#### OIL AND NATURAL GAS CORPORATION LIMITED

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Dear Member(s),

We are pleased to inform you that, the Board of Directors of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited, at its Meeting held on November 11, 2024, has declared 1<sup>st</sup> Interim dividend of ₹6 per equity share of ₹5/- each (i.e. 120% of face value) which will be paid based on your shareholding as on the Record Date, i.e. November 20, 2024, fixed for this purpose.

As you are aware, dividend payable to a shareholder is taxable in his hands and is subject to Deduction of Tax at Source (TDS) as per the provisions of the Income-tax Act, 1961. Therefore, Company shall be required to deduct tax at source (TDS) at the time of making the payment of the dividend, if approved, at the AGM of the Company.

Applicable TDS rates, vary depending on the residential status, category of the shareholder and is subject to submission of requisite declarations / documents to the Company.

Statutory provisions in this regard and the documents / information desired from the shareholders have been brought out as under:

#### A. TDS deduction on Dividend

In accordance with the provisions of the Act, as amended by the Finance Act, 2020, with effect from April 1, 2020, dividend declared and paid by a company is taxable in the hands of the Members, and, accordingly, the company is required to deduct TDS thereon at the rates prescribed by the Act.

No TDS shall, however, be deductible on dividend payable to a resident individual shareholder if the amount of such dividend, or the aggregate of the amounts of such dividend, paid during the relevant financial year (i.e. FY 2024-25) does not exceed ₹ 5,000.

TDS is also not required to be deducted on dividend payable to:

- i. The Life Insurance Corporation of India established under the Life Insurance Corporation Act, 1956, in respect of any shares owned by it or in which it has full beneficial interest;
- ii. The General Insurance Corporation of India (Corporation) or to any of the four companies, formed by virtue of the schemes framed under sub-section (1) of Section 16 of the General Insurance Business (Nationalization) Act, 1972, in

respect of any shares owned by the Corporation or such company or in which the Corporation or such company has full beneficial interest;

- iii. Any other insurer in respect of any shares owned by it or in which it has full beneficial interest;
- iv. The Government:
- v. The Reserve Bank of India;
- vi. A Corporation established by or under a Central Act which is under any law for the time being in force exempt from income tax on its income; or
- vii. A mutual fund specified u/s. 10(23D) of the Act.

#### **B1.** Applicable rates of TDS on Dividend

In the cases of resident shareholders, the applicable TDS rate on dividend as prescribed by the Act is 10%. However, if the shareholder does not furnish its Permanent Account Number (PAN), TDS would be deductible at the rate of 20% (being higher than 10%) as per the provisions of section 206AA of the Act.

In the cases of non-resident shareholders including Foreign Institutional Investors ('FIIs') and Foreign Portfolio Investors ("FPIs"), TDS on dividend would be applicable at the rate of 20% (plus applicable surcharge and health and education cess).

#### B2. Applicable TDS rates in the cases of PAN not linked with AADHAAR

As per Section 139AA of the Income Tax Act, every person who has been allotted a PAN and who is eligible to obtain AADHAR, shall be required to link the PAN with AADHAR. In case of failure to comply this, the PAN allotted shall be deemed to be invalid / inoperative and tax shall be deducted at the rate of 20% as per the provisions of section 206AA of the Act

#### **B3.** Applicable TDS rates in the cases of non-filers of Return of Income

As per the provisions of Section 206AB of the Act, if any TDS is deductible from a "specified person", then, TDS would be deducted at **higher** of the following rates-

- (a) Twice the rate specified in the relevant provision of the Act;
- (b) Twice the rate or rates in force;
- (c) At the rate of 5%.

