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CHAPTER-I
Chhattisgarh Vritti Kar Adhiniyam, 1995
¹(No. 16 of 1995)

An act to provide for the levy of a tax on professions, trades, callings and employments in Chhattisgarh.

Be it enacted by the Chhattisgarh Legislature in the Forty-Sixth year of the Republic of India as follows:

Sec. 1: Short title, extent and commencement

- (1) This Act may be called the Chhattisgarh Vritti Kar Adhiniyam, 1995.
- (2) It extends to the whole of Chhattisgarh.
- (3) It shall be deemed to have come into force on the 1st day of April, 1995.

Sec. 2: Definitions

In this Act unless the context otherwise requires:

(a) **Profession Tax Appellate Authority** means an officer of the rank of an Appellate Deputy Commissioner or Additional Appellate Deputy Commissioner of Commercial Tax appointed under Section 3 of the Chhattisgarh Vanijyik Kar Adhiniyam, 1994 (No.5 of 1995) as may, by notification, be authorised by the State Government to perform such functions of the Profession Tax Appellate Authority under this Act as may be specified in the said notification;

(b) **Profession Tax Assessing Authority** means such officer not below the rank of an Assistant Commercial Tax Officer appointed under Section 3 of the Chhattisgarh Vanijyik Kar Adhiniyam, 1994 (No.5 of 1995), as may, by Notification, be authorised by the State Government to perform such functions of the Profession Tax Assessing Authority under this Act as may be specified in the said notification.

(c) **Employee** means a person employed on 3[salary or wage] and includes -

- (i) A Government servant receiving pay from the revenues of the Central Government or any State Government or the Railway Fund;
- (ii) A person in the service of a body whether incorporated or not, which is owned or controlled by the Central Government or any State Government where the body operates in any part of the State, even through its headquarters may be outside the State;
- (iii) A person engaged in any employment of an employer not covered by items (i) and (ii) above;

(d) **Employer** in relation to an employee earning any [salary or wage] on regular basis under him means the person or the officer who is responsible for disbursement of such [salary or wage] and includes the head of the office or an establishment as well as the manager or agent of the employer;

(e) **Income** means:

Received the assent of the Governor on the 10.5.95; Assent first published in Madhya Pradesh Rajpatra dt. 16.5.95
Now in view of the Noti, No.58, dt. 2.6.99 the Professional Tax assessment of a dealer shall be made by the assessing authority making his assessment under CGCT Act.

In the Act, the word 'salary' wherever occurred has been substituted by the words 'salary or wage' By the 111 Professional Tax (Amendment) Act, 1999 w.e.f. 1.5.99.

- (i) Profits and gains;
 - (ii) Dividends and interests;
 - (iii) The value of any benefit or perquisite, whether convertible into money or not, obtained from a company either by a director or a person who has a substantial interest in the company, and any sum paid by any such company in respect of any obligations, Which, but for such payment would have been payable by the director or other person aforesaid, accruing or arising to a person within the State from any profession, trade or calling other than agriculture.
- (f) Person** means any person who is engaged in any profession, trade, calling or employment in the State of Chhattisgarh and includes a Hindu undivided family, firm, company, corporation or other corporate body, any society, club or association so engaged but does not include any person who earns [salary or wage] on casual basis;
- (g) Previous year** means twelve months expiring on 31st March immediately preceding the year in respect of which assessment is to be made;
- ⁴[(h) Salary or Wages** includes pay, dearness allowance and all other remunerations including allowances received by any person on a regular basis whether payable in cash or kind and also includes perquisites and profits in lieu of salary as defined in Section 17 of the Income Tax Act 1961 (No.43 of 1961) but does not include bonus in any form and on any account. gratuity and pension]
- (i) Schedule** means the Schedule appended to this Act;
- (j) Tax** means tax payable under this Act;
- (k) Year** means the financial year. i

Sec.3: Levy and collection of tax

(1) Subject to the provisions of Article 276 of the Constitution of India, and of this Act there shall be levied and collected tax on professions, trades, callings and employments.

(2) Every person who carries on a trade either himself or by an agent or representative or who follows a profession or calling other than agriculture or who is in employment either wholly or in part in Chhattisgarh and who falls under one or the other classes specified in column (2) of the Schedule shall, on the basis specified in the Schedule in respect thereto be liable to pay tax at the rate mentioned against the class of such persons in column (3) of the said Schedule:

Provided that notwithstanding anything contained in the Schedule, where a person is covered by more than one entry of the Schedule, tax under this Act shall be payable by such person at the highest rate of tax specified in respect of such entries.

