

A Study OnThe Determination Of Taxable Income And The Income Tax Liability Of An Individual InIndia (With reference to the Assessment Years 2022-23 and 2023-24)

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Abstract:

The computation of taxable income and tax liability in India is governed by a separate Act called Income Tax Act, 1961. Hence all persons who want to compute their taxable income and plan savings in their income tax liability for each financial year, should be aware of this Act and the various rules and regulations made there under.As the law itself has given concessions from the gross taxable income of various assessesin the form of investments made in various avenues like paying insurance premium, investing in shares of companies or units mutual funds or buying national saving certificates or kisan VikasPatras etc., the tax payers can plan their investments in order to reduce their income tax liability.

Key words: income, income tax, taxable income, tax liability, assesses and taxes.

Introduction: A tax is a statutory charge made by the government on the public. Taxes are levied by the government for public spending in general by the nation. Since taxes are statutory charges, the public cannot oppose to pay, since they are compulsory payments imposed by the government. Taxes are levied by the governments for providing indirect benefit to the community but not for reciprocating the benefits against the taxes paid by individual taxpayers. Taxes are levied by the governments with the main objectives like generation of the revenue, for implementing public welfare activities and for balanced regional development etc., Taxes are of two types one is direct taxes (ie., the taxpayer himself bare the tax burden. At present only Income Tax, corporate tax and professional tax alone prevalent) and the second is indirect taxes(these are the taxes where the taxpayer is one person and the person who bears the burden is another person, now there are only two indirect taxes they are customs law and GST law).

The constitution of India gave authority to levy taxes to centre(examples of taxes charged by the Union includes Income tax, GST, Customs duty etc.), state governments(examples of

taxes imposed by the state government includes agricultural income tax, professional tax, state excise duty etc.) and also local authorities (examples includes Municipal tax, property tax water tax etc.,)

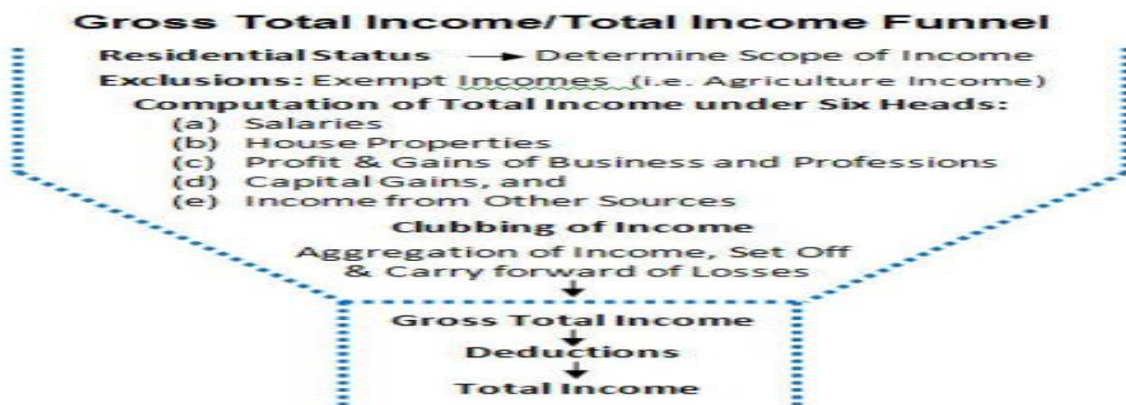
Determination of tax liability:It is calculated as under:

Determination of Residential status and scope of total income: Since the tax is levied on total income which depends on residential status which depends upon his stay period in India during the previous year, based which the individual can be either an ordinary resident or not ordinarily resident or non-resident. The scope of income varies depends upon on the residential status.

- 1. Identification of incomes:** The incomes to be identified as exempted incomes and non-exempted incomes. Exempted incomes mean the incomes which are completely exempt from income tax. These exempted incomes are covered by Sec.10 for example agricultural income, and share of profits of a partner, certain incomes may be partly exempted for instance children education allowance or children hostel allowance etc.,
- 2. Classification of taxable incomes into five heads:** All the taxable incomes of the assessee are bifurcated into 5 heads i.e., salaries, house property, business, and other sources etc.,
- 3. Computation of taxable income:** Income of an individual must be computed in respect of each head by considering the charging sections, various deductions allowable. The incomes under the remaining heads must be computed by following various provisions of relevant sections of Income Tax Act, 1961.
- 4. Clubbing of Incomes:** Since the taxation system in India is progressive the higher income people will divert or transfer a part of their income to minor child or spouse or son's wife etc., to reduce their tax liability. The clubbing provisions have inserted to prevent such transfer of incomes or assets. Hence, if the individual has made any transfer of incomes to such spouse or minor etc., they have to be adjusted through the effect of these clubbing provisions.
- 5. Set off and carry forward of losses:** While computing the taxable income, the loss from one source is allowed to be adjusted i.e., set off against the income under the same head which is called inter source adjustment. For example loss from one business can be adjusted against the profit from another business. In the same way after computing the taxable incomes under all the five heads, the losses from one head

