

Income of Other Persons Included in Assessee's Total Income

Question 1

Mr. A holds shares carrying 25% voting power in X (P) Ltd. Mrs. A is working as a computer software programmer in X (P) Ltd. at a salary of ₹ 30,000 p.m. She is, however, not qualified for the job. The other income of Mr. A & Mrs. A are ₹ 7,00,000 & ₹ 4,00,000, respectively. Compute the gross total income of Mr. A and Mrs. A for the A.Y.2023-24, assuming that they do not opt for section 115BAC.

Will your answer be different if Mrs. A was qualified for the job?

[SM Q.]

Answer 1

Mr. A holds shares carrying 25% voting power in X (P) Ltd i.e., a substantial interest in the company. His wife is working in the same company without any professional qualifications for the same. Thus, by virtue of the clubbing provisions of the Act, the salary received by Mrs. A from X (P) Ltd. will be clubbed in the hands of Mr. A.

Computation of Gross total income of Mr. A

Particulars	₹	₹
Salary received by Mrs. A (₹30,000 × 12)	3,60,000	
Less: Standard deduction under section 16(ia)	50,000	3,10,000
Other Income		7,00,000
Gross total income		10,10,000

The gross total income of Mrs. A is ₹ 4,00,000.

If Mrs. A possesses professional qualifications for the job, then the clubbing provisions shall not be applicable.

Gross total income of Mr. A = ₹ 7,00,000 [other income].

Gross total income of Mrs. A = Salary received by Mrs. A [₹ 30,000 × 12]

Less ₹ 50,000, being the standard deduction under section 16(ia) plus other income [₹ 4,00,000] = ₹ 7,10,000

Question 2

Mr. B holds shares carrying 30% voting power in Y (P) Ltd. Mrs. B is working as accountant in Y (P) Ltd. getting income under the head salary (computed) of ₹ 3,44,000 without any qualification in accountancy. Mr. B also receives ₹ 30,000 as interest on securities. Mrs. B owns a house property which she has let out. Rent received from tenants is ₹ 6,000 p.m. Compute the gross total income of Mr. B and Mrs. B for the A.Y.2023-24.

[SM Q.]

Answer 2

Since Mrs. B is not professionally qualified for the job, the clubbing provisions shall be applicable.

Computation of Gross total income of Mr. B

Particulars	₹
Income under the head salary of Mrs. B (Computed)	3,44,000
Income from other sources	
- Interest on securities	30,000
	3,74,000

Computation of Gross total income of Mrs. B

Particulars	₹	₹
Income from Salary [clubbed in the hands of Mr. B]		Nil
Income from house property		
Gross Annual Value [₹ 6,000 × 12]	72,000	
Less: Municipal taxes paid	-	
Net Annual Value (NAV)	72,000	
Less: Deductions under section 24		
- 30% of NAV i.e., 30% of ₹ 72,000	21,600	
- Interest on loan	-	50,400
Gross total income		50,400

Question 3

Mr. Vaibhav started a proprietary business on 01.04.2021 with a capital of ₹ 5,00,000. He incurred a loss of ₹ 2,00,000 during the year 2021-22. To overcome the financial position, his wife Mrs. Vaishaly, a software Engineer, gave a gift of ₹ 5,00,000 on 01.04.2022, which was immediately invested in the business by Mr. Vaibhav. He earned a profit of ₹ 4,00,000 during the year 2022-23. Compute the amount to be clubbed in the hands of Mrs. Vaishaly for the Assessment Year 2023- 24. If Mrs. Vaishaly gave the said amount as loan, what would be the amount to be clubbed? **[SM Q.]**

Answer 3

Section 64(1)(iv) of the Income-tax Act, 1961 provides for the clubbing of income in the hands of the individual, if the income earned is from the assets (other than house property) transferred directly or indirectly to the spouse of the individual, otherwise than for adequate consideration or in connection with an agreement to live apart.