(3) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (2), any person falling in any of the classes specified in column (2) against serial 5 [number 2 to 9] of the Schedule shall have the right to opt, in the prescribed manner, to pay tax on the annual income as specified in column (2) against serial No.1 in lieu of the tax payable by him, and on

4. Clause (h) substituted by Professional Tax (Amendment) Act, 1999 w.e.f. 1.5.99. During 16.4.96 to 30.4.99 clause (h) read as under:

(11) "Salary" shall have the same meaning as assigned to it under Section 17 of the Income Tax Act, 1961 (No.43 of 1961) after deductions as permissible under Section 16 of that Act except tax payable under this Act;

5. Prior to 16.4.96 the provisions of clause (h) were similar to the present provisions.

Substituted for 'number 2' first by Profession Tax (Amendment) Ordinance, 2001, w.e.f. 05.06.2001 and then by Profession Tax (Amendment) Act. 2001 w.e.f. 04.09.2001.

exercising the option such person shall be liable to pay tax at the rate specified in column (3) against the category specified in column (2) against serial number 1 applicable to him, and for that purpose reference to [salary or wage] in serial No.1 shall be construed as a reference to the income of such person.

(4) Every person who opts under sub-section (3) for payment of tax under entry at serial No.1 of the Schedule shall, subject to the provisions of this Act, pay for each financial year a tax at the rate specified in Serial No.1 of the Schedule if his income during the previous year exceeds forty thousand rupees.

(5) Any person who is in employment in Chhattisgarh shall be deemed to be in employment even though he may be absent there from on leave or otherwise.

Relevant Rule and Form: Rule 4-A; Form 4-A

Sec.4: Employer's liability to deduct and pay tax on behalf of employees

(1) The tax payable under this Act by any person earning a [salary or wage] shall be deducted monthly in the prescribed manner by his employer from the [salary or wage] payable to such person before such [salary or wage] is paid to him and such employer shall, irrespective of whether such deduction has been made or not, when the [salary or wage] is paid to such person, be liable to pay tax on behalf of all such persons:

Provided that if the employer is an officer of the Central Government or a State Government, such employer shall discharge the said liability in such manner, as may be prescribed.

(2) When any person earning a [salary or wage] -

(a) is also covered by one or more entries other than entry 1 of the Schedule and the rate of tax in any such other entry is more than the rate of tax under entry 1 of the said Schedule,

(b) is simultaneously in employment of more than one employer,

And such person furnishes to his employer a certificate in the prescribed Form declaring 'that he has been registered under sub-section (2) of Section 8 and shall pay the tax -himself, then the employer or employers of such person shall not deduct the tax from the (salary or wage] payable to such person and such employer or employers, as the case may be, shall not be liable to pay tax on behalf of such person:

Provided that such person may opt to have the amount of tax deducted by the employer or employers from his [salary or wage] and thereupon the amount so deducted shall stand adjusted towards the tax payable by such person for the year.

Relevant Rule and Form: Rule 9; Form 5 & 6

Sec.5: Computation of Income

For the purpose of computing the income of a person liable to pay tax in accordance with provisions of sub-section (3) and (4) of Section 3 the following deductions shall be made from the gross income namely:

- (i) [Salary or wage] of other persons engaged by him in the profession or calling;
- (ii) Rent in respect of the building to house the business as well as rent on account of machinery furniture and other similar goods taken on lease or hire;
- (iii) All kinds of taxes;
- (iv) Repairs and renewals of immovable property let out on rent subject to a maximum of 6.25 per cent of the annual rental value;
- (v) Interest on borrowed capital;
- (vi) Repairs of the building and rents of the premises where the business is carried on;
- (vii) Electric charges in respect of business premises where the business is carried on;
- (viii) Such other deductions as may be prescribed.

Sec. 6: Power to exempt

Where the State Government is of the Opinion that it is necessary or expedient so to do, either in the public interest or having regard to the peculiar circumstances of any case, it may by notification and subject to such conditions, if any, as it may specify in the notification, exempt any class of persons or any employer or class of employers from the operation of all or any of the provisions of this Act for such period as may be specified in the notification.

Sec. 7: Taxing Authority

- (1) The administration of the Act shall vest in the Commissioner of Commercial Tax appointed under Section j of the Chhattisgarh Vanijyik Kar Adhiniyam. 1994 (No.5 of 1995) who shall for the purpose of this Act be designated as Commissioner Profession Tax.
- (2) The Commissioner Profession Tax shall exercise the powers of general superintendence and control over the authorities appointed under this Act.
- (3) The Profession Tax Assessing Authority and the Profession Tax Appellate Authority shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as may be conferred or imposed upon them by or under this Act.

Sec. 8: Registration

- (1) Every employer, other than any officer of the Central Government, Railways or the State Government, liable to pay tax under Section 4 shall obtain a certificate of registration from the Profession Tax Assessing Authority in such manner and form as may be prescribed.
- (2) Every person liable to pay tax under this Act, other than a person earning [salary or wage] in respect of whom the tax is payable by the employer but including a person who in addition to earning a [salary or wage] is also carrying on a trade, profession or calling other than agriculture or who is simultaneously in employment of more than one employer, shall obtain a certificate of registration from the Profession Tax Assessing Authority in such manner and form as may be prescribed.
- (3) Every employer or person required to obtain a certificate of registration under sub- section (1) or sub-section (2), shall within thirty days of his becoming liable to pay tax under this Act apply for the certificate of registration to the Profession Tax Assessing Authority in the prescribed form and that authority shall, after such enquiry as it considers necessary, within sixty days of the receipt of the application, if the application is in order, grant the certificate of registration.
- (4) Where an employer or person liable to registration has wilfully failed to apply for such certificate within the time specified in sub-section (3), the Profession Tax Assessing Authority may, after giving him a reasonable opportunity of being heard, impose penalty not exceeding rupees twenty for each day of delay subject to a maximum of rupees two thousand five hundred.
- (5) Where an employer or a person liable to registration has given false information in any application submitted under this Section, the Profession Tax Assessing Authority may after giving him a reasonable opportunity of being heard impose a penalty not exceeding rupees five hundred.