For the above purpose, "specified person" means a person, being a resident or a non-resident having a Permanent Establishment (PE) in India,-

- (i) Who has not furnished the return of income for the assessment year relevant to the previous year immediately preceding the financial year in which tax is required to be deducted. For this purpose, the assessment year would be reckoned to be the one for which time limit for filing Return of Income under sub-section (1) of section 139 has expired; and
- (ii) The aggregate amount of TDS deducted and TCS collected in the case of such person is  $\stackrel{?}{\stackrel{?}{\sim}} 50,000$  or more in the above referred previous year.

Accordingly, if, at the time of deducting TDS, the status of a resident shareholder or a non-resident shareholder (having a PE in India), as shown by the system of the Income-tax Department, is "specified person", TDS would be deductible at twice the normally applicable rate or 5%, whichever is higher.

Further, if owing to non-availability of PAN of a shareholder who is a "specified person" under section 206AB of the Act, the provisions of section 206AA are also applicable, TDS would be deductible at the rate applicable under section 206AA or under section 206AB of the Act, whichever is higher.

In the cases of resident shareholders, if PAN of a shareholder is not updated, it shall be assumed that the shareholder is a "specified person" for the purpose of section 206AB of the Act and TDS would be regulated accordingly.

Thus, if a non-resident shareholder, who is otherwise liable for higher TDS under Section 206AB, submits a duly signed and verified declaration confirming that he/she does not have a PE in India, the provisions of Section 206AB would not come into play and TDS would be deductible at the normally applicable rate. In absence of such a declaration, TDS would be regulated as per the provisions of section 206AB of the Act.

### C. Transferring credit to the beneficial owner

In cases where the shareholder is merely a custodian of the shares and, accordingly, not the beneficial owner of the dividend payable in respect thereof, then, in order to transfer the credit of TDS to the beneficial owner of dividend income, the custodian may provide a declaration prescribed by Rule 37BA of the Income-tax Rules, 1962. The aforesaid declaration shall contain

- i. Name, address, PAN and residential status of the person to whom credit is to be given;
- ii. Payment in relation to which credit is to be given; and
- iii. The reason for giving credit to such person.

#### D. <u>Submission of application-for non/lower deduction of TDS</u>

The shareholders are required-to submit an application to the Company for non-deduction of TDS or deduction of TDS at a lower rate by providing the following document/s to the company:

### (a) Resident Shareholders

Category of shareholder	Documentation requirement
Mutual Fund	Documentary evidence that the person is covered under the provisions of Section 196 of the Act along with self- attested copy of PAN card and registration certificate.
Insurance Company	Self-declaration that the shareholder has full beneficial interest with respect to the shares owned by it along with self-attested copy of PAN card and copy of registration certificate issued by the IRDAI.
Alternative Investment Fund (AIF)	Self-declaration that the person is covered by Notification No. 51/2015 dated 25th June 2015 and established as Category I or Category II AIF under the SEBI regulations along with self-attested copy of PAN card and registration certificate issued by SEBI.
Government (Central/State)	Documentary evidence that the person, being a Government is covered under Section 196 of the Act.
Any other entity entitled to exemption from TDS under section 10 of the Act Other resident Individual shareholder	Valid self-attested documentary evidence (e.g., copy of the relevant registration, notification, order, etc.) in support of the entity being entitled to TDS exemption.  - Duly verified Form 15G applicable to an individual who is less than 60 years (Annexure-1) or
	Form 15H ( <b>Annexure-2</b> ) applicable to an Individual who is 60 years and above along with the copy of self-attested PAN.
	- Certificate obtained from prescribed authority under Section 197 of the Act. (TAN to be used for this purpose – <b>DELO07879E</b> )

### (b) Non-resident shareholders

Category of shareholder	Documentation requirement
FPIs and FIIs	Update/Verify the PAN and legal entity status as per the
	Act, if not already done, with the depositories. Provide
	declaration whether the investment in shares has been
	made under the general FDI route or under the FPI route.
Any entity entitled to	Valid self-attested documentary evidence (e.g., copy of
exemption from TDS	the relevant registration, notification, order, etc. by Indian
	tax authorities) in support of the entity being entitled to
	exemption from TDS.
Other non-resident	- Self-attested copy of the PAN allotted by the Indian
shareholders	Income-tax authorities, if any;

