DOUBLE TAXATION AVOIDANCE AGREEMENTS OF NEPAL

Synopsis of DTAA of Nepal with 11 countries

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Tax Avoidance is excused by law,
But not Tax Evasion.
Tax is the liability paid by each bread earner - Individual or corporate, which can’t be escaped legally. Every tax payer is subject to follow the taxation policy of the country of which s/he/it is resident of. However, many times the same income is taxed twice by the same government or by the different government which is termed as Double Taxation.

When a business earns profit, initially it is subject to be taxed as corporate tax paid by the company, and when the after tax profit generated is distributed to employees, it is again subjected to be taxed as income tax paid by the individuals. When the same income is subject to taxation by same government but by two different tax payers, it is Economic Double Taxation. Similarly, when a tax payer is resident of one country and earns income from the other, it becomes subject to tax liability for both the countries. Tax subjected to be paid twice by same taxpayer but to different government means Juridical Double taxation. Juridical double taxation is further classified as:

- Source based Jurisdiction: As per this taxation principle, importance is given to the source/country where income is generated. Individuals who are residents of one country can be earning income in other country. In such cases, the country which is providing opportunity and facility to generate income or profits should also have power/right to collect the tax.
- Residence based Jurisdiction: As per this principle, one is liable to pay tax in the home country regardless of source of income. If individual holds citizenship or if a corporation is incorporated/registered in a country, they are defined as resident of the country and are liable to pay tax to the country when income repatriated irrespective of its source country.

Expansion and Growth is a primary objective that any sort of sustainable business seeks today. Operating as an international company or working in an association of one of them is an easy step for the businesses. Simply, “Being Global” has become the most uttered word by each resident in this era of competition and development. But, when operating globally, the issue of juridical double taxation arises which demotivates corporations.

To avoid this issue of double taxation, governments sign an agreement with each other known as Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA) to ensure that tax is not paid twice in the same income. Both the governments agree to provide some exemptions, provide tax credits and lower the withholding taxes in different types of income earned by taxpayers whenever any business is done between them. However, the primary idea behind DTAA agreement is to boost up economic growth and minimize the opportunity for tax evasion for tax payers, as tax payers try to escape the burden of tax payments obliged to make in both the countries.
Nepal signed its first Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement with the neighboring country India way back in January 18, 1987. Prior to that, the provision of giving deduction in foreign tax already existed through the Income Tax Act, 1974 but the provision of foreign tax credit has been introduced through tax treaties with various countries thereafter.

After India, the second tax treaty was signed with Norway in 1996. Further, bilateral tax treaty has already been signed with other nine countries till date which are Thailand, Sri Lanka, Mauritius, Austria, China, Qatar, Bangladesh, Korea, and Pakistan, among which Bangladesh being the most recently agreed country i.e. on March, 2019. So, till date Nepal is in agreement with a total of 11 countries. As per the Inland Revenue Department (IRD) report, the negotiation work is in process with other countries like: Singapore, Malaysia, UK, and Oman.
**NEPAL – INDIA**

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**Incomes Covered**

- Direct use/ letting the immovable property, livestock & equipment.
- Business profits derived by enterprise.
- Operation of ships/aircraft or use, maintenance, rental of containers used for transport of goods, in international traffic.
- Associated enterprises.
- Dividend.
- Interest income from debt claims of every kind, whether secured or not.
- Royalties from copyright, patent, trade mark, design, plan, secret formula, etc.
- Capital gain from alienation of immovable/ movable property, ships/ containers, shares of capital stock of company.
- Independent and Dependent Personal services which includes any scientific, literary, artistic, educational, or teaching activities.
- Physicians, lawyers, engineers, architects, surgeons, dentists and accountants.
- Director’s fee.
- Artistes/ entertainer or sportsperson.
- Pensions and other similar remuneration.
- Government service rendered to the state/ subdivision/ authority.
- Professors, teachers and research scholars.
- Payments/ Income received by students for purpose of maintenance, education, training and any study related employment.
- Other Income in form of lotteries, crossword puzzles, races, card games, gambling/ betting.

**Dividends**

If taxed at source country it should not exceed:
- 5% of gross dividend if beneficial owner owns at least 10% shares of dividend paying company.
- 10% of gross dividend in all other cases.

**Interest**

If taxed at source country it should not exceed:
- 10% of gross interest.
- Exempted at source country, if interest arising in source country paid to government of other state.

**Royalties**

If taxed at source country it should not exceed 15% of gross royalties.

**Capital Gains**

- **Taxed at other state:** If gains derived by resident of contracting state from alienation of immovable property situated in other state or is part of permanent establishment in other state.
- **Taxed at contracting state:**
  - Gains derived by resident of contracting state, from alienation ships/ aircraft or movable property pertaining to operation of such ships/aircraft (except those containers used solely in other state).
  - Any all other gains derived by resident of contracting state.