Relevant Rule and Form: Rule 3 to 10; Form I & 4

Sec.9: Returns to be furnished by employers

(1) Every employer registered under this Act shall furnish returns to the Profession Tax Assessing Authority in such Form, for such period and by such date as may be prescribed, showing therein the [salary or wage] paid by him and the amount of tax deducted by him in respect thereof.

(2) Every such return shall be accompanied by a treasury challan in proof of payment of full amount of tax due according to the return and a return without such proof of payment shall not be deemed to have been duly filed.

(3) Where an employer has without reasonable cause failed to file such return within the prescribed time, the Profession Tax Assessing Authority may, after giving him a reasonable opportunity of being heard, impose upon him a penalty not exceeding rupees twenty for each day of delay.

(4) The State Government may, subject to such conditions as may be specified exempt any employer or class of employers from furnishing returns.

Relevant Rule and Form: Rule 11 & 13 to 16; Form 7,8,10 & 11

Sec. 10: Returns to be furnished by other registered persons

(1) Every person referred to in sub-section (2) of Section 8 shall, by the 30th June in each financial year file before the Profession Tax Assessing Authority a correct and complete return in such Form and containing such particulars as may be prescribed setting forth his income in the previous year:

Provided that the Profession Tax Assessing Authority may, for sufficient cause to be recorded in writing, extend the date for filing the return:

Provided further that where such person derives income from any profession, trade or calling other than agriculture at places located within the territorial jurisdiction of more than one Profession Tax Assessing Authority, he shall file the return before such Profession Tax Assessing Authority having jurisdiction over the place where he normally resides.

(2) The State Government may subject to such conditions as may be specified, exempt any class of persons from filing a return.

(3) Every such return shall be accompanied by a treasury challan in proof of payment of full amount of tax due according to the return and a return without such proof of payment shall not be deemed to have been duly filed.

(4) Where a person specified in sub-section (1) has without reasonable cause failed to file such return within the time specified in sub-section (1) the Profession Tax Assessing Authority may, after giving him a reasonable opportunity of being heard, impose upon him a penalty not exceeding rupees five for each day of delay subject to a maximum of rupees five hundred.

Relevant Rule and Form: Rule 12: Form 9

Sec. 11: Assessment of tax

(1) The amount of tax due from an employer or person under this Act shall be assessed separately for each year:

Provided that where such employer or person fails to furnish return by the prescribed date or knowingly furnishes incomplete or incorrect return for any period of any year, he may be assessed to tax for such period.

(2) If the Profession Tax Assessing Authority is satisfied that the return filed by an employer or person is correct and complete, it shall by order in writing assess the employer or person and determine the tax payable by him on the basis of such return.

(3) (a) If the Profession Tax Assessing Authority is not satisfied that the return filed by an employer or person is correct and complete, it shall serve upon the employer or person a notice in the prescribed Form requiring him on a date specified in the notice to attend in person or through an authorised representative and to produce accounts and papers in support of the return.

(b) The Profession Tax Assessing Authority shall, on the date specified in the notice or as soon as may be afterwards, on examination of accounts and papers, assess the amount of tax payable by the employer or person.

(c) If the employer or person fails to comply with the terms of the notice or if in the opinion of the Profession Tax Assessing Authority the accounts and papers are incorrect or incomplete or unreliable, the said authority shall, after such enquiry as it deems fit, or otherwise assess the tax due to the best of its judgement.

(4) If an employer or person has failed to get himself registered or being registered has failed to file return, the Profession Tax Assessing Authority shall, after giving the employer or person a reasonable opportunity of being heard and after holding such enquiry as it deems fit or otherwise, pass an order assessing the amount of tax to the best of its judgement.

Relevant Rule and Form: Rule 18 & 19; Form 13, 14 & 15

Sec. 12: Payment of tax

(1) The tax or penalty or any other amount payable under this Act shall be paid in the prescribed manner.

(2) The amount of tax deducted by an employer from the [salary or wage) of his employees shall be paid by treasury challan within ten days of the end of the month for which the deduction has been made.

(3) The amount of tax due from persons other than employers shall be paid for every year:

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| (a) | in respect of a person registered before the commencement of a year or registered on or before 31st August of a year. | Before 30th September of the year. |
| (b) | in respect of a person who is registered after 31 st august of a year. | Within thirty days of the date. of registration |

Sec. 13: Penalty for non payment of tax

If an employer or person fails without reasonable cause, to make payment of any amount of tax within the specified time or the date as specified in the notice of demand, the Profession Tax Assessing Authority may, after giving him a reasonable opportunity of being heard, impose upon him a penalty equal to two per cent per month of the amount of tax due subject to a maximum of two-third of the amount of tax due.