In this case, Mr. Vaibhav received a gift of ₹ 5,00,000 on 1.4.2022 from his wife Mrs. Vaishaly, which he invested in his business immediately. The income to be clubbed in the hands of Mrs. Vaishaly for the A.Y. 2023-24 is computed as under:

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Particulars	Mr. Vaibhav's capital contribution (₹)	Capital contribution out of gift from Mrs. Vaishaly (₹)	Total (₹)
Capital as on 1.4.2022	3,00,000	5,00,000	8,00,000
Profit for P.Y.2022-23 to be apportioned on the basis of capital employed on the first day of the previous year i.e. as on 1.4.2022 (3:5)	(5,00,000 – 2,00,000) 1,50,000 $\left(4,00,000 \times \frac{3}{8}\right)$	2,50,000 $\left(4,00,000 \times \frac{5}{8}\right)$	4,00,000

Therefore, the income to be clubbed in the hands of Mrs. Vaishaly for the A.Y.2023-24 is ₹ 2,50,000.

Question 4

Mrs. Kasturi transferred her immovable property to ABC Co. Ltd. subject to a condition that out of the rental income, a sum of ₹ 36,000 per annum shall be utilized for the benefit of her son's wife.

Mrs. Kasturi claims that the amount of ₹ 36,000 (utilized by her son's wife) should not be included in her total income as she no longer owned the property.

Examine with reasons whether the contention of Mrs. Kasturi is valid in law. [SM Q.]

Answer 4

The clubbing provisions under section 64(1)(viii) are attracted in case of transfer of any asset, directly or indirectly, otherwise than for adequate consideration, to any person to the extent to which the income from such asset is for the immediate or deferred benefit of son's wife. Such income shall be included in computing the total income of the transferor-individual.

Therefore, income of ₹ 36,000 meant for the benefit of daughter-in-law is chargeable to tax in the hands of transferor i.e., Mrs. Kasturi in this case.

The contention of Mrs. Kasturi is, hence, not valid in law.

Note - In order to attract the clubbing provisions under section 64(1)(viii), the transfer should be otherwise than for adequate consideration. In this case, it is presumed that the transfer is otherwise than for adequate consideration and therefore, the clubbing provisions are attracted. Moreover, the provisions of section 56(2)(x) would also get attracted in the hands of ABC Co Ltd., if the conditions specified thereunder are satisfied.

If it is presumed that the transfer was for adequate consideration, the provisions of section 64(1)(viii) would not be attracted.

Question 5

Mr. A has three minor children – two twin daughters, aged 12 years, and one son, aged 16 years. Income of the twin daughters is ₹ 2,000 p.a. each and that of the son is ₹ 1,200 p.a. Mrs. A has transferred her flat to her minor son on 1.4.2022 out of natural love and affection. The flat was let out on the same date and the rental income from the flat is ₹ 10,000 p.m. Compute the income, in respect of minor children, to be included in the hands of Mr. A and Mrs. A u/s 64(1A) (assuming that Mr. A's total income is higher than Mrs. A's total income, before including the income of minor children). [SM Q.]

Answer 5

Taxable income, in respect of minor children, in the hands of Mr. A is:

Particulars	₹	₹
Twin minor daughters [$₹ 2,000 \times 2$]	4,000	
Less: Exempt under section 10(32) [$₹ 1,500 \times 2$]	3,000	1,000
Minor son	1,200	
Less: Exempt under section 10(32)	1,200	Nil
Income to be clubbed in the hands of Mr. A		1,000

Note – As per section 27(i), Mrs. A is the deemed owner of house property transferred to her minor son. Natural love and affection do not constitute adequate consideration for this purpose. Accordingly, the income from house property of ₹ 84,000 [i.e., ₹ 1,20,000 (-) ₹ 36,000, being 30% of ₹ 1,20,000] would be taxable directly in her hands as the deemed owner of the said property. Consequently, clubbing provisions under section 64(1A) would not be attracted in respect of income from house property, owing to which exemption u/s 10(32) cannot be availed by her.

Question 6

Compute the gross totale income of Mr. & Mrs. A from the following information:

	Particulars	₹
(a)	Salary income (computed) of Mrs. A	2,30,000
(b)	Income from profession of Mr. A	3,90,000
(c)	Income of minor son B from company deposit	15,000
(d)	Income of minor daughter C from special talent	32,000
(e)	Interest from bank received by C on deposit made out of her special talent	3,000
(f)	Gift received by C on 30.09.2022 from friend of Mrs. A	2,500

Brief working is sufficient. Detailed computation under various heads of income is not required. **[SM Q.]**

Answer 6

As per the provisions of section 64(1A) of the Income-tax Act, 1961, all the income of a minor child has to be clubbed in the hands of that parent whose total income (excluding the income of the minor) is greater. The income of Mr. A is ₹ 3,90,000 and income of Mrs. A is ₹ 2,30,000. Since the income of Mr. A is greater than that of Mrs. A, the income of the minor children have to be clubbed in the hands of Mr. A. It is assumed that this is the first year when clubbing provisions are attracted.

