Profits and gains from the business of trading in alcoholic liquor, forest produce, scrap, etc.

206C. (1) Every person, being a seller shall, at the time of debiting of the amount payable by the buyer to the account of the buyer or at the time of receipt of such amount from the said buyer in cash or by the issue of a cheque or draft or by any other mode, whichever is earlier, collect from the buyer of any goods of the nature specified in column (2) of the Table below, a sum equal to the percentage, specified in the corresponding entry in column (3) of the said Table, of such amount as income-tax:

TABLE

Sl. No.	Nature of goods	Percentage
(1)	(2)	(3)
<i>(i)</i>	Alcoholic Liquor for human consumption and tendu leaves	One per cent
(ii)	Tendu leaves	Five per cent
(iii)	Timber obtained under a forest lease	Two and one-half per cent
(iv)	Timber obtained by any mode other than under a forest lease	Two and one-half per cent
(v)	Any other forest produce not being timber or tendu leaves	Two and one-half per cent
(vi)	Scrap	One per cent]
[(<i>vii</i>)	Minerals, being coal or lignite or iron ore	One per cent:]

[**Provided** that every person, being a seller shall at the time, during the period beginning on the 1st day of June, 2003 and ending on the day immediately preceding the date on which the Taxation Laws (Amendment) Act, 2003 comes into force, of debiting of the amount payable by the buyer to the account of the buyer or of receipt of such amount from the said buyer in cash or by the issue of a cheque or draft or by any other mode, whichever is earlier, collect from the buyer of any goods of the nature specified in column (2) of the Table as it stood immediately before the 1st day of June, 2003, a sum equal to the percentage, specified in the corresponding entry in column (3) of the said Table, of such amount as income-tax in accordance with the provisions of this section as they stood immediately before the 1st day of June, 2003.]

- [(1A) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1), no collection of tax shall be made in the case of a buyer, who is resident in India, if such buyer furnishes to the person responsible for collecting tax, a declaration in writing in duplicate in the prescribed form and verified in the prescribed manner to the effect that the goods referred to in column (2) of the aforesaid Table are to be utilised for the purposes of manufacturing, processing or producing articles or things [or for the purposes of generation of power] and not for trading purposes.
- (1B) The person responsible for collecting tax under this section shall deliver or cause to be delivered to the [Principal Chief Commissioner or] Chief Commissioner or [Principal Commissioner or] Commissioner or [Open Commissioner or [Op

or before the seventh day of the month next following the month in which the declaration is furnished to him.]

[(1C) Every person, who grants a lease or a licence or enters into a contract or otherwise transfers any right or interest either in whole or in part in any parking lot or toll plaza or mine or quarry, to another person, other than a public sector company (hereafter in this section referred to as "licensee or lessee") for the use of such parking lot or toll plaza or mine or quarry for the purpose of business shall, at the time of debiting of the amount payable by the licensee or lessee to the account of the licensee or lessee or at the time of receipt of such amount from the licensee or lessee in cash or by the issue of a cheque or draft or by any other mode, whichever is earlier, collect from the licensee or lessee of any such licence, contract or lease of the nature specified in column (2) of the Table below, a sum equal to the percentage, specified in the corresponding entry in column (3) of the said Table, of such amount as income-tax:

Table

Sl. No.	Nature of contract or licence or lease, etc.	Percentage
(1)	(2)	(3)
(i)	Parking lot	Two per cent
(ii)	Toll plaza	Two per cent
(iii)	Mining and quarrying	Two per cent.]

[Explanation 1.—For the purposes of this sub-section, "mining and quarrying" shall not include mining and quarrying of mineral oil.

Explanation 2.—For the purposes of Explanation 1, "mineral oil" includes petroleum and natural gas.]

- [(1D) Every person, being a seller, who receives any amount in cash as consideration for sale of bullion [***] or jewellery, shall, at the time of receipt of such amount in cash, collect from the buyer, a sum equal to one per cent of sale consideration as income-tax, if such consideration,—
 - (i) for bullion, exceeds two hundred thousand rupees; or
 - (ii) for jewellery, exceeds five hundred thousand rupees.]
- (2) The power to recover tax by collection under sub-section (1) [or sub-section (1C)] [or sub-section (1D)] shall be without prejudice to any other mode of recovery.
- (3) Any person collecting any amount under sub-section (1) [or sub-section (1C)] [or sub-section (1D)] shall pay within [the prescribed time] the amount so collected to the credit of the Central Government or as the Board directs :
- ¹[(3A) In case of an office of the Government, where the amount collected under sub-section (1) or sub-section (1C) or sub-section (1D) has been paid to the credit of the Central Government without the production of a challan, the Pay and Accounts Officer or the Treasury Officer or the Cheque Drawing and Disbursing Officer or any other person, by whatever name called, who is responsible for crediting such tax to the credit of the Central Government, shall deliver or cause to be delivered to the prescribed income-tax authority, or to the person authorised by such

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authority, a statement in such form, verified in such manner, setting forth such particulars and within such time as may be prescribed.