Sec. 14: Notice of demand

(1) Where any tax or penalty is payable in consequence of any order passed under or in pursuance of the provisions of this Act the Profession Tax Assessing Authority shall serve on the person concerned a notice of demand in the prescribed Form specifying the amount so payable.

(2) The amount of tax or penalty as specified in such notice shall be paid by such date as may be specified therein and where no date is specified. it shall be paid within thirty days from the service of the notice of demand.

Relevant Rule and Form: Rule 20; Form 16

Sec. 15: Recovery as arrears of land revenue

Any tax or penalty or part thereof remaining unpaid after due date in accordance with the provisions of Section 14, shall be recoverable as an arrear of land revenue.

Sec. 16: Assessment or re-assessment of tax on employers and persons escaping assessment

(1) If for any reason, any employer or person liable to pay tax under the provisions of this Act has not been assessed to tax or has been under assessed to tax for any year, the Profession Tax Assessing Authority may, at any time within three years next following the year in respect of which such tax has not been assessed or has been under assessed proceed to assess or re-assess the tax payable by such employer or person in respect of that year.

(2) The assessment or re-assessment under sub-section (1) as the case may be, shall be completed within two years from the date of initiation of such proceedings.

Relevant Rule and Form: Rule 18 & 19; Form 13. 14 & 15

Sec. 17: Appeal

(1) Any person or employer aggrieved by any order made under Sections 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, and 16 may appeal against such order to the Profession Tax Appellate Authority.

(2) No appeal shall be entertained after the expiry of thirty days from the date of receipt of demand notice or receipt of the order.

⁶(3) No appeal shall be entertained, unless the admitted amount of tax is paid and there upon the appellate authority may stay the recovery of the balance of tax or penalty till the disposal of the appeal.

(4) The Profession Tax Appellate Authority in disposing of an appeal may:

(i) Confirm, annul, reduce, enhance or otherwise modify the assessment or penalty;

Or

(ii) Set aside the assessment or penalty and direct the Profession Tax Assessing Authority this made the assessment or imposed the penalty, to pass a fresh order after further enquiry..

(5) No order under this Section shall be passed without giving the appellant or his representative a reasonable opportunity of being heard.

Relevant Rule and Form: Rule 21; Form 17

6. Sub-section (3) substituted first by Profession Tax (Amendment) Ordinance, 2001, w.e.f. 05.06.2001 and then by Profession Tax (Amendment) Act, 2001 w.e.f. 04.09.2001. Earlier to substitution it read as under: -

'(3) No appeal shall be entertained, unless the amount of tax or penalty in respect of which the appeal is being preferred has been paid in full.'

Sec. 18: Revision

(1) The Commissioner Profession Tax may, on his own motion revise any order passed by any authority under this Act :

⁷[provided that the Commissioner, Professional Tax shall not revise any order under this sub-section where an appeal against the order is pending before any authority specified in Section 17 or where if such appeal lies, the time within which it may be filed has not expired:

Provided that no order shall be revised by the Commissioner Profession Tax under this sub-section after the expiry of three years from the date of passing of the impugned order.]

(2) No order under this Section shall be passed without giving the assessee a reasonable opportunity of being heard.

(3) The Commissioner Profession Tax may delegate its power under sub-section (1) to the Additional Commissioner, Commercial Tax appointed under Section 3 of the Chhattisgarh Vanijyik Kar Adhiniyam, 1994 (No.5 of 1995).

Relevant Rule and Form: Rule 21-A; Form 17-A

⁸**Sec. 18-A: Correction of clerical or arithmetical error**

(1) The Commissioner, Professional Tax may -

(i) On his own motion at any time within one calendar year from the date of any order passed by him; or

(ii) On an application made by a person or employer within one calendar year from the date of receipt of such application. Rectify such order for correcting any clerical or arithmetical error:

Provided that the Commissioner, Professional Tax shall not entertain any application by a person or employer unless it is made within one year from the date of the order sought to be rectified:

Provided further that no such rectification shall be made if it has the effect of enhancing the tax or reducing the amount of refund unless the Commissioner, Professional Tax has given notice in writing to the person or employer of his intention so to do and has allowed the person or employer a reasonable opportunity of being heard.

(2) Where on an application made by a person or employer for the rectification of any order, the order is not rectified within the period specified in sub-section (1). The applicant shall be entitled to have the order rectified in accordance with his application and accordingly the Commissioner; Professional Tax shall rectify the order, and where in proceedings initiated *suo motu* the order is not passed within the time specified in sub-section (1), the proceedings shall stand abated:

Provided that nothing herein shall preclude the Commissioner, Professional Tax from exercising powers under any other provisions of this Act.

(3) The provisions of sub-section (1) & (2) shall apply to the rectification of a mistake in any order passed by the assessing authority and passed by the appellate authority as they apply to the rectification of a mistake by the Commissioner, Professional Tax.