Income derived by a minor child from any activity involving application of his/her skill, talent, specialised knowledge and experience is not to be clubbed. Hence, the income of minor child C from exercise of special talent will not be clubbed.

However, interest from bank deposit has to be clubbed even when deposit is made out of income arising from application of special talent.

The Gross Total Income of Mrs. A is ₹ 2,30,000. The total income of Mr. A giving effect to the provisions of section 64(1A) is as follows:

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Computation of gross total income of Mr. A for the A.Y. 2023-24

Particulars	₹	₹
Income from profession		3,90,000
Income of minor son B from company deposit	15,000	
Less: Exemption under section 10(32)	1,500	13,500
Income of minor daughter C		
From special talent – not to be clubbed	-	
Interest from bank	3,000	
Gift of ₹ 2,500 received from a non-relative is not taxable under section 56(2)(x) being less than the aggregate limit of ₹ 50,000	Nil	
	3,000	
Less : Exemption under section 10(32)	1,500	1,500
Gross Total Income		4,05,000

Question 7

Mr. Vasudevan gifted a sum of ₹ 6 lakhs to his brother's wife on 14-6-2022. On 12-7-2022, his brother gifted a sum of ₹ 5 lakhs to Mr. Vasudevan's wife. The gifted amounts were invested as fixed deposits in banks by Mrs. Vasudevan and wife of Mr. Vasudevan's brother on 01-8-2022 at 9% interest. Examine the consequences of the above under the provisions of the Income-tax Act, 1961 in the hands of Mr. Vasudevan and his brother. [SM Q.]

Answer 7

In the given case, Mr. Vasudevan gifted a sum of ₹ 6 lakhs to his brother's wife on 14.06.2022 and simultaneously, his brother gifted a sum of ₹ 5 lakhs to Mr. Vasudevan's wife on 12.07.2022. The gifted amounts were invested as fixed deposits in banks by Mrs. Vasudevan and his brother's wife. These transfers are in the nature of cross transfers. Accordingly, the income from the assets transferred would be assessed in the hands of the deemed transferor because the transfers are so intimately connected to form part of a single transaction and each transfer constitutes consideration for the other by being mutual or otherwise.

If two transactions are inter-connected and are part of the same transaction in such a way that it can be said that the circuitous method was adopted as a device to evade tax, the implication of clubbing provisions would be attracted. It was so held by the Apex Court in Keshavji Morarji (1967).

Accordingly, the interest income arising to Mrs. Vasudevan in the form of interest on fixed deposits would be included in the total income of Mr. Vasudevan and interest income arising in the hands of his brother's wife would be taxable in the hands of Mr. Vasudevan's brother as per section 64(1), to the extent of amount of cross transfers i.e., ₹ 5 lakhs.

This is because both Mr. Vasudevan and his brother are the indirect transferors of the income to their respective spouses with an intention to reduce their burden of taxation.

However, the interest income earned by his spouse on fixed deposit of ₹ 5 lakhs alone would be included in the hands of Mr. Vasudevan's brother and not the interest income on the entire fixed deposit of ₹ 6 lakhs, since the cross transfer is only to the extent of ₹ 5 lakhs.

Question 8

Mr. Sharma has four children consisting 2 daughters and 2 sons. The annual income of 2 daughters were ₹ 9,000 and ₹ 4,500 and of sons were ₹ 6,200 and ₹ 4,300, respectively. The daughter who has income of ₹ 4,500 was suffering from a disability specified under section 80U.

Compute the amount of income earned by minor children to be clubbed in hands of Mr. Sharma. [SM Q.]

Answer 8

As per section 64(1A), in computing the total income of an individual, all such income accruing or arising to a minor child shall be included. However, income of a minor child suffering from disability specified under section 80U would not be included in the income of the parent but would be taxable in the hands of the minor child. Therefore, in this case, the income of daughter suffering from disability specified under section 80U should not be clubbed with the income of Mr. Sharma.

Under section 10(32), income of each minor child includible in the hands of the parent under section 64(1A) would be exempt to the extent of the actual income or ₹ 1,500, whichever is lower. The remaining income would be included in the hands of the parent.