As per Section 90 of the Act, the non-resident shareholder has the option to be governed by the provisions of the Double Tax Avoidance Treaty between India and the country of tax residence of the shareholder, if they are more beneficial to them. For this purpose, i.e., to avail Tax Treaty benefits, the non-resident shareholders will have to provide the following-

- -Self-attested copy of valid Tax Residency Certificate (TRC) obtained from the tax authorities of the country of which the shareholder is a resident;
- In case details required in form 10F are not mentioned in TRC, Copy of **Form 10F electronically** filed on the website of Income Tax Department.
- -Self-declaration from non-resident, primarily covering the following: -
- (i) The non-resident is eligible to claim the benefit of respective Tax Treaty;
- (ii) The non-resident receiving the dividend income is the beneficial owner of such income;
- (iii) Dividend income is not attributable/effectively connected to any Permanent Establishment (PE) or Fixed Base in India, if any, of the non-resident;
- (iv) The non-resident complies with any other condition prescribed in the relevant Tax Treaty and provisions under the Multilateral Instrument ('MLI');
- (v) The non-resident does not have a place of effective management in India.
- (vi) Application of the beneficial rate of Tax Treaty for TDS is at the discretion of the company and shall depend upon completeness of the documentation and review of the same by the Company.

The non-resident shareholders may also submit Certificate obtained from prescribed authority under section 195/197 of the Indian Income Tax Act (TAN to be used for this purpose –**DELO07879E**).

The above referred documents duly completed and signed are required to be uploaded on **or before the November 22, 2024** on the link: <a href="https://ongc.taxosmart.com/login.jsp.">https://ongc.taxosmart.com/login.jsp.</a> If any issue is encountered in opening the above link, the requisite documentation may be e-mailed to <a href="mailto:tds\_ongc@ongc.co.in">tds\_ongc@ongc.co.in</a> by quoting your Name, Folio number/DEMAT Account No. (DP and Client ID both), Number of shares and PAN details, for Interim dividend for FY 2024-25 in order to enable the Company to determine and deduct appropriate TDS / withholding tax. Any further communication in this regard may be addressed to:

#### The Company Secretary,

Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Plot No. 5A-5B, Nelson Mandela Road, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi – 110 070; Email Id: tds\_ongc@ongc.co.in

Hence, to enable us to provide DTAA benefits (wherever available) for the purpose of deduction of TDS on dividend, the above documents should be submitted proposed on or before **November 22, 2024**. No communication on the tax determination/ deduction shall be entertained in respect of the dividend declared after the above time limit.

#### E. Limitation of liability against such TDS deducted

In case of any income tax demand (including interest, penalty, etc.) arising from any misrepresentation, inaccuracy or omission of information provided / to be provided by the shareholder(s), such shareholder(s) will be responsible to indemnify the Company and also, provide the Company with all information / documents and co-operation in any appellate proceedings.

#### F. Summary

To sum up, dividend will be paid after deducting TDS at the following rates: -

Sl. No.	Category of shareholder	Rate of TDS
(i)	Resident individual shareholder receiving dividend up	Nil
	to ₹.5,000/- (during a financial year) or in case where	
	duly signed Form 15G / Form 15H (as applicable)	
	along with self-attested copy of the PAN card is	
	submitted by the shareholder.	
(ii)	Resident shareholder (not covered under (i) above)	10%
	who is having a valid, operative PAN as per section	
	139AA and not a "specified person" as per section	
	206AB having a valid PAN.	
(iii)	Resident shareholder (not covered under (i) above) not	20%
	having a valid PAN or having an inoperative PAN as	
	per section 139AA and/or is a "specified person" as per	
	section 206AB.	
(iv)	Non-resident shareholder who is not a "specified	20% (plus
	person" as per section 206AB.	applicable
		surcharge and

		health and education cess)
(v)	Non-resident shareholder who is a "specified person" as per section 206AB.	40% (plus applicable surcharge and health and education cess)
(vi)	A resident shareholder who submits a certificate under Section 197 or non-resident shareholder who submits a certificate under Section 195/197 of the Act, (including those mentioned in Circular No. 18/2017 issued by CBDT)	As per the directions of the certificate, along with copy of statement-cum declaration in Form no.1

All communications/queries in this respect should be addressed and sent through link mentioned above.