(4) Where any such rectification has the effect of reducing the amount of tax, the Commissioner, Professional Tax shall in the prescribed manner refund any amount due to the person or employer.

Proviso substituted first by Profession Tax (Amendment) Ordinance, 2001, w.e.f. 05.06.2001 and then by Profession Tax (Amendment) Act, 2001 w.e.f. 04.09.2001. Earlier to substitution it read as under :- 'Provided that no order shall be revised by the Commissioner Profession Tax under this sub-section after the expiry of three years from the date of passing of the impugned order. .

Section 18-A inserted first by Profession Tax (Amendment) Ordinance, 2001, w.e.f. 05.06.2001 and then by Profession Tax (Amendment) Act, 2001 w.e.f. 04.09.2001.

(5) Where any such rectification has the effect of enhancing the amount of the tax or reducing the amount of the refund, the Commissioner. Professional Tax shall recover the amount due from the person or employer in the manner provided in Section 15.

Sec. 19: Accounts

(1) Every employer liable to pay tax under this Act shall maintain correct particulars of the employees employed under him and correct accounts in respect of [salary or wage] paid to such employees.

(2) The registers or documents and accounts relating to the particulars of employees and [salary or wage] disbursed to them maintained by the employer shall be open to inspection by the Commissioner Profession Tax.

Sec. 20: Production and inspection of accounts and documents and search of premises

(1) The Commissioner Profession Tax may inspect and search any premises, where any profession, trade, calling or employment liable to tax under this Act is carried on or is suspected to be carried on and may cause production and examination of books, registers, accounts or documents relating thereto and may seize such books, registers, accounts or documents as may be necessary:

Provided that if the Commissioner Profession Tax removes from the .said premises any books, registers, accounts or documents, he shall give to the person incharge of the place a receipt describing the books, registers, accounts or documents so removed by him and retain the same only for so long as may be necessary for the purposes of examination thereof or prosecution.

(2)The Commissioner Profession Tax may, subject to such restrictions and conditions as may be prescribed, delegate his powers under sub-section (1) to any officer of and above the rank of Commercial Tax Inspector appointed under Section 3 of the Chhattisgarh Vanijyik Kar Adhiniyam,1994 (No.5 of 1995).

Relevant Rule and Form: Rule 25

Sec. 21: Refunds

(1) If the Profession Tax Assessing Authority. is satisfied that the amount of tax or penalty paid by an employer or person for any year exceeds the amount to which he has been assessed under this Act for that year. it shall cause a refund to be made in cash of such amount in the manner prescribed, found to have been paid in excess.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-section (1) the amount of refund shall be adjusted in the prescribed manner against any arrears of tax, penalty or any other amount due under this Act.

Relevant Rule and Form: Rule 22; Form 18 & 19

Sec. 22: Power under Code of Civil Procedure

The Profession Tax Assessing Authority, the Profession Tax Appellate Authority and the authority exercising powers under Section 18 shall for the purposes of this Act, have the same powers as are vested in a court under- the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 (V of 1908) while trying a suit, in respect of following matters, namely:

- (a) Enforcing the attendance of and examining any person on oath or affirmation;
- (b) Compelling the production of any document; and
- (c) Passing such interim orders as may be necessary in the ends of justice;

and any proceeding before such authority under this Act, shall be deemed to be a judicial proceeding within the meaning of Section 193 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (XLV of 1860) and also for the purpose of Section 196 of the said Code.

Sec. 23: Offences

(1) Any employer or person who, without sufficient cause, fails to comply with any of the provisions of this Act or the rules framed thereunder shall, on conviction be punished with fine not exceeding two thousand five hundred rupees and when the offence is a continuing one, with fine not exceeding twenty five rupees per day during the period of continuance of the offence.

(2) No court shall take cognizance of any offence punishable under this Act except with the previous sanction of such authority as may be prescribed and no Court inferior to that of a Magistrate of the first class shall try any such offence.

Relevant Rule and Form: Rule 23

Sec. 24: Offences by companies

(1) Where an offence under this Act has been committed by a company, every person who at the time the offence was committed was in charge of and was responsible to the company for the conduct of the business of the company, as well as the company, shall be deemed to be guilty of the offence and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly:

Provided that nothing contained in this sub-section shall render any such person liable to any punishment, if he proves that the offence was committed without his knowledge or that he had exercised all due diligence to prevent the commission of such offence.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1) where any 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 is attributable to any neglect on the part of any Director, Manager, Secretary or other officer of the company, such Director, Manager, Secretary or other officer shall be deemed to be guilty of that offence and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.

Explanation - For the purpose of this Section -

- (a) **Company** means any body corporate and includes a firm or other association of individuals; and
- (b) **Director** in relation to a firm, means a partner of the firm.

Sec. 25: Power to compound offences

(1) Subject to such conditions as may be prescribed, the Profession Tax Assessing Authority, may either before or after the institution of proceedings under this Act permit any employer or person charged with an offence under this Act to compound the offence on payment of such sum not exceeding two thousand five hundred rupees, as the assessing authority may determine.