Computation of income earned by minor children to be clubbed with the income of Mr. Sharma:

	Particulars	₹
(i)	Income of one daughter	9,000
	Less: Income exempt under section 10(32)	1,500
	Total (A)	7,500
(ii)	Income of two sons (₹ 6,200 + ₹ 4,300)	10,500
	Less: Income exempt under section 10(32)	
	(₹ 1,500 + ₹ 1,500)	3,000
	Total (B)	7,500
	Total Income to be clubbed as per section 64(1A) (A+B)	15,000

Note: It has been assumed that:

- (1) All the four children are minor children;
- (2) The income does not accrue or arise to the minor children on account of any manual work done by them or activity involving application of their skill, talent or specialized knowledge and experience;
- (3) The income of Mr. Sharma, before including the minor children's income, is greater than the income of Mrs. Sharma, due to which the income of the minor children would be included in his hands; and
- (4) This is the first year in which clubbing provisions are attracted.

Question 9

During the previous year 2022-23, the following transactions occurred in respect of Mr. A.

- (a) Mr. A had a fixed deposit of ₹ 5,00,000 in Bank of India. He instructed the bank to credit the interest on the deposit @ 9% from 1-4-2022 to 31-3-2023 to the savings bank account of Mr. B, son of his brother, to help him in his education.

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- (b) Mr. A holds 75% profit share in a partnership firm. Mrs. A received a commission of ₹ 25,000 from the firm for promoting the sales of the firm. Mrs. A possesses no technical or professional qualification.
- (c) Mr. A gifted a flat to Mrs. A on April 1, 2022. During the previous year 2022- 23, Mrs. A's "Income from house property" (computed) was ₹ 52,000 from such flat.
- (d) Mr. A gifted ₹ 2,00,000 to his minor son who invested the same in a business and he derived income of ₹ 20,000 from the investment.
- (e) Mr. A's minor son derived an income of ₹ 20,000 through a business activity involving application of his skill and talent.

During the year, Mr. A got a monthly pension of ₹ 10,000. He had no other income. Mrs. A received salary of ₹ 20,000 per month from a part time job.

Examine the tax implications of each transaction and compute the total income of Mr. A, Mrs. A and their minor child assuming they do not wish to opt for section 115BAC. [SM Q.]

Answer 9

Computation of total income of Mr. A, Mrs. A and their minor son for the A.Y. 2023-24

Particulars	Mr. A (₹)	Mrs. A (₹)	Minor Son (₹)
Income under the head "Salaries"			
Salary income (of Mrs. A)	-	2,40,000	-
Pension income (of Mr. A) (₹ 10,000×12)	1,20,000	-	-
Less: Standard deduction under section 16(ia)	50,000	50,000	-
	70,000	1,90,000	-
Income from House Property [See Note (3) below]	52,000	-	-
Income from other sources			
Interest on Mr. A's fixed deposit with Bank of India (₹ 5,00,000×9%) [See Note (1) below]	45,000	-	-
Commission received by Mrs. A from a partnership firm, in which Mr. A has substantial interest [See Note (2) below]	25,000	70,000	-
Income before including income of minor son under section 64(1A)	1,92,000	1,90,000	-
Income of the minor son from the investment made in the business out of the amount gifted by Mr. A [See Note (4) below]	18,500	-	-
Income of the minor son through a business activity involving application of his skill and talent [See Note (5) below]	-	-	20,000
Total Income	2,10,500	1,90,000	20,000

Notes:

- (1) As per section 60, in case there is a transfer of income without transfer of asset from which such income is derived, such income shall be treated as income of the transferor. Therefore, the fixed deposit interest of ₹ 45,000 transferred by Mr. A to Mr. B shall be included in the total income of Mr. A.
- (2) As per section 64(1)(ii), in case the spouse of the individual receives any amount by way of income from any concern in which the individual has substantial interest (i.e. holding shares carrying at least 20% voting power or entitled to at least 20% of the profits of the concern), then, such income shall be included in the total income of the individual. The only exception is in a case where the spouse possesses any technical or professional qualifications and the income earned is solely attributable to the application of her technical or professional knowledge and experience, in which case, the clubbing provisions would not apply.