Shareholders may note further that, in case the tax on dividend is deducted at a higher rate owing to non-receipt or incompleteness of the aforementioned details/ documents, refund of such excess TDS can be claimed by filing revised Return of Income for the relevant assessment year under the provisions of the Act.

TDS Certificates in prescribed forms would be issued to the shareholders through e-mails only. Hence, the e-mail IDs, PAN and other KYC details may be got updated with Registrar and Share Transfer Agents in case shares are held in physical mode and with Depository Participant in case shares are held in demat mode to ensure receipt of TDS certificate(s) in a timely manner. In case PAN is not registered /updated, TDS would be deducted at a higher rate even overall TDS received during the FY is less than the threshold limit of ₹ 5000/-

#### i) Updation of PAN with Depository Participant.

The shareholders are advised to update their PAN with the Depository Participant, if shares are held in DEMAT form.

#### ii) Updation of PAN with Registrar and Share Transfer Agent.

The shareholders holding shares in physical mode are advised to update their PAN with the Registrar and Share Transfer Agent (RTA) of the Company. The address of RTA the Company is as under:

#### **Alankit Assignments Ltd**

Alankit House, 4E/2, Jhandewalan Extension, New Delhi – 110055, Telephone: 91-11- 4254 1234/ 1960, Fax: 91- 11-42541201/ 23552001,

E-mail: jksingla@alankit.com; rta@alankit.com

The amount of TDS deducted from dividend can also be viewed and checked by shareholders from Form 26AS and Annual Information System by logging on to the e-filing portal of the Income-tax Department at <a href="https://www.incometax.gov.in/iec/foportal/">https://www.incometax.gov.in/iec/foportal/</a>

#### Regards

Sd/-(Rajni Kant) Company Secretary

Disclaimer: This document does not purport to be an exhaustive document covering all the facets of TDS on dividend nor the same constitutes tax or legal advice. In view of the fact that, TDS/income-tax implication on dividend income in a particular case depends on specific facts of the case, each investor is advised to consult his/her tax advisors in this regard.

#### **INCOME-TAX RULES, 1962**

#### <sup>1</sup>FORM NO. 15G

[See section 197A(1), 197A(1A) and rule 29C]

# Declaration under section 197A(1) and section 197A(1A) to be made by an individual or a person (not being a company or firm) claiming certain incomes without deduction of tax

#### PART I

1. Name of Assessee (Declarant)				2. PAN of the Assessee <sup>1</sup>								
3. Stati	us²		. Previous year(P.Y.) <sup>3</sup> for which declaration is being m				5. Residential Status <sup>4</sup>			Status <sup>4</sup>		
6. Flat/	Door/Block No.	No. 7. Name of Premises			8. R	.oad/Street/L	ane	9.	Area/Locality			
10. Tov	wn/City/District		11. S	tate			12.	PIN		13	3. Email	
14. Telephone No. (with STD 15 (a) Whether asses Code) and Mobile No. Income-tax Act, 1961				ax under the	Ye	s	No					
				(b) If	yes	, latest asses	sment	year for which	ı assessed			
16. Est	imated income f	or wh	ich thi	s declar	atic	on		17. Estimated total income of the P.Y. in which income mentioned in column 16 to be included <sup>6</sup>				
18. Det	tails of Form No.	15G c	ther t	han this	for	m filed duri	ng the	previous year	if any			
	Total No. of For	m No.	15G fi	led		Aggrega	ite amo	ount of income	e for which	Forr	n No.15G filed	
19. Det	tails of income fo	or whi	ch the	declara	tior	n is filed						
	Identification nu investment/acc			evant	1	Nature of inc	come Section under which tax Amount of inco			Amount of income		
Signature of the Declarar  Declaration/Verification  *I/We							*my/our knowl-/We declare that any other person e that the tax *on column 16 *and ed in accordance on					
Date:							Signati	ure	of the Declarant <sup>9</sup>			