(2) On payment of such sum as may be determined by the Profession Tax Assessing Authority, under sub-section (1), the accused employer or person shall be discharged and no further proceeding shall be taken against him in respect of the said offence.

Relevant Rule and Form: Rule 24

Sec. 26: Bar of prosecution where penalty imposed

No prosecution for contravention of any provisions of this Act shall be instituted in respect of the same facts in respect of which a penalty has been imposed under this Act or the rules framed thereunder.

Sec. 27: Protection against suits or other proceedings

(1) No suit shall lie in any Civil Court to set aside or modify and assessment made or order passed under the provisions of this Act.

(2) No prosecution, suit or other proceedings shall lie against any officer or authority or any employer for anything done or intended to be done in good faith under this Act or the rules made thereunder.

Sec. 28: Power to make rules

- (1) The State Government may make rules for carrying out the purposes of this Act.
- (2) In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, such rules may provide for all or any of the following matters:
- (a) (i) the manner in which tax shall be deducted by an employer under Section 4 from the [salary or wage] of his employees;
 - (ii) The manner in which liability to deduct tax on behalf of employees shall be discharged, where the employer is an officer of the Central Government or a State Government, under Section 4;
 - (b) The manner and Form in which certificate of registration shall be obtained under sub-section (1) and (2) of Section 8;
 - (c) The Form in which, the period for which and the date by which returns shall be furnished by employers under Section 9;
 - (d) the Form in which return shall be furnished under sub-section (1) of Section 10; (e) the Form in which notice shall be served on an employer and person under Section 11;
 - (f) The manner in which tax, penalty or any other amount payable under the Act shall be paid;
 - (g) The Form of notice to be served or issued under Section 14 or Section 16. Respectively;
 - (h) The manner in which an appeal shall be preferred under sub-section (1) of Section 17;
 - ⁹(h-1) The period and the form in which application for revision shall be preferred under sub-section (1) of Section 18;
 - (i) Restrictions and conditions subject to which the Commissioner Profession Tax may delegate his powers under sub-section (2) of Section 20;
 - (j) The manner in which refund shall be made or adjusted under Section 21;
 - (k) The authority for sanctioning prosecution under Section 23;
 - (l) The conditions subject to which offences may be compounded under Section 25;
 - (m) All matters which are expressly required to be prescribed under this Act.
- (3) All rules made under this Act shall be laid on the table of the legislative assembly.

Clause (h-1) inserted first by Profession Tax (Amendment) Ordinance, 2001, w.e.f. 05.06.2001 and then by Profession Tax (Amendment) Act, 2001 w.e.f. 04.09.2001.

SCHEDULE

(See Section 3)

Schedule of Rates of Tax on Professions, Trades, Callings and Employments

S.No.	Class of Persons	Rate of tax per annum
(1)	(2)	(3)
	Persons in employment whose annual salary or wage -	
(i)	Does not exceed Rs. 1,00,000	Nil
* (ii)	Exceeds Rs. 1,00,000 but does not exceed	Rs.1560 (Rs. 130 per Rs. 1.50.000 month)
* (iii)	Exceeds Rs. 1.50.000 but does not exceed	Rs.1800 (Rs. 150 per Rs. 2.00.000 month)
* (iv)	Exceed Rs. 2.00,000 but does not exceed	Rs.2400 (Rs. 200 per Rs. 2.50.000 month)
* (v)	Exceeds Rs. 2.50.000 Rs.2500	(Rs. 208 per month for eleven month & Rs. 212 for twelfth month)

Explanation -For the purpose of this entry where a person ceases to be in employment before the end of any year liability to pay the tax for that period shall be proportionately reduced.

10 Sr.No.1 and entries relating thereto substituted first by **Profession Tax (Amendment) Ordinance, 2001, w.e.f. 05.06.2001 and then by Profession Tax (Amendment) Act, 2001 w.e.f. 04.09.2001**. Earlier to substitution Sr. No.1 read as under:-

\$1. Persons in employment whose annual salary or wage -

(i)	Does not exceed Rs. 40,000	Nil
(ii)	Exceeds Rs. 40,000 but does not exceed Rs. 50,000	Rs. 360 (Rs. 30 per month)
(iii)	Exceeds Rs. 50,000 but does not exceed Rs. 60,000	Rs. 720 (Rs. 60 per month)
(iv)	Exceeds Rs. 60,000 but does not exceed Rs. 80,000	Rs. 1080 (Rs. 90 per month)
(v)	Exceeds Rs. 80,000 but does not exceed Rs. 1,00,000	Rs. 1200 (Rs. 100 per month)
(vi)	Exceeds Rs. 1,00,000 but does not exceed Rs. 1,50,000	Rs. 1440 (Rs. 120 per month)
(vii)	Exceeds Rs. 1,50,000 but does not exceed Rs. 2,00,000	Rs. 1800 (Rs. 150 per month)
(viii)	Exceeds Rs. 2,00,000 but does not exceed Rs. 2,50,000	Rs. 2160 (Rs. 180 per month)
(ix)	Exceeds Rs. 2,50,000 but does not exceed Rs. 3,00,000	Rs. 2280 (Rs. 190 per month)
(x)	Exceeds Rs. 3,00,000	Rs. 2400 (Rs. 200 per month)