In this case, the commission income of ₹ 25,000 received by Mrs. A from the partnership firm has to be included in the total income of Mr. A, as Mrs. A does not possess any technical or professional qualification for earning such commission and Mr. A has substantial interest in the partnership firm as he holds 75% profit share in the firm.

- (3) According to section 27(i), an individual who transfers any house property to his or her spouse otherwise than for adequate consideration or in connection with an agreement to live apart, shall be deemed to be the owner of the house property so transferred. Hence, Mr. A shall be deemed to be the owner of the flat gifted to Mrs. A and hence, the income arising from the same shall be computed in the hands of Mr. A.

Note: The provisions of section 56(2)(x) would not be attracted in the hands of Mrs. A, since she has received immovable property without consideration from a relative i.e., her husband.

- (4) As per section 64(1A), the income of the minor child is to be included in the total income of the parent whose total income (excluding the income of minor child to be so clubbed) is greater. Further, as per section 10(32), income of a minor child which is includible in the income of the parent shall be exempt to the extent of ₹ 1,500 per child.

Therefore, the income of ₹ 20,000 received by minor son from the investment made out of the sum gifted by Mr. A shall, after providing for exemption of ₹ 1,500 under section 10(32), be included in the income of Mr.

A, since Mr. A's income of ₹ 1,92,000 (before including the income of the minor child) is greater than Mrs. A's income of ₹ 1,90,000. Therefore, ₹ 18,500 (i.e., ₹ 20,000 - ₹ 1,500) shall be included in Mr. A's income. It is assumed that this is the first year in which clubbing provisions are attracted.

Note—The provisions of section 56(2)(x) would not be attracted in the hands of the minor son, since he has received a sum of money exceeding ₹ 50,000 without consideration from a relative i.e., his father.

- (5) In case the income earned by the minor child is on account of any activity involving application of any skill or talent, then, such income of the minor child shall not be included in the income of the parent, but shall be taxable in the hands of the minor child.

Therefore, the income of ₹ 20,000 derived by Mr. A's minor son through a business activity involving application of his skill and talent shall not be clubbed in the hands of the parent. Such income shall be taxable in the hands of the minor son.

Question 10

Mr. A has gifted a house property valued at ₹ 50 lakhs to his wife, Mrs. B, who in turn has gifted the same to Mrs. C, their daughter-in-law. The house was let out at ₹ 25,000 per month throughout the year. Compute the total income of Mr. A and Mrs. C. Will your answer be different if the said property was gifted to his son, husband of Mrs. C? [SM Q.]

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Answer 10

As per section 27(i), an individual who transfers otherwise than for adequate consideration any house property to his spouse, not being a transfer in connection with an agreement to live apart, shall be deemed to be the owner of the house property so transferred.

Therefore, in this case, Mr. A would be the deemed owner of the house property transferred to his wife Mrs. B without consideration.

As per section 64(1)(vi), income arising to the son's wife from assets transferred, directly or indirectly, to her by an individual otherwise than for adequate consideration would be included in the total income of such individual.

Income from let-out property is ₹ 2,10,000 [i.e., ₹ 3,00,000, being the actual rent calculated at ₹ 25,000 per month less ₹ 90,000, being deduction under section 24@30% of ₹ 3,00,000]

In this case, income of ₹ 2,10,000 from let-out property arising to Mrs. C, being Mr. A's son's wife, would be included in the income of Mr. A, applying the provisions of section 27(i) and section 64(1)(vi). Such income would, therefore, not be taxable in the hands of Mrs. C.

In case the property was gifted to Mr. A's son, the clubbing provisions under section 64 would not apply, since the son is not a minor child. Therefore, the income of ₹ 2,10,000 from letting out of property gifted to the son would be taxable in the hands of the son.

It may be noted that the provisions of section 56(2)(x) would not be attracted in the hands of the recipient of house property, since the receipt of property in each case was from a "relative" of such individual. Therefore, the stamp duty value of house property would not be chargeable to tax in the hands of the recipient of immovable property, even though the house property was received by her or him without consideration.

Question 11

A proprietary business was started by Smt. Rani in the year 2020. As on 1.4.2021 her capital in business was ₹ 3,00,000.

Her husband gifted ₹ 2,00,000 on 10.4.2021 to her and such sum is invested by Smt. Rani in her business on the same date. Smt. Rani earned profits from her proprietary business for the Financial year 2021-22, ₹ 1,50,000 and Financial year 2022-23 ₹ 3,90,000. Compute the income, to be clubbed in the hands of Rani's husband for the Assessment year 2023-24 with reasons. [SM Q.]

