IMPORTANT AND NEWLY INSERTED PROVISIONS OF TDS APPLICABLE FROM F.Y.:- 2020 - 21

1. NEW SECTION 194K :- TDS ON INCOME IN RESPECT OF UNITS OF MUTUAL FUND :

Now, as per Section – 194 K, A Person is required to deduct TDS @10% with respect to Payment to any Resident Person arising out of Any Income in respect of :

- a. Units of Mutual Fund specified u/s 10(23D), or
- b. Units from Administrator of the Specified Undertaking, or
- c. Units from the Specified Company.

TDS to be **deducted** At the **time of Payment** or **Credit** to the Account of **Payee whichever is earlier, if Payment** to a Person with respect to the Units **Exceeds Rs.5000 in a F.Y**.

Note : In a Press Release dated 4th February,2020; it has been clarified that Mutual Fund is required to Deduct TDS @ 10% only on Dividend Payment and not on Capital Gain.

2. NEW SECTION 194 O :- TDS ON E-COMMERCE TRANSACTION

Now, as per Section – 194 O, E-Commerce Operator (Amazon, Flipkart etc.) is required to deduct TDS @ 1% on Amount of Sale of Goods or Service or Both made through its digital / electronic facility which is provided to E-Commerce Service Recipient (i.e. Seller on E-Commerce Website) for which E-commerce Operator is responsible for making Payment to Seller on E-Commerce Website. TDS to be deducted at the time of Payment or Credit to the Account of Service Recipient (i.e. Seller) whichever is earlier.

- Exemption : Where Payment to an Individual/HUF E-Commerce Service Recipient is Rs.500000 or less in a F.Y. and Pan or Aadhar is provided, then TDS shall not be Deducted.
- Note : It is Clarified that if PAN or Aadhar is not provided to E-Commerce Operator then TDS shall be Deducted @ 5% u/s – 206AA. Further, If E-Commerce Service recipient receives payment directly from Customer then TDS is not required to be deducted on such Amount.

3. Amendment to Section 194LC: Income by way of interest from Indian Company :

- Earlier, The benefit of concessional deduction of tax @ 5% by a specified company or a business trust, on interest paid to Non-Resident was available till 1st July, 2020.
- Now, the said Provision has been amended to provide the benefit of Lower TDS @ 5% by extension of the period till 1st July, 2023.
- Further, the rate of TDS has been reduced to 4% on interest payment against borrowings through issue of long-term bonds and RDB which are listed only on a recognized stock exchange in any IFSC.

4. Amendment to Section 194LD: Income by way of interest on certain bonds and Government Securities :

- Earlier, The benefit of lower TDS of 5% in case of Interest payments to Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) and Qualified Foreign Investors (QFIs) on their investment in Government securities and Rupee Denominated Bonds of an Indian company was available till 1st July, 2020.
- Now, the said Provision has been amended to provide the benefit of Lower TDS
 @ 5% by extending the period till 1st July, 2023.
- Further, lower TDS of 5% under this section shall also apply on the interest payable to an FII or QFI in respect of the investment made in municipal debt security.

5. Other Significant Amendments :

Section	Proposed amendment
194LBA: Certain income from units of business Trust	Now, a business trust is required to deduct TDS at the time of distribution of dividend to its unit-holders at following rates : Payment to resident unit holders @10% Payment to non-resident unit holders @5%
Section 196A: Income in respect of units of Non – Resident	TDS is Applicable on income in respect of units of mutual fund on payment made to non-residents @ 20%.
Section 196C: Income from foreign currency bonds or shares of Indian Company	Now, TDS @ 10% is deductible on dividend paid to a Non- resident in respect of global depository receipts .

Section 196D: Income of Foreign Institutional investor from Securities	Now, TDS @ 20% is applicable on dividend paid to Foreign Institutional Investor.
Section 194- Dividend	 TDS @10% on Dividend paid to any person . Threshold limit increased to Rs. 5,000. Now, "Any Mode" of Payment shall be considered from existing mode of "Account payee cheque or warrant"
Section 194A- Interest other than "Interest on Securities"	A co-operative society (other than a co-operative bank) shall deduct TDS while paying interest under section 10(23FC), if its total sales exceeds ₹ 50 crores in the last year and if the amount of interest being credited exceeds ₹ 40,000 (₹ 50,000 in case of a senior citizen)
Section 194C- Payments to Contractors	The definition of work under section 194C is amended to include manufacturing and supplying of a product according to the requirement or specification of a customer by using material purchased from such customer or its associate (Under contract manufacturing)
Section 194J- Fees for professional or Technical Services	Section 194J is amended to provide that TDS shall be deducted @ 2% in case of Fees for Technical Services (other than professional services)

- NOTE : The Finance Minister has Announced Relief in TDS Rates due to COVID - 19 under Atmanirbhar Bharat Scheme on 13th May,2020 which provides as follows :
 - 1. The Rates of TDS in respect of Specified Payments under various sections of Income Tax Act shall be reduced by 25%.
 - 2. The Concessional rates shall be available for the Tax deducted between 14th May, 2020 till 31st March, 2021.
 - 3. The said Relief shall not be available for Salaried and Non-Resident Taxpayer.