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**Circular No. 6 of 2017-20 Dated 16th Feb 2018**

**Dear Comrades,**

**Re: TAX EXEMPTIONS/ CONCESSIONS TO SENIOR CITIZENS**

**IN UNION BUDGET 2018-2019**

We give below the text of Circular Letter No.2018/16 dated 10th February 2018 issued by Shri S.C.Jain, General Secretary, A.I.B.R.F. for information.

“Finance Minister has announced some significant concessions/ exemptions to the senior citizens while presenting union budget for 2018-2019. The following are worth noting.

INTEREST INCOME FROM BANKS: Exemption of interest income on deposits with banks and post offices to be increased from Rs. 10,000 to Rs. 50,000.

1. TDS EXEMPTION: TDS not required to be deducted under section 194A. Benefit also available for interest from all fixed deposit schemes and recurring deposit schemes. (Section 194A: For quick and efficient collection of taxes, the Income tax Law has incorporated system of deduction of tax at the point of generation of income. This system is called “Tax Deducted at Source” normally known as TDS. Under this system, tax is deducted at the point of origination of income. Tax is deducted by the payer and the same is directly remitted to the Government by the payer on behalf of the payee.) In other words, starting from 01.04.2018, no TDS will be deducted from interest income by banks in case of senior citizens , if interest accrued or paid is within Rs.50000/- per year.
2. Hike in deduction limit for health insurance premium and/ or medical expenditure from Rs. 30,000 to Rs. 50,000 under section 80D.
3. Increase in deduction limit for medical expenditure for certain critical illness from Rs. 60,000 (in case of senior citizens) and from Rs. 80,000 (in case of very senior citizens) to Rs. 1 lakh for all senior citizens, under section 80DDB.
4. Proposed to extend Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana up to March, 2020. Current investment limit proposed to be increased to Rs. 15 lakh from the existing limit of Rs. 7.5 lakh per senior citizen.
5. Standard deduction of Rs 40,000 for pensioners

2. As advised you earlier, while writing on FRDI issue to FM vide our letter dated 18.12.2017 AIBRF had given suggestion to increase exemption limit on interest income from existing Rs. 10000 to Rs. 50000 to senior citizens to provide much needed relief to this group. We are indeed happy that our suggestion has been favorably considered by the FM.

3. The above concessions / exemptions will reduce tax liability of senior citizen (including bank retirees ) from Rs. 9000 to Rs. 27000 p.a. and per family Rs. 18000 to Rs. 54000 p.a. if spouse is also tax payer. We welcome these announcements and convey our thanks to the Finance Minister for this positive gesture towards senior citizens. “

MEETING OF OFFICERS AT PATIALA

Monthly meeting of SBOPROA Patiala unit was held yesterday at 31 New Green Park Colony Patiala. Dr Rajesh Chowdhry BAMS MD PhD Ayurveda healing, Diagnosis & prognosis by pulse, gave lecture & a powerful message on "Unfolding Secrets of Ayurveda" in the jam packed hall of our Bhawan. More than 100 officers participated and we'll received the health message given by Dr Choudhry who along With his team members Dr Dr Vashuda Bhandari from Panchkula and Dr Sushma Sharma Pta also examined few individual  officers who had submitted their form "Apni Parkirti Jane".  Officers Congratulated and thanked Sh BC Bassi our Gen Sec & Sh VK Aggarwal Project Coordinator for arranging such a useful talk. Birthday of Feb born members was celebrated.Calenders for 2018 given to those who did not get the same earlier. KS Sandhu Vice President.

With greetings

Yours sincerely,

B.C.Bassi

General Secretary