of income can be adjusted against the profits of another head of income. This is called inter head adjustment. If the current year's incomes are not sufficient to adjust the current year's losses, then such unabsorbed current year losses can be carried forwarded to subsequent years to adjust.

6. **Computation of gross total income:** The GTI of an individual is the sum of his or her income for the previous year under all or any of the five heads of income. These incomes chargeable under all heads must be calculated. After calculating incomes taxable under various heads, the clubbing of income provisions has to be applied after that the set off and carry forward of losses effects have to be given. The sum of all incomes after giving the effects of clubbing of incomes and set off losses is called GTI.
7. **Computation of net total income or net taxable income:** Net total income is nothing but the gross total income less various deductions available u/s.80C to 80U. Hence in order to get the net total income the assesses have to subtract various deductions covered by Chapter VIA. The following are the some of the deductions applicable to resident individual assesses- Sec.80C, 80CCC, 80CCD deduction on investments, Sec.80D deduction for medical insurance premia paid, Sec.80DD deduction for rehabilitation of handicapped dependent relative, Sec.80DDB deduction for medical expenditure of self of dependent relative, Sec.80G deductions for donations made, Sec.80GG deduction for rent paid by an individual neither having a house nor recipient of HRA, Sec.80GGA for donation to scientific research & rural development, Sec.80GGC for contribution given to a political party, sec.80 RRB, 80QQB for royalty incomes, Sec.80TTA for interest income on savings bank deposits, Sec.80TTB interest from deposits held by senior citizens and Sec.80U deduction for persons suffering from physical disability, etc., The computation of net total income can be explained with the following diagram.



Source: <https://abcaus.in/articles/income-tax/gross-total-income.html>

Statement showing computation of taxable income of Mr.X for the Assessment Year 2021-22

(a) Income from Salaries			
Salary/Bonus/Commission, etc.	_____		
Taxable Allowance	_____		
Value of Taxable perquisites	_____		
Gross Salary		_____	
Less: Deductions under section 16		_____	
Net taxable income from Salary			_____
(b) Income from House Property			
Net annual value of House Property		_____	
Less: Deductions under section 24		_____	
Income from House Property			_____
(c) Profit and Gains of Business and Profession			
Net profit as per P & L Account		_____	
Less/Add: Adjustments required to be made to the profit as per provisions of Income-tax Act.		_____	
Net Profit and Gains of Business and Profession			_____
(d) Capital Gains			
Capital Gains as computed		_____	
Less: exemptions under section 54/54B/54D, etc.		_____	
Income from Capital Gains			_____
(e) Income from Other Sources			
Gross Income		_____	
Less: Deductions		_____	
Net Income from Other Sources			_____
Gross Total Income [(a) + (b) + (c) + (d) + (e)]			_____
Less: Deduction available under Chapter VIA (Sections 80C to 80U)			_____
Total Income			_____

Source: <https://incometaxmanagement.com>

8. Computation of tax liability of Individuals: Slab rates:

AGE GROUP

< 60

For Individual (resident or non-resident) less than 60 years of age anytime during the previous year:

Existing Tax Regime		New Tax Regime u/s 115BAC	
Income Tax Slab	Income Tax Rate	Income Tax Slab	Income Tax Rate
Up to ₹ 2,50,000	Nil	Up to ₹ 2,50,000	Nil
₹ 2,50,001 - ₹ 5,00,000	5% above ₹ 2,50,000	₹ 2,50,001 - ₹ 5,00,000	5% above ₹ 2,50,000
₹ 5,00,001 - ₹ 10,00,000	₹ 12,500 + 20% above ₹ 5,00,000	₹ 5,00,001 - ₹ 7,50,000	₹ 12,500 + 10% above ₹ 5,00,000
Above ₹ 10,00,000	₹ 1,12,500 + 30% above ₹ 10,00,000	₹ 7,50,001 - ₹ 10,00,000	₹ 37,500 + 15% above ₹ 7,50,000
		₹ 10,00,001 - ₹ 12,50,000	₹ 75,000 + 20% above ₹ 10,00,000
		₹ 12,50,001 - ₹ 15,00,000	₹ 1,25,000 + 25% above ₹ 12,50,000
		Above ₹ 15,00,000	₹ 1,87,500 + 30% above ₹ 15,00,000