<sup>1.</sup> Substituted by IT (Fourteenth Amdt.) Rules 2015, w.e.f. 1-10-2015. Earlier Form No. 15G was inserted by the IT (Fifth Amdt.) Rules, 1982, w.e.f. 21-6-1982 and later on amended by the IT (Fifth Amdt.) Rules, 1989, w.r.e.f. 1-4-1988, IT (Fourteenth Amdt.) Rules, 1990, w.e.f. 20-11-1990 and IT (Twelfth Amdt.) Rules, 2002, w.e.f. 21-6-2002 and substituted by the IT (Eighth Amdt.) Rules, 2003, w.e.f. 9-6-2003 and IT (Second Amdt.) Rules, 2013, w.e.f. 19-2-2013.

#### PART II

## [To be filled by the person responsible for paying the income referred to in column 16 of Part I]

1. Name of the person re	esponsible for paying		2. Unique Identification No."			
3. PAN of the person responsible for paying	4. Complete Address		5. TAN of the pers	son responsible for paying		
6. Email	7. Telephone No. (with S	TD Cod	e) and Mobile No.	8. Amount of in come paid 12		
9. Date on which Declaration is received (DD/MM/YYYY)			10. Date on which the income has been paid/credited (DD/MM/YYYY)			
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\*Delete whichever is not applicable.

Date: .....

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<sup>1</sup>As per provisions of section 206AA(2), the declaration under section 197A(1) or 197A(1A) shall be invalid if the declarant fails to furnish his valid Permanent Account Number (PAN).

Signature of the person responsible for paying

the income referred to in column 16 of Part I

<sup>2</sup>Declaration can be furnished by an individual under section 197A(1) and a person (other than a company or a firm) under section 197A(1A).

<sup>3</sup>The financial year to which the income pertains.

 $^4$ Please mention the residential status as per the provisions of section 6 of the Income-tax Act, 1961.

<sup>5</sup>Please mention "Yes" if assessed to tax under the provisions of Income-tax Act, 1961 for any of the assessment year out of six assessment years preceding the year in which the declaration is filed.

<sup>6</sup>Please mention the amount of estimated total income of the previous year for which the declaration is filed including the amount of income for which this declaration is made.

In case any declaration(s) in Form No. 15G is filed before filing this declaration during the previous year, mention the total number of such Form No. 15G filed along with the aggregate amount of income for which said declaration(s) have been filed.

<sup>8</sup>Mention the distinctive number of shares, account number of term deposit, recurring deposit, National Savings Schemes, life insurance policy number, employee code, etc.

Indicate the capacity in which the declaration is furnished on behalf of a HUF, AOP, etc.

<sup>10</sup>Before signing the declaration/verification, the declarant should satisfy himself that the information furnished in this form is true, correct and complete in all respects. Any person making a false statement in the declaration shall be liable to prosecution under section 277 of the Income-tax Act, 1961 and on conviction be punishable-

- (i) in a case where tax sought to be evaded exceeds twenty-five lakh rupees, with rigorous imprisonment which shall not be less than six months but which may extend to seven years and with fine;
- (ii) in any other case, with rigorous imprisonment which shall not be less than three months but which may extend to two years and with fine.

