#### MINISTRY OF FINANCE

(Department of Revenue)

(CENTRAL BOARD OF DIRECT TAXES)

### **NOTIFICATION**

New Delhi, the 5th September, 2019

#### **INCOME-TAX**

- **S.O.** 3215(E).—In exercise of the powers conferred by the first proviso to clause (23C) of sub-section (1) of section 10 and clause (vi) of sub-section (5) of section 80G read with section 295 of the Income-tax Act, 1961 (43 of 1961), the Central Board of Direct Taxes hereby makes the following rules further to amend the Income-tax Rules, 1962, namely:—
- 1. Short title and commencement. (1) These rules may be called the Income-tax (6<sup>th</sup> Amendment) Rules, 2019.
  - (2) They shall come into force on the 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2019.
- 2. In the Income-tax Rules, 1962 (hereafter referred to as the principal rules), -
  - (i) for 'rules 2C and 2CA', the following rule shall be substituted, namely: —
  - "Application for the purpose of grant of approval for the exemption under sub-clause (iv), sub-clause (v), sub-clause (vi) and sub-clause (via) of clause (23C) of section 10.
  - 2C. (1) The prescribed authority under sub-clause (iv), sub-clause (v), sub-clause (vi) and sub-clause (via) of clause (23C) of section 10 shall be the Principal Commissioner or Commissioner whom the Central Board of Direct Taxes may authorise to act in this behalf.
  - (2) An application for grant of approval for the exemption under sub-clause (iv), sub-clause (vi) or sub-clause (via) of clause (23C) of section 10 to any fund or institution, any trust (including any other legal obligation) or institution, any university or other educational institution and any hospital or other institution (hereinafter referred to as 'the applicant') shall be made in Form No. 56 and shall be verified by the person who is authorised to verify the return of income under section 140, as applicable to the assesse.
  - (3) Form No. 56 shall be furnished electronically,
    - (i) under digital signature, if the return of income is required to be furnished under digital signature; or
    - (ii) through electronic verification code in a case not covered under clause (i).
  - (4) The Principal Director General of Income-tax (Systems) or the Director General of Income-tax (Systems), as the case may be, shall lay down the data structure, standards and procedure of furnishing and verification of Form No. 56 and shall be responsible for formulating and implementing appropriate security, archival and retrieval policies in relation to the said form so furnished."
    - (ii) for 'rule 11AA', the following rule shall be substituted, namely: —

## "Requirements for approval of an institution or fund under section 80G.

- **11AA** (1) For approval under clause (vi) of sub-section (5) of section 80G, the institution or fund (hereinafter referred to as 'the applicant') shall be required to file application in Form No 10G, which shall be verified by the person who is authorised to verify the return of income under section 140, as applicable to the assesse.
- (2) Form No 10G shall be furnished electronically, —
- (i) under digital signature, if the return of income is required to be furnished under digital signature; or
- (ii) through electronic verification code in a case not covered under clause (i).
- (3) The Principal Director General of Income-tax (Systems) or the Director General of Income-tax (Systems), as the case may be, shall lay down the data structure, standards and procedure of furnishing and verification of Form

No. 10G and shall be responsible for formulating and implementing appropriate security, archival and retrieval policies in relation to the said form so furnished.

- (4) The Principal Commissioner or Commissioner may call for such further documents or information from applicant or cause such inquiries to be made as he may deem necessary in order to satisfy himself about the genuineness of the activities of the applicant.
- (5) Where the Principal Commissioner or Commissioner is satisfied that all the conditions laid down in clauses (i) to (v) of sub-section (5) of section 80G are fulfilled by the applicant, he shall record such satisfaction in writing and grant approval under clause (vi) of sub-section (5) of section 80G.
- (6) Where the Principal Commissioner or Commissioner is satisfied that one or more of the conditions laid down in clauses (i) to (v) of sub-section (5) of section 80G are not fulfilled, he shall record the reasons in writing and reject the application for approval after giving the applicant an opportunity of being heard.
- (7) The order granting approval under clause (vi) of sub-section (5) of section 80G or rejecting the application shall be passed within the period of six months from the end of the month in which such application was received.".
- 3. In the principal rules, in Appendix II, -
  - (i) for 'Form 10G', the following Form shall be substituted, namely:

#### "FORM No. 10G

### (See rule 11AA)

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  - certificate of registration with Registrar of Companies/ Firms/ Societies/ Public Trusts etc, wherever applicable;
  - accounts and balance sheet (audited accounts and balance sheet along with the audit report, where audit is required under the relevant laws) for the preceding three previous years or since inception, whichever is less; along with a note on the activities as reflected in the accounts and the annual reports with special reference to the appropriation of income towards purposes of the applicant, if applicable;
  - (d) order granting approval under sub-clause (iv), sub-clause (v), sub-clause (vi) or sub-clause (via) of clause (23C) of section 10, as the case may be, if any;
  - (e) order granting registration under section 12A or section 12AA, as the case may be, if any;
  - order rejecting the application for grant of approval under section 80G, if any; (f)
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- 2. Note on the activities of the applicant.
- 3. Any other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_.";

(ii) for 'Form No 56', the following Form shall be substituted, namely: —

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# (See rule 2C)

Application for grant of the exemption under sub-clauses (iv), (v), (vi) and (via) of clause (23C) of section 10 of the Income-tax Act, 1961

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- 1. Self-certified copy of-
  - (a) the instrument/ document evidencing the creation or establishment of the fund or institution, trust, university or other educations institutions, hospital or other institutions, being the applicant, such as, memorandum of association, articles of association, trust deed, rules/ regulations of applicant and those of other institutions like schools, hospitals, etc., managed by the applicant, as applicable;
  - (b) certificate of registration with Registrar of Companies/ Firms/ Societies/ Public Trusts etc, wherever applicable;
  - (c) accounts and balance sheet (audited accounts and balance sheet along with the audit report, where audit is required under the relevant laws) for the preceding three previous years or since inception, whichever is less; along with a note on the activities as reflected in the accounts and the annual reports with special reference to the appropriation of income towards purposes of the applicant, if applicable;
  - (d) approval granted under sub-clause (iv), sub-clause (v), sub-clause (vi) or sub-clause (via) of clause (23C) of section 10, if any;
  - (e) order for cancelling the approval granted under sub-clause (iv), sub-clause (v), sub-clause (vi) or sub-clause (via) of clause (23C) of section 10, if any;
  - (f) order rejecting the application made earlier for grant of approval under sub-clause (iv), sub-clause (vi) or sub-clause (via) of clause (23C) of section 10, if any;

- (g) order granting registration under section 12A or section 12AA, as the case may be, if any;
- (h) order cancelling the registration granted under section 12A or section 12AA, if any;
- (i) order rejecting the application for grant of registration under section 12A or section 12AA, as the case may be, if any;
- (j) where the applicant has been granted approval under section 80G, self-certified copy of the order granting approval under section 80G; and
- (k) application in case applied for registration under section 12AA or for approval under section 80G, as applicable.
- 2. Note on the activities of the applicant.
- 3. Any other (Please specify) \_\_\_\_\_.
- (iii) Form No. 56D shall be omitted.

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**Note:** The principal rules were published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part-II, Section-3, Sub-section (ii) *vide* number S.O. 969 (E), dated the 26<sup>th</sup> March, 1962 and last amended *vide* notification number G.S.R No. 614(E) dated the 30th August, 2019.