

Finance Act 1975

Section 12 - Amendment of Section 80j

In section 80J of the Income-tax Act, -

(a) in sub-section (1), the following proviso shall be inserted at the end with effect from the 1st day of April, 1976, namely :-

Provided that in relation to the profits and gains derived by an assessee, being a company, from an industrial undertaking which begins to manufacture or produce articles or to operate its cold storage plant or plants after the 31st day of March, 1976, or from a ship which is first brought into use after that date, or from the business of a hotel which starts functioning after that date, the provisions of this sub-section shall have effect as if for the words "six per cent.", the words "seven and a half per cent." had been substituted.;

(b) in sub-section (4), -

(i) in clause (ii), the words and brackets "a building (not being a building taken on rent or lease)," shall be omitted with effect from the 1st day of April, 1976;

(ii) in clause (iii), for the words "twenty-eight years", the words "thirty-three years" shall be substituted;

(iii) the following proviso and Explanations shall be inserted at the end with effect from the 1st day of April, 1976, namely :-

"Provided further that, where any building or any part thereof previously used for any purpose is transferred to the business of the industrial undertaking, the value of the building or part so transferred shall not be taken into account in computing the capital employed in the industrial undertaking.

Explanation 1 : For the purposes of clause (ii) of this sub-section, any machinery or plant which was used outside India by any person other than the assessee shall not be regarded as machinery or plant previously used for any purpose, if the following conditions are fulfilled, namely :-

(a) such machinery or plant was not, at any time, previous to the date of the installation by the assessee, used in India;

(b) such machinery or plant is imported into India from any country outside India; and

(c) no deduction on account of depreciation in respect of such machinery or plant has been allowed or is allowable under the provisions of the Indian Income-tax Act, 1922 (11 of 1922), or this Act in computing the total income of any person for any period prior to the date of the installation of the machinery or plant by the assessee.

Explanation 2 : Where in the case of an industrial undertaking, any machinery or plant or any part thereof previously used for any purpose is transferred to a new business and the total value of the machinery or plant or part so transferred does not exceed twenty per cent. of the total value of the machinery or plant used in the business, then, for the purposes of clause (ii) of this sub-section, the condition specified therein shall be deemed to have been complied with and the total value of the machinery or plant or part so transferred shall not be taken into account in computing the capital employed in the industrial undertaking.";

(c) in sub-section (5), in clause (iii), for the words "twenty-eight years", the words "thirty-three years" shall be substituted;

(d) in sub-section (6), -

(i) for clause (a), the following clause shall be substituted, namely :-

"(a) the business of the hotel is not formed by the splitting up, or the reconstruction, of a business already in existence or by the transfer to a new business of a building previously used as a hotel or of any machinery or plant previously used for any purpose;"

(ii) after clause (d), the following clause shall be inserted, namely :-

"(e) the business of the hotel starts functioning on or after the 1st day of April, 1961, but before the 1st day of April, 1981;"

(iii) for the Explanation, the following Explanation shall be substituted, with effect from the 1st day of April, 1976, namely :-

"Explanation : Where in the case of the business of a hotel, any building, or any part thereof, previously used as a hotel, or any machinery or plant, or any part thereof, previously used for any purpose, is transferred to a new business and the total value of the building, machinery or plant or part so transferred does not exceed twenty per cent. of the total value of the building, machinery or plant used in the business, then, for the purposes of clause (a) of this sub-section, the condition specified therein shall be deemed to have been complied with and the total value of the building, machinery or plant or part so transferred shall not be taken into account in computing the capital employed in the business of the hotel.";

(e) after sub-section (6), the following sub-sections shall be inserted with effect from the 1st day of April, 1976, namely :-

(6A) Where the assessee is a person other than a company or a co-operative society, the deduction under sub-section (1) from profits and gains derived from an industrial undertaking shall not be admissible unless the accounts of the industrial undertaking for the previous year relevant to the assessment year for which the deduction is claimed have been audited by an accountant, as defined in the Explanation below sub-section (2) of section 288, and the assessee furnishes, along with his return of income, the report of such audit in the prescribed form duly signed and verified by such accountant.

(6B) Where any goods held for the purposes of the business of the industrial undertaking or the hotel or the operation of the ship are transferred to any other business carried on by the assessee, or where any goods held for the purposes of any other business carried on by the assessee are transferred to the business of the industrial undertaking or the hotel or the operation of the ship and, in either case, the consideration, if any, for such transfer as recorded in the accounts of the business of the industrial undertaking or the hotel or the operation of the ship does not correspond to the market value of such goods as on the date of the transfer, then, for the purposes of the deduction under this section, the profits and gains of the industrial undertaking or the business of the hotel or the operation of the ship shall be computed as if the transfer, in either case, had been made at the market value of such goods as on that date :

Provided that where, in the opinion of the Income-tax Officer, the computation of the profits and gains of the industrial undertaking or the business of the hotel or the operation of the ship in the manner hereinbefore specified presents exceptional difficulties, the Income-tax Officer may compute such profits and gains on such reasonable basis as he may deem fit.

Explanation : In this sub-section, "market value", in relation to any goods, means the price that such goods would ordinarily fetch on sale in the open market.

(6C) Where it appears to the Income-tax Officer that, owing to the close connection between the assessee carrying on the business of the industrial undertaking or the hotel or the operation of the ship to which this section applies and any other person, or for any other reason, the course of business between them is so arranged that the business transacted between them produces to the assessee more than the ordinary profits which might be expected to arise in the business of the industrial undertaking or the hotel or the operation of the ship, the Income-tax Officer shall, in computing the profits and gains of the industrial undertaking or the hotel or the ship for the purposes of the deduction under this section, take the amount of profits as may be reasonably deemed to have been derived therefrom.