<sup>11</sup>The person responsible for paying the income referred to in column 16 of Part I shall allot a unique identification number to all the Form No. 15G received by him during a quarter of the financial year and report this reference number along with the particulars prescribed in

rule 31A(4)(*vii*) of the Income-tax Rules, 1962 in the TDS statement furnished for the same quarter. In case the person has also received Form No.15H during the same quarter, please allot separate series of serial number for Form No.15G and Form No.15H.

<sup>12</sup>The person responsible for paying the income referred to in column 16 of Part I shall not accept the declaration where the amount of income of the nature referred to in sub-section (1) or sub-section (1A) of section 197A or the aggregate of the amounts of such income credited or paid or likely to be credited or paid during the previous year in which such income is to be included exceeds the maximum amount which is not chargeable to tax. For deciding the eligibility, he is required to verify income or the aggregate amount of incomes, as the case may be, reported by the declarant in columns 16 and 18.

#### <sup>1</sup>FORM NO. 15H

[See section 197A(1C) and rule 29C]

## Declaration under section 197A(1C) to be made by an individual who is of the age of sixty years or more claiming certain incomes without deduction of tax.

#### **PART I**

1. Name	. Name of Assessee (Declarant)  2. Permanent Account Number or Aadhaar Number of the Assessee			er or Aadhaar	3. Date of Birth <sup>2</sup> (DD/MM/YYYY)					
4. Previous year(P.Y.) <sup>3</sup> (for which declaration is being made)			5. 1	5. Flat/Door/Block No.			6. Name of Premises			
7. Road/	Street	/Lane	8. Area/L	ocality	У	9. Town/City/Distr	ict	10. State	e	
11. PIN		12. Ema	il		13. Telephone No. (wit			th STD Code) and Mobile No.		
14 (a) Whether assessed to tax <sup>4</sup> :						Yes	8	No		
(b) If yes	s, lates	st assessr	nent year f	or whi	ich a	assessed		1		
15. Estir	nated	income f	or which th	is dec	lara	ntion is made				
16. Estimated total income of the P.Y. in which income										
mentioned in column 15 to be include			uded <sup>5</sup>	ded <sup>5</sup>						
17. Deta	ils of	Form No	.15H other	than t	this	form filed for the pro-	evious y	ear, if any	<sub>y</sub> 6	
Total No	o. of F	orm No.	15H filed	Aggre	egat	e amount of income	for which	ch Form N	No.15H filed	
18. Details of income for which the declaration is filed										
Sl.	Ide		ntification number of Nature of income					n under	Amount of income	
No. relevant			7			which tax is deductible				
	investment/account, etc. <sup>7</sup>					aeat	ıcııbie			

Signature of the Declarant

<sup>1.</sup> Substituted by the IT (Fourteenth Amdt.) Rules, 2015, w.e.f. **1-10-2015**. Earlier Form No. 15H was amended by the IT (Fifth Amdt.) Rules, 1982, w.e.f. 21-6-1982, IT (Fifth Amdt.) Rules, 1989, w.r.e.f. 1-4-1988, IT (Fourteenth Amdt.) Rules, 1990, w.e.f. 20-11-1990, IT (Twelfth Amdt.) Rules, 1992, w.e.f. 1-6-1992, IT (Seventh Amdt.) Rules, 1995, w.e.f. 1-7-1995, IT (Thirty-second Amdt.) Rules, 1999, w.e.f. 19-11-1999, IT (Twelfth Amdt.) Rules, 2002, w.e.f. 21-6-2002, IT (Eighth Amdt.) Rules, 2003, w.e.f. 9-6-2003, IT (Fourteenth Amdt.) Rules, 2003, w.e.f. 1-8-2003 and IT (Second Amdt.) Rules, 2013, w.e.f. 19-2-2013.

