## No. FS-13/7/2020-FS Government of India Ministry of Communications Department of Posts (F.S.Division)

Dak Bhawan New Delhi-110001 Dated: 15.09.2021.

To,

All Head of Circles/Regions,

Sub: - Deduction/Non-deduction of TDS in SCSS accounts in CBS post offices reg.

Sir/Madam,

This office is receiving various representations from the SCSS account holder(s) that CBS post offices are either not deducting TDS or deducting TDS even after submission of form 15G/15H or deduct TDS at the higher rate on SCSS interest payment.

- 2. It reflects that many post offices are not following prescribed procedure to configure TDS Deduction or non-deduction in Finacle in SCSS accounts.
- 3. In this connection, following guidelines in respect of TDS on SCSS accounts in Finacle are prescribed: -
  - CIF of SCSS account holders should be seeded with valid PAN and interest on SCSS account is taxable.
  - TDS code is configured in CIF level for SCSS account holders. It should be TDSNR/TDSNS only and not as NOTAX
  - Tax liability will be calculated based on the age of customer and interest payable for the financial year
  - Tax exemption is applicable only if the account is seeded with 15H/15G
  - TDS code NOTAX/TDSNR will be converted TDSNS on the date of customer reaching 60 years of age, by a batch process.
  - If PAN is invalid, TDS code will be converted as NOPNS by the batch process.
  - CBS post offices shall ensure that SCSS accounts are updated 15H/15G for customers whohave submitted form 15G/15H for current financial year.
  - Updation of form 15G/15H and PAN shall be done on or before 29<sup>th</sup> September 2021, as quarterly interest payout & TDS recovery will happen during EOD of 29/09/2021 (SCSCM / SCDEF / SCVRS accounts) and 30/09/2021 (SRSCM / SRDEF / SRVRS accounts).

- TDS recovery gets reported to CSI-GL on 30/09/2021 and refund will not be possible after 30/09/2021.
- 15H/15G should be updated for such accounts using CSCAM menu and verified without fail.
- Once 15H/15G is entered, tax category at account level will get updated to 'No Tax'.
- Tax recovery matrix is shown below:

Account level	TDS Recovery based on total interest payable for all the accounts under a CIF
TDS / No Tax	NIL (Incorrect as per rulings)
TDS	20%
No Tax (15H/15G)	NIL
TDS	20%
No Tax (15H/15G)	NIL
TDS	10% (if interest>10000 per annum)
No Tax (15H/15G)	NIL
TDS	10% (if interest>50000 per annum)
No Tax (15H/15G	NIL
	TDS / No Tax  TDS  No Tax (15H/15G)  TDS  No Tax (15H/15G)  TDS  No Tax (15H/15G)  TDS

- 4. While reviewing PAN attached with SCSS accounts in Finacle, it is observed that 18,494 PAN attached with SCSS accounts are invalid (list is attached for reference).
- 5. It is the responsibility of concerned CBS post office for updation of form 15G/15H and correct PAN. Quoting invalid PAN /wrong PAN may attract penalty u/s 272B of Income Tax Act-1961.
- 6. It is requested to circulate these guidelines to all CBS post offices for information, guidance and necessary action.
  - 7. This is issues with approval of the competent authority.

Yours Sincerely,

(Devendra Sharma)
Assistant Director (SB-II)