Explanation- For the purpose of this entry where a person ceases to be in employment before the end of any year liability to pay the tax for that period shall be proportionately reduced.}

\$ Sr. No.1 and entries thereto were substituted earlier also by Professional Tax (Amendment) Act. 1999 w.e.f. 1.5.99. Earlier to substitution Sr. No.1 read as under:

1. Persons in employment whose annual salary

(i)	Does not exceed rupees 40,000	Nil
(ii)	Exceeds rupees 40,000 but does not exceed rupees 50,000	Rs. 500
(iii)	Exceeds rupees 50,000 but does not exceed rupees 60,000	Rs. 750
(iv)	Exceeds rupees 60,000	Rs. 1000

Explanation- For the purposes of this entry where a person ceases to be in employment before the end of any year his liability to pay the tax for that period shall be proportionately reduced.

2. Where the standing in profession or calling of:

- (a) Legal practitioners including solicitors and notary public.
 - (b) Medical Practitioners including Medical consultants and dentists,
 - (c) Technical and Professional consultants including Architects, Engineers, R.C.C. consultants, Plumbers, Tax Consultants, Chartered Accountants, Actuaries and Management Consultants.
 - (d) Chief Agents, Principal Agents. Special Agents, Insurance Agents. Surveyors or Loss Assessors Licensed under the Insurance Act, 1938 (4 of 1938).
 - (e) All contractors.
- (1) Commission Agents, Dalals and Brokers other than Estate workers.

¹¹ (i) less than two years	Nil
(ii) two years or more but less than five years	Rs. 1000
(iii) five years or more but less than ten years	Rs. 1500
(iv) ten years or more	Rs. 2500]

(iv) Exceeds Rs. 2.50.000 Rs. 2500 (Rs. 208 per month)

11 Clause (A), (B) & (C) of Sr. No. 2 and entries relating thereto substituted by clause (i) to (iv) by Professional Tax (Amendment) Act, 1999 w.e.f. 1.5.99. Earlier to substitution clause(A), (B) & (C) read as under:

(A)	In a place having a population of less than 50,000 is :	
	(i) Less than 5 years	Nil
	(ii) Five years or more but less than 10 years	Rs. 200
	(iii) 10 years or more but but less than 15 years	Rs. 400
	(iv) 15 years or more.	Rs. 600
(B)	In a place having a population of 50,000 and above but less than 1,00,000 is :	
	(i) Less than 5 years	Nil
	(ii) Five years or more but less than 10 years	Rs. 600
	(iii) 10 years or more but but less than 15 years	Rs. 800
	(iv) 15 years or more.	Rs. 1000
(C)	In a place having a population of 1,00,000 or more is :	
	(i) Less than 5 years	Nil
	(ii) Five years or more but less than 10 years	Rs. 1000
	(iii) 10 years or more but but less than 15 years	Rs. 1500
	(iv) 15 years or more.	Rs. 2500

- 3 (i)** Members of Associations recognised under the Rs. 2500 Forward Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1952 (74. of 1952)
- (ii)** Members of stock exchanges recognised under Rs. 2500 the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956 (42 of 1956)
- (iii)** Estate agents and brokers:
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| (a) In a place having a population of less than 50,000 | Rs. 1000 |
| (b) In a place having a population of 50,000 but less than 1,00,000 | Rs. 1500 |
| (c) In a place having a population of 1,00,000 and above | Rs.2500 |
- (iv)** Whole time Directors (other than those nominated Rs. 2500 by Government) of companies registered under the Companies Act. 1956 (1 of 1956)
- (v)** Remisiers recognised by stock exchange Rs. 2500
- (vi)** All liquor licensees Rs. 2500
- (vii)** Employers of theatres as defined in the Chhattisgarh Shops and Establishments Act. 1958 (25 of 1958) Rs. 2500
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- (viii)** (a) Owners of on pumps with service stations and where any such oil pumps is leased, the lessee thereof Rs. 2500
- (b) Owners of oil pumps: without service stations and where any such pump is leased, the lessee thereof Rs. 1500
- (c) Owners of service stations and where any service station is leased, the lessee thereof Rs. 1500
- (ix)** Employers of residential hotels as defined in the Chhattisgarh Shops and Establishments Act. 1958 (25 of 1958)
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| (a) having less than twenty beds | Rs. 1000 |
| (b) having twenty beds or more but not more than fifty beds | Rs. 1500 |
| (c) having more than fifty beds | Rs. 2500 |
- (x)** Companies registered under the Companies Act. 1956 (1 of 1956) and engaged in any profession, trade or calling Rs. 2500
- (xi)** Individuals or institutions conducting chit funds Rs. 2500
- (xii)** Banking Companies as defined in the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 (10 of 1949) Rs. 2500
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- (xiii)** Co-operative Societies registered or deemed to be registered under the Chhattisgarh Co-operative Societies Act, 1960 (17 of 1961)
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| (a) State level societies engaged in any profession, trade or calling | Rs. 1000 |
| (b) District level societies engaged in any profession, trade or calling | Rs. 800 |
| (c) Co-operative sugar factories and co- operative sugar mills | Rs. 2500 |