Declaration/Verification ©
I do hereby declare that I am resident in India within the
meaning of section 6 of the Income-tax Act, 1961. I also hereby declare that to the best of my
knowledge and belief what is stated above is correct, complete and is truly stated and that the
incomes referred to in this form are not includible in the total income of any other person under
sections 60 to 64 of the Income-tax Act, 1961. I further declare that the tax on my estimated total
income including *income/incomes referred to in column 15 *and aggregate amount of
*income/incomes referred to in column 17 computed in accordance with the provisions of the
Income-tax Act, 1961, for the previous year ending on relevant to the
assessment year will be <i>nil</i> .
Place:
Date:Signature of the Declarant

#### **PART II**

## [To be filled by the person responsible for paying the income referred to in column 15 of Part I]

1. Name of the person re	esponsible for paying		2. Unique Id	entification No. <sup>9</sup>
3. Permanent Account Number or Aadhaar Number of the person responsible for paying	4. Complete Address	SS		5. TAN of the person responsible for paying
6. Email	7. Telephone No. and Mobile No.	(with	8. Amount of income paid 10	
9. Date on which Declaration is received (DD/MM/YYYY)				the income has been /MM/YYYY)
Place:		•••••	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	
Date:		Signa		rson responsible for paying the Terred to in column 15 of Part I

\*Delete whichever is not applicable.

- 1. As per provisions of section 206AA(2), the declaration under section 197A(1C) shall be invalid if the declarant fails to furnish his valid Permanent Account Number or Aadhaar Number.
- 2. Declaration can be furnished by a resident individual who is of the age of 60 years or more at any time during the previous year.
- 3. The financial year to which the income pertains.
- 4. Please mention "Yes" if assessed to tax under the provisions of Income-tax Act, 1961 for any of the assessment year out of six assessment years preceding the year in which the declaration is filed.
- 5. Please mention the amount of estimated total income of the previous year for which the declaration is filed including the amount of income for which this declaration is made.
- 6. In case any declaration(s) in Form No. 15H is filed before filing this declaration during the previous year, mention the total number of such Form No. 15H filed along with the aggregate amount of income for which said declaration(s) have been filed.
- 7. Mention the distinctive number of shares, account number of term deposit, recurring deposit, National Savings Schemes, life insurance policy number, employee code, etc.
- 8. Before signing the declaration/verification, the declarant should satisfy himself that the information furnished in this form is true, correct and complete in all respects. Any person making a false statement in the declaration shall be liable to prosecution under section 277 of the Income-tax Act, 1961 and on conviction be punishable—

- (i) in a case where tax sought to be evaded exceeds twenty-five lakh rupees, with rigorous imprisonment which shall not be less than six months but which may extend to seven years and with fine;
- (ii) in any other case, with rigorous imprisonment which shall not be less than three months but which may extend to two years and with fine.
- 9. The person responsible for paying the income referred to in column 15 of Part I shall allot a unique identification number to all the Form No. 15H received by him during a quarter of the financial year and report this reference number along with the particulars prescribed in rule 31A(4)(vii) of the Income-tax Rules, 1962 in the TDS statement furnished for the same quarter. In case the person has also received Form No.15G during the same quarter, please allot separate series of serial number for Form No.15H and Form No.15G.
- 10. The person responsible for paying the income referred to in column 15 of Part I shall not accept the declaration where the amount of income of the nature referred to in section 197A(1C) or the aggregate of the amounts of such income credited or paid or likely to be credited or paid during the previous year in which such income is to be included exceeds the maximum amount which is not chargeable to tax after allowing for deduction(s) under Chapter VI-A, if any, or set off of loss, if any, under the head "income from house property" for which the declarant is eligible. For deciding the eligibility, he is required to verify income or the aggregate amount of incomes, as the case may be, reported by the declarant in columns 15 and 17.

<sup>1</sup>[**Provided** that such person shall accept the declaration in a case where income of the assessee, who is eligible for rebate of income-tax under section 87A, is higher than the income for which declaration can be accepted as per this note, but his tax liability shall be nil after taking into account the rebate available to him under the said section 87A.]

<sup>1.</sup> Inserted by Income-tax (4th Amendment) Rules, 2019, w.e.f. 22-5-2019.