Answer 11

Section 64(1) of the Income-tax Act, 1961 provides for the clubbing of income in the hands of the individual, if the income earned is from the assets transferred directly or indirectly to the spouse of the individual, otherwise than for adequate consideration. In this case Smt. Rani received a gift of ₹ 2,00,000 from her husband which she invested in her business. The income to be clubbed in the hands of Smt. Rani's husband for A.Y.2023-24 is computed as under:

Particulars	Smt. Rani's Capital Contribution	Capital Contribution Out of gift from husband	Total
	₹	₹	₹
Capital as at 1.4.2021	3,00,000	-	3,00,000
Investment on 10.04.2021 out of gift received from her husband		2,00,000	2,00,000
	3,00,000	2,00,000	5,00,000

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Particulars	Smt. Rani's Capital Contribution	Capital Contribution Out of gift from husband	Total
	₹	₹	₹
Profit for F.Y. 2021-22 to be apportioned on the basis of capital employed on the first day of the previous year i.e., on 1.4.2021	1,50,000		1,50,000
Capital employed as at 1.4.2022	4,50,000	2,00,000	6,50,000
Profit for F.Y.2022-23 to be apportioned on the basis of capital employed as at 1.4.2022 (i.e., 45 : 20)	2,70,000	1,20,000	3,90,000

Therefore, the income to be clubbed in the hands of Smt. Rani's husband for A.Y.2023-24 is ₹ 1,20,000.

Question 12

Mr. B is the Karta of a HUF, whose members derive income as given below:

	Particulars	₹
(i)	Income from B' s profession	45,000
(ii)	Mrs. B' s salary as fashion designer	76,000
(iii)	Minor son D (interest on fixed deposits with a bank which were gifted to him by his uncle)	10,000
(iv)	Minor daughter P's earnings from sports	95,000
(v)	D's winnings from lottery (gross)	1,95,000

Examine the tax implications in the hands of Mr. and Mrs. B.

[SM Q.]

Answer 12

Clubbing of income and other tax implications

As per the provisions of section 64(1A), in case the marriage of the parents subsist, the income of a minor child shall be clubbed in the hands of the parent whose total income, excluding the income of the minor child to be clubbed, is greater. In this problem, it has been assumed that the marriage of Mr. B and Mrs. B subsists.

Further, in case the income arises to the minor child on account of any manual work done by the child or as a result of any activity involving application of skill, talent, specialized knowledge or experience of the child, then, the same shall not be clubbed in the hands of the parent.

Tax implications

- (i) Income of ₹ 45,000 from Mr. B's profession shall be taxable in the hands of Mr. B under the head "Profits and gains of business or profession".
- (ii) Salary of ₹ 26,000 (₹ 76,000 less standard deduction under section 16(ia) of ₹ 50,000) shall be taxable as "Salaries" in the hands of Mrs. B.
- (iii) Income from fixed deposit of ₹ 10,000 arising to the minor son D, shall be clubbed in the hands of the father, Mr. B as "Income from other sources", since Mr. B's income is greater than income of Mrs. B before including the income of the minor child.

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As per section 10(32), income of a minor child which is includible in the income of the parent shall be exempt to the extent of ₹ 1,500 per child. The balance income would be clubbed in the hands of the parent as "Income from other sources".

- (iv) Income of ₹ 95,000 arising to the minor daughter P from sports shall not be included in the hands of the parent, since such income has arisen to the minor daughter on account of an activity involving application of her skill.
- (v) Income of ₹ 1,95,000 arising to minor son D from lottery shall be included in the hands of Mr. B as "Income from other sources", since Mr. B's income is greater than the income of Mrs. B before including the income of minor child.

Note—Mr. B can reduce the tax deducted at source from such lottery income while computing his net tax liability.

Question 13

Rayaan gifted ₹ 15 lakhs to his wife, Sargam on her birthday on, 23rd February, 2022. Sargam lent ₹ 8,00,000 out of the gifted amount to Karuna on 1st April, 2022 for six months on which she received interest of ₹ 80,000. The said sum of ₹ 80,000 was invested in shares of a listed company on 5th October, 2022, which were sold for ₹ 96,000 on 28th March, 2023. Securities transactions tax was paid on purchase and sale of such shares. The balance amount of gift was invested on 1st April 2022, as capital by Sargam in her new business. She suffered loss of ₹ 52,000 in the business in Financial Year 2022-23.