(xiv) ¹²[Owners of video parlours or video libraries or both and where any video parlour or video library or both are leased, the lessee thereof, or owners of beauty parlours, cable operators, film distributors, persons owning/running STD/ISD booths. other than those owned or run by Government or by physically handicapped persons, or persons owing/running marriage halls] :

(a) In a place having a population of less than 50,000	Rs. 1000
(b) In a place having a population of 50,000 and above but less than 1,00,000	Rs. 1500
(c) In a place having a population of 1,00,000 and above	Rs. 2500

(xv) Money lenders registered under the Chhattisgarh Money Lenders Act, 1934 (13 of 1934):

(a) In a place having a population of less than 50,000	Rs. 1000
(b) In a place having a population of 50,000 and above but less than 1,00,000.	Rs. 1500
(c) In a place having a population of 1,00,000 and above	Rs. 2500

4. Employers of establishments as defined in the Chhattisgarh Shops and Establishments Act, 1958 (25 of 1958) excluding those specified elsewhere in the Schedule:

(i) Where there are not more than five employees	Nil
(ii) Where more than five but not more than ten employees are employed	Rs. 1000
(iii) Where more than ten but not more than fifteen employees are employed	Rs. 1500
(iv) Where more than fifteen employees are employed	Rs. 2500

5. ¹³(i) Firms (whether registered or not under the Indian Partnership Act), excluding firms covered in any other entry of this Schedule;

(ii) Hindu Undivided Family; which are engaged in any profession, trade or calling}:

(a) In a place having a population of less than 50,000	Rs. 1000
(b) In a place having a population of 50,000 and above but less than 1.00.000	Rs. 1500
(c) in a place having a population of 1,00,000 and above	Rs.2500

6. Occupiers of factories as defined in the Factories Act. 1948 (63 of 1948) but excluding those covered by entry 7:

(i) Where not more than fifteen workers are working	Rs. 1500
(ii) Where more than fifteen workers are working	Rs. 2500

12 Subs. for The words 'Owners of video parlours or video libraries or both and where any video parlour or video library or both are leased, the lessee thereof' by Professional Tax (Amendment) Act. 1999 w.e.f. .1.5.99 .

13 Subs. for the words 'Partners of firms registered under the Indian Partnership Act, 1932 (9 of 1932) which are engaged in any profession, trade or calling but excluding firms covered in any other entry of this Schedule' by Professional Tax (Amendment) Act, 1999 w.e.f. 1.5.99

¹⁴7. Dealers liable to pay tax under Chhattisgarh Vanijyik Kar Adhiniyam, 1994 (No.5 of 1995) whose gross turnover is.

(i) Less than Rs. 5,00,000	Nil
(ii) Rs.5,00,000 or more but less than Rs.10,00,000	Rs.1200
(iii) Rs.10,00,000 or more but less than Rs.25,00,000	Rs.2000
(iv) Rs. 25.00.000 or more but less than Rs.50,00,000	Rs.2250
(v) Rs. 50,00,000 or more	Rs. 2500

8. Holders of permits for transport vehicles granted under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (59 of 1988) which are used or adapted to be used for hire or reward:

(i) in respect of each three wheeler passenger or goods vehicle	Rs. 400*
(ii) in respect of each taxi, four wheeler light passenger or goods vehicle	Rs. 800*
(iii) in respect of each heavy passenger or goods vehicle	Rs. 1000*

*Subject to the maximum of Rs.2500

¹⁵[9. Such persons other than those mentioned in any of the preceding entries, who are engaged in any profession, trade, calling or employment at such rate as the State Government may, by notification specify]

Explanation- For the purposes of this Schedule population means the population as ascertained at the last preceding census of which the relevant figures have been published.

14 Sr. No.7 and entries relating thereto substituted by first by **Profession Tax (Amendment) Ordinance, 2001, w.e.f. 05.06.2001 and then by Profession Tax (Amendment) Act, 2001 w.e.f. 04.09.2001**. Earlier 10 substitution Sr. No.7 read as under:

7. Dealers liable to pay tax under Madhya Pradesh Commercial Tax Act, 1994 (No.5 of 1995) whose annual gross turnover is:

(i) Less than Rs.5,00,000	Nil
(ii) Rs.5,00,000 or more but less than Rs.10,00,000	Rs.500
(iii) Rs.10,00,000 or more but less than Rs.50,00,000	Rs.1000
(iv) Rs.50,00,000 or more	Rs.2500

15 Sr. No.9 substituted by Professional Tax (Amendment) Act. 1999 w.e.f. 1.5.99. Earlier to substitution Sr. No.9 read as under:

"Such persons not covered by any of the preceding entries. as the State Government may, by notification, 'specify"