(3B) The person referred to in the proviso to sub-section (3) may also deliver to the prescribed authority under the said proviso, a correction statement for rectification of any mistake or to add, delete or update the information furnished in the statement delivered under the said proviso in such form and verified in such manner, as may be specified by the authority.]

[**Provided** that the person collecting tax on or after the 1st day of April, 2005 in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this section shall, after paying the tax collected to the credit of the Central Government within the prescribed time, [prepare such statements for such period as may be prescribed] and deliver or cause to be delivered to the prescribed income-tax authority, or the person authorised by such authority, such statement in such form and verified in such manner and setting forth such particulars and within such time as may be prescribed.]

- [(4) Any amount collected in accordance with the provisions of this section and paid to the credit of the Central Government shall be deemed to be a payment of tax on behalf of the person from whom the amount has been collected and credit shall be given to such person for the amount so collected in a particular assessment year in accordance with the rules as may be prescribed by the Board from time to time.]
- (5) Every person collecting tax in accordance with the provisions of this section shall within [such period as may be prescribed from the time of debit] or receipt of the amount furnish to the buyer [or licensee or lessee] to whose account such amount is debited or from whom such payment is received, a certificate to the effect that tax has been collected, and specifying the sum so collected, the rate at which the tax has been collected and such other particulars as may be prescribed:

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Provided [***] that the prescribed income-tax authority or the person authorised by such authority referred to in sub-section (3) shall, within the prescribed time after the end of each financial year [beginning on or after the 1st day of April, 2008], prepare and deliver to the buyer referred to in sub-section (1) or, as the case may be, to the licensee or lessee referred to in sub-section (1C), a statement in the prescribed form specifying the amount of tax collected and such other particulars as may be prescribed.]

[(5A) Every person collecting tax [before the 1st day of April, 2005] in accordance with the provisions of this section shall [prepare within the prescribed time after the end of each financial year], and deliver or cause to be delivered to the prescribed income-tax authority [or such other authority or agency as may be prescribed] such returns in such form and verified in such manner and setting forth such particulars and within such time as may be prescribed:]

[**Provided** that the Board may, if it considers necessary or expedient so to do, frame a scheme for the purposes of filing such returns with such other authority or agency referred to in this subsection.]

[(5B) Without prejudice to the provisions of sub-section (5A), any person collecting tax, other than in a case where the seller is a company, the Central Government or a State Government, may at his option, deliver or cause to be delivered such return to the prescribed income-tax authority in accordance with such scheme as may be specified by the Board in this behalf, by notification in the Official Gazette, and subject to such conditions as may be specified therein, on or before the prescribed time after the end of each financial year, on a floppy, diskette, magnetic

cartridge tape, CD-ROM or any other computer readable media (hereinafter referred to as the computer media) and in the manner as may be specified in that scheme:

Provided that where the person collecting tax is a company or the Central Government or a State Government, such person shall, in accordance with the provisions of this section, deliver or cause to be delivered, within the prescribed time after the end of each financial year, such returns on computer media under the said scheme.

- (5C) Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law for the time being in force, a return filed on computer media shall be deemed to be a return for the purposes of sub-section (5A) and the rules made thereunder and shall be admissible in any proceedings made thereunder, without further proof of production of the original, as evidence of any contents of the original or of any facts stated therein.
- (5D) Where the Assessing Officer considers that the return delivered or caused to be delivered under sub-section (5B) is defective, he may intimate the defect to the person collecting tax and give him an opportunity of rectifying the defect within a period of fifteen days from the date of such intimation or within such further period which, on an application made in this behalf, the Assessing Officer may, in his discretion, allow; and if the defect is not rectified within the said period of fifteen days or, as the case may be, the further period so allowed, then, notwithstanding anything contained in any other provision of this Act, such return shall be treated as an invalid return and the provisions of this Act shall apply as if such person had failed to deliver the return.]
- (6) Any person responsible for collecting the tax who fails to collect the tax in accordance with the provisions of this section, shall, notwithstanding such failure, be liable to pay the tax to the credit of the Central Government in accordance with the provisions of sub-section (3).
- [(6A) If any person responsible for collecting tax in accordance with the provisions of this section does not collect the whole or any part of the tax or after collecting, fails to pay the tax as required by or under this Act, he shall, without prejudice to any other consequences which he may incur, be deemed to be an assessee in default in respect of the tax:

[**Provided** that any person, other than a person referred to in sub-section (1D), responsible for collecting tax in accordance with the provisions of this section, who fails to collect the whole or any part of the tax on the amount received from a buyer or licensee or lessee or on the amount debited to the account of the buyer or licensee or lessee shall not be deemed to be an assessee in default in respect of such tax if such buyer or licensee or lessee—

- (i) has furnished his return of income under section 139:
- (ii) has taken into account such amount for computing income in such return of income; and
- (iii) has paid the tax due on the income declared by him in such return of income,

and the person furnishes a certificate to this effect from an accountant in such form as may be prescribed:]

Provided [further] that no penalty shall be charged under section 221 from such person unless the Assessing Officer is satisfied that the person has without good and sufficient reasons failed to collect and pay the tax.]

(7) Without prejudice to the provisions of sub-section (6), if the [person responsible for collecting tax] does not collect the tax or after collecting the tax fails to pay it as required under this section, he shall be liable to pay simple interest at the rate of [one] per cent per month or part thereof on the amount of such tax from the date on which such tax was collectible to the date on

which the tax was actually paid [and such interest shall be paid before furnishing the quarterly statement for each quarter in accordance with the provisions of sub-section (3)]:

[**Provided** that in case any person, other than a person referred to in sub-section (1D), responsible for collecting tax in accordance with the provisions of this section, fails to collect the whole or any part of the tax on the amount received from a buyer or licensee or lessee or on the amount debited to the account of the buyer or licensee or lessee but is not deemed to be an assessee in default under the first proviso of sub-section (6A), the interest shall be payable from the date on which such tax was collectible to the date of furnishing of return of income by such buyer or licensee or lessee.]

- (8) Where the tax has not been paid as aforesaid, after it is collected, the amount of the tax together with the amount of simple interest thereon referred to in sub-section (7) shall be a charge upon all the assets of the [person responsible for collecting tax].]
- [(9) Where the Assessing Officer is satisfied that the total income of the buyer [or licensee or lessee] justifies the collection of the tax at any lower rate than the relevant rate specified in subsection (1) [or sub-section (1C)] [or sub-section (1D)], the Assessing Officer shall, on an application made by the buyer [or licensee or lessee] in this behalf, give to him a certificate for collection of tax at such lower rate than the relevant rate specified in sub-section (1) [or subsection (1C)] [or sub-section (1D)].
- (10) Where a certificate under sub-section (9) is given, the person responsible for collecting the tax shall, until such certificate is cancelled by the Assessing Officer, collect the tax at the rates specified in such certificate.
- (11) The Board may, having regard to the convenience of assessees and the interests of revenue, by notification in the Official Gazette, make rules specifying the cases in which, and the circumstances under which, an application may be made for the grant of a certificate under subsection (9) and the conditions subject to which such certificate may be granted and providing for all other matters connected therewith.]

[Explanation.—For the purposes of this section,—

- [(a) "accountant" shall have the meaning assigned to it in the Explanation to sub-section (2) of section 288;
- (aa) "buyer" with respect to—
 - (i) sub-section (1) means a person who obtains in any sale, by way of auction, tender or any other mode, goods of the nature specified in the Table in sub-section (1) or the right to receive any such goods but does not include,—
 - (A) a public sector company, the Central Government, a State Government, and an embassy, a High Commission, legation, commission, consulate and the trade representation, of a foreign State and a club; or
 - (B) a buyer in the retail sale of such goods purchased by him for personal consumption;
 - (ii) sub-section (1D) means a person who obtains in any sale, goods of the nature specified in the said sub-section;
- (ab) "jewellery" shall have the meaning assigned to it in the Explanation to sub-clause (ii) of clause (14) of section 2;]

- [(b) "scrap" means waste and scrap from the manufacture or mechanical working of materials which is definitely not usable as such because of breakage, cutting up, wear and other reasons;
- (c) "seller" means the Central Government, a State Government or any local authority or corporation or authority established by or under a Central, State or Provincial Act, or any company or firm or co-operative society and also includes an individual or a Hindu undivided family whose total sales, gross receipts or turnover from the business or profession carried on by him exceed the monetary limits specified under clause (a) or clause (b) of section 44AB during the financial year immediately preceding the financial year in which the goods of the nature specified in the Table in sub-section (1) [or subsection (1D)] are sold.]