In whose hands the above income and loss shall be included in Assessment Year 2023-24, assuming that capital invested in the business was entirely out of the funds gifted by her husband. Support your answer with brief reasons. [RTP M-20 Q.]

Answer 13

In computing the total income of any individual, there shall be included all such income as arises directly or indirectly, to the spouse of such individual from assets transferred directly or indirectly, to the spouse by such individual otherwise than for adequate consideration or in connection with an agreement to live apart.

Interest on loan: Accordingly, ₹ 80,000, being the amount of interest on loan received by Mrs. Sargam, wife of Mr. Rayaan, would be includible in the total income of Mr. Rayaan, since such loan was given out of the sum of money received by her as gift from her husband.

Loss from business: As per Explanation 2 to section 64, income includes loss. Thus, clubbing provisions would be attracted even if there is loss and not income.

Thus, the entire loss of ₹ 52,000 from the business carried on by Mrs. Sargam would also be includible in the total income of Mr. Rayaan, since as on 1st April 2022, the capital invested was entirely out of the funds gifted by her husband.

Short-term capital gain: Income from the accretion of the transferred asset is not liable to be included in the hands of the transferor and, therefore, short-term capital gain of ₹ 16,000 (₹ 96,000, being the sale consideration less ₹ 80,000, being the cost of acquisition) arising in the hands of Mrs. Sargam from sale of shares acquired by investing the interest income of ₹ 80,000 earned by her (from the loan given out of the sum gifted by her husband), would not be included in the hands of Mr. Rayaan. Thus, such income is taxable in the hands of Mrs. Sargam.

Question 14

Mr. Karan gifted a sum of ₹ 9 lakhs to his brother's minor son on 1-5-2022. On the same date, his brother gifted debentures worth ₹ 10 lakhs to Mrs. Karan. Son of Mr. Karan's brother invested the amount in fixed deposit with Canara Bank @ 9% p.a. interest and Mrs. Karan received interest of ₹ 81,000 on these debentures during the previous year 2022-23. Discuss the tax implications under the provisions of the Income-tax Act, 1961. [RTP N-20]

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Answer 14

In the given case, Mr. Karan gifted a sum of ₹ 9 lakhs to his brother's minor son on 1.5.2022 and simultaneously, his brother gifted debentures worth ₹ 10 lakhs to Mr. Karan's wife on the same date. Mr. Karan's brother's minor son invested the gifted amount of ₹ 9 lakhs in fixed deposit with Canara Bank.

These transfers are in the nature of cross transfers. Accordingly, the income from the assets transferred would be assessed in the hands of the deemed transferor because the transfers are so intimately connected to form part of a single transaction and each transfer constitutes consideration for the other by being mutual or otherwise.

If two transactions are inter-connected and are part of the same transaction in such a way that it can be said that the circuitous method was adopted as a device to evade tax, the implication of clubbing provisions would be attracted.

As per section 64(1A), all income of a minor child is includible in the hands of the parent, whose total income, before including minor's income is higher. Accordingly, the interest income arising to Mr. Karan's brother's son from fixed deposits would be included in the total income of Mr. Karan's brother, assuming that Mr. Karan's brother's total income is higher than his wife's total income, before including minor's income. Mr. Karan's brother can claim exemption of ₹ 1,500 under section 10(32).

Interest on debentures arising in the hands of Mrs. Karan would be taxable in the hands of Mr. Karan as per section 64(1)(iv).

This is because both Mr. Karan and his brother are the indirect transferors of the income to their spouse and minor son, respectively, with an intention to reduce their burden of taxation.

In the hands of Mr. Karan, interest received by his spouse on debentures of ₹ 9 lakhs alone would be included and not the entire interest income on the debentures of ₹ 10 lakhs, since the cross transfer is only to the extent of ₹ 9 lakhs.

Hence, only proportional interest (i.e., 9/10th of interest on debentures received) ₹ 72,900 would be includible in the hands of Mr. Karan.

The provisions of section 56(2)(x) are not attracted in respect of sum of money transferred or value of debentures transferred, since in both the cases, the transfer is from a relative.

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