Source: <https://www.incometax.gov.in/iec/foportal/help/individual/return-applicable-1>

60+

Existing Tax Regime		New Tax Regime u/s 115BAC	
Income Tax Slab	Income Tax Rate	Income Tax Slab	Income Tax Rate
Up to ₹ 3,00,000	Nil	Up to ₹ 2,50,000	Nil
₹ 3,00,001 - ₹ 5,00,000	5% above ₹ 3,00,000	₹ 2,50,001 - ₹ 5,00,000	5% above ₹ 2,50,000
₹ 5,00,001 - ₹ 10,00,000	₹ 10,000 + 20% above ₹ 5,00,000	₹ 5,00,001 - ₹ 7,50,000	₹ 12,500 + 10% above ₹ 5,00,000
Above ₹ 10,00,000	₹ 1,10,000 + 30% above ₹ 10,00,000	₹ 7,50,001 - ₹ 10,00,000	₹ 37,500 + 15% above ₹ 7,50,000
		₹ 10,00,001 - ₹ 12,50,000	₹ 75,000 + 20% above ₹ 10,00,000
		₹ 12,50,001 - ₹ 15,00,000	₹ 1,25,000 + 25% above ₹ 12,50,000
		Above ₹ 15,00,000	₹ 1,87,500 + 30% above ₹ 15,00,000

Source: <https://www.incometax.gov.in/iec/foportal/help/individual/return-applicable-1>

AGE GROUP

80+

For Individual (resident or non-resident) 80 years of age or more anytime during the previous year:

Existing Tax Regime		New Tax Regime u/s 115BAC	
Income Tax Slab	Income Tax Rate	Income Tax Slab	Income Tax Rate
Up to ₹ 5,00,000	Nil	Up to ₹ 2,50,000	Nil
₹ 5,00,001 - ₹ 10,00,000	20% above ₹ 5,00,000	₹ 2,50,001 - ₹ 5,00,000	5% above ₹ 2,50,000
Above ₹ 10,00,000	₹ 1,00,000 + 30% above ₹ 10,00,000	₹ 5,00,001 - ₹ 7,50,000	₹ 12,500 + 10% above ₹ 5,00,000
		₹ 7,50,001 - ₹ 10,00,000	₹ 37,500 + 15% above ₹ 7,50,000
		₹ 10,00,001 - ₹ 12,50,000	₹ 75,000 + 20% above ₹ 10,00,000
		₹ 12,50,001 - ₹ 15,00,000	₹ 1,25,000 + 25% above ₹ 12,50,000
		Above ₹ 15,00,000	₹ 1,87,500 + 30% above ₹ 15,00,000

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- 9. Rebate under section 87A:** It is given if total income is Rs.5,00,000 or below Rs.5,00,000. Or If tax payable is Rs.12,500 or less. It is applicable even to senior citizens whose age limit is in between 60 and 80 years.
- 10. Surcharge:** It is an additional charge levied on persons having high earnings. It is levied @10% of the tax payable as calculated through above slab rates on the incomes in between Rs.50,00,000 to Rs.1 crore. It is levied @15% if income is in between Rs. 1crore to Rs.2 crore. It is levied @25% if income is in between Rs. 2crore to Rs.5 crore. and it is 37% if the taxable income exceeds Rs.5 crore.
- 11. Managerial Relief:** It is the relief from the surcharge. It means the surcharge shall not exceed the amount of Rs.50,00,000 or 1 crore, or 2 crore, or Rs.5 crore.
- 12. Health and Education Cess:** It is 4% on tax payable + surcharge. Payable by all persons including individuals.If a person is not liable to pay income tax, he need not pay this health and education cess for instance, the income of an individual below the basic exemption limit for example annual taxable income below the limits of Rs.2,50,000 or Rs.3,00,000 or Rs.5,00,000 respectively for the resident individuals whose age is less than 60 years, or senior citizens or super senior citizens respectively.

Conclusion: The tax liability of individuals depends upon their taxable incomes, rebate u/s.87A and their age limit because the maximum income exempt limit for the individuals having lower than sixty years is Rs.2,50,000, but it is Rs.3,00,000 for senior citizens and it is Rs.5,00,000 for super senior citizens. The surcharge also defers on taxable incomes of various assesses.

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