated in the Principal Act)

KARNATAKA ACT NO. 15 OF 2014

(First Published in the Karnataka Gazette Extra-ordinary on the twenty eighth day of February, 2014)

THE KARNATAKA VALUE ADDED TAX (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2014

(Received the assent of the Governor on the twenty eighth day of February, 2014)

An Act further to amend the Karnataka Value Added Tax Act, 2003.

Whereas it is expedient further to amend the Karnataka Value Added Tax Act, 2003 (Karnataka Act 32 of 2004) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

Be it enacted by the Karnataka State Legislature in the Sixty fifth year of the Republic of India, as follows.-

1. Short title and commencement.- (1) This Act may be called the Karnataka Value Added Tax (Amendment) Act, 2014.

(2) It shall come into force with effect from the First day of March, 2014.

(Sections 22(2)(3)(9A), 22(1), 31(4), 63(4), 72(1), 74(4), Schedule 1st and 3rd are Incorporated in the Principal Act)

KARNATAKA ACT NO. 05 OF 2015

(First Published in the Karnataka Gazette Extra-ordinary on the Ninth day of January, 2015)

THE KARNATAKA VALUE ADDED TAX (SECOND AMENDMENT) ACT, 2014

(Received the assent of the Governor on the seventh day of January, 2015)

An Act further to amend the Karnataka Value Added Tax Act, 2003.

Whereas it is expedient further to amend the Karnataka Value Added Tax Act, 2003 (Karnataka Act 32 of 2004) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

Be it enacted by the Karnataka State Legislature in the Sixty fifth year of the Republic of India, as follows.-

1. Short title and commencement.- (1) This Act may be called the Karnataka Value Added Tax (Second Amendment) Act, 2014.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

(Section 21 Incorporated in the Principal Act)

KARNATAKA ACT NO. 15 OF 2015

(First Published in the Karnataka Gazette Extra-ordinary on the Thirty First day of March, 2015)

THE KARNATAKA VALUE ADDED TAX (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2015

(Received the assent of the Governor on the thirty first day of March, 2015)

An Act further to amend the Karnataka Value Added Tax Act, 2003.

Whereas it is expedient further to amend the Karnataka Value Added Tax Act, 2003 (Karnataka Act 32 of 2004) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

Be it enacted by the Karnataka State Legislature in the Sixty sixth year of the Republic of India, as follows.-

1. Short title and commencement.- (1) This Act may be called the Karnataka Value Added Tax (Amendment) Act, 2015.

(2) It shall come into force with effect from the first day of April, 2015.

(Amendment to Sections 4, 9A, 9B, 10, 11, 22, 27, 62, 63, and 72 are Incorporated in the Principal Act)

KARNATAKA ACT NO. 06 OF 2016

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THE KARNATAKA VALUE ADDED TAX (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2016

(Received the assent of the Governor on the Thirty first day of March, 2016)

An Act further to amend the Karnataka Value Added Tax Act, 2003.

Whereas, it is expedient further to amend the Karnataka Value Added Tax Act, 2003 (Karnataka Act 32 of 2004) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

Be it enacted by the Karnataka State Legislature in the Sixty seventh year of the Republic of India, as follows:-

1. Short title and commencement.- (1) This Act may be called the Karnataka Value Added Tax (Amendment) Act, 2016.

2) It shall come into force with effect from the First day of April, 2016.

(Sections 10, 31, 35, 38, 72, fourth schedule and sixth schedule are incorporated in the Principal Act)

KARNATAKA ACT NO. 15 OF 2017

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THE KARNATAKA VALUE ADDED TAX (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2017

(Received the assent of the Governor on the 31st day of March, 2017)

An Act further to amend the Karnataka Value Added Tax Act, 2003.

Whereas, it is expedient further to amend the Karnataka Value Added Tax Act, 2003 (Karnataka Act 32 of 2004) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

Be it enacted by the Karnataka State Legislature in the Sixty eighth year of the Republic of India, as follows:-

1. Short title and commencement.- (1) This Act may be called the Karnataka Value Added Tax (Amendment) Act, 2017.

(2) It shall come into force with effect from the First day of April, 2017.

(Section 40, First schedule and Third schedule are incorporated in the Principal Act)

KARNATAKA ACT NO. 23 OF 2018

(First Published in the Karnataka Gazette Extra-ordinary on the 19th day of July 2018)

THE KARNATAKA VALUE ADDED TAX (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2018

(Received the assent of the Governor on the 18th day of July 2018)

An Act further to amend the Karnataka Value Added Tax Act, 2003.

Whereas the Honourable High Court of Karnataka by its order dated: 28.06.2017 in Writ Petition No. 26873-877/2017 has observed that the Honourable High Court is flooded with Writ Petitions unnecessarily in view of limited power given to the Karnataka Appellate Tribunal to extend the stay period due to the legislative lacunae therein. Hence, the Karnataka Appellate Tribunal may find itself unable to decide all the pending appeals within the stipulated time frame of one year on account of this lacunae. Accordingly, Honourable High Court directed to the State Government to consider appropriate amendments to the Karnataka Value Added Tax Act, 2003;

Whereas it is expedient further to amend the Karnataka Value Added Tax Act, 2003 (Karnataka Act 32 of 2004) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

Be it enacted by the Karnataka State Legislature in the sixty-ninth year of the Republic of India, as follows:-

1. Short title and commencement.- (1) This Act may be called the Karnataka Value Added Tax (Amendment) Act, 2018.

(2) It shall be deemed to have come into force with effect from 1st day of April, 2015.