**Double Taxation Relief / Tax Credit**

- Amount equal to income tax/ capital tax already paid in foreign country is allowed as tax credit against any income/ capital tax payable by resident in home country.
- As per law of home country, if resident is exempt from tax in home country, then when calculating tax on remaining income/capital, exempted income/capital can be taken into account and apply the tax rate applicable as if such income was not exempted.

**Other Taxation Procedure Covered**

- Non- Discrimination
- Mutual Agreement Procedure
- Exchange of Information
- Assistance in the Collection of Taxes
- Limitation of Benefits
- Diplomatic and Consular Officers
- Entry into Force
- Termination
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### Incomes Covered

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  - Operation of ships/aircraft or use, maintenance, rental of containers used for transport of goods, in international traffic.
  - Associated enterprises.
  - Dividend.
  - Interest income from debt claims of every kind, whether secured or not.
  - Royalties from copyright, patent, trade mark, design, plan, secret formula, etc.
  - Capital gain from alienation of immovable/ movable property and ships/ containers.
  - Independent and Dependent Personal services which includes any scientific, literary, artistic, educational, or teaching activities.
  - Physicians, lawyers, engineers, architects, surgeons, dentists and accountants.
  - Director’s fee.
  - Artistes/ entertainer or sportsmen.
  - Pensions, annuities and payment under social; security system.
  - Government service rendered to the state/ subdivision/ authority.
  - Payments/ Income received by students for purpose of maintenance, education, training and any study related employment.
  - Other Income in form of lotteries, crossword puzzles, races, card games, gambling/ betting.

### Dividends

- **If taxed at source country,** it should not exceed:
  - 5% of gross dividend if beneficial owner owns at least 25% shares of dividend paying company.
  - 10% of gross dividend, if at least 10% shares owned.
  - 15% of gross dividend in other cases.

### Interest

- **If taxed at source country,** it should not exceed:
  - 10%, if paid to bank carrying bonafide banking business.
  - 15% of gross interest in all other cases.

### Royalties

- **If taxed at source country,** it should not exceed 15% of gross royalties.

### Capital Gains

- **Taxed at other state:** If gains derived by resident of contracting state from alienation of immovable property situated in other state or is part of permanent establishment in other state.
- **Taxed at contracting state:** If gains derived by resident of contracting state, from alienation ships/ aircraft or movable property pertaining to operation of such ships/aircraft (except those containers used solely in other state). And any all other gains.

### Double Taxation Relief / Tax Credit

- Amount equal to income tax/ capital tax already paid in foreign country is allowed as tax credit against any income/ capital tax payable by resident in home country.
- As per law of home country, if resident is exempt from tax in home country, then when calculating tax on remaining income/capital, exempted income/capital can be taken into account and apply the tax rate applicable as if such income was not exempted.

### Other Taxation Procedure Covered

- Elimination of Double Taxation
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  - Business profits derived by enterprise.
  - Operation of ships/aircraft or use, maintenance, rental of containers used for transport of goods, in international traffic.
  - Associated enterprises.
  - Dividend.
  - Interest income from debt claims of every kind, whether secured or not.
  - Royalties from copyright, patent, trade mark, design, plan, secret formula, etc.
  - Capital gain from alienation of immovable/ movable property, ships/ containers, transfer of shares.
  - Independent and Dependent Personal services which includes any scientific, literary, artistic, educational, or teaching activities.
  - Physicians, lawyers, engineers, architects, surgeons, dentists and accountants.
  - Director’s fee.
  - Artistes/ entertainer or sportmen.
  - Pensions and other similar remuneration.
  - Government service rendered to the state/ subdivision/ authority.
  - Professors, teachers and research scholars.
  - Payments/ Income received by students for purpose of maintenance, education, training and any study related employment.
  - Other Income in form of lotteries, crossword puzzles, races, card games, gambling/ betting

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- If taxed at source country it should not exceed:
  - 10% of gross dividend, if at least 10% shares owned.
  - 15% of gross dividend in other cases.

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- 10% of gross interest if received by financial institution (including insurance).
- 15%, in other cases.

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**Double Taxation Relief / Tax Credit**

- Amount equal to income tax/ capital tax already paid in foreign country is allowed as tax credit against any income/ capital tax payable by resident in home country.
- If resident is exempt from tax in home country under its specific law/ provisions, then when calculating tax on remaining income/capital, exempted income/capital can be taken into account and apply the tax rate applicable as if such income was not exempted.

**Other Taxation Procedure Covered**

- Elimination of Double Taxation
- Non- Discrimination
- Mutual Agreement Procedure
- Exchange of Information
- Diplomatic agents and Consular Officers
- Entry into Force
- Termination
**NEPAL - QATAR**

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**Incomes Covered**

*Income or capital gain earned by/ as:*

- Direct use/ letting the immovable property, livestock & equipment.
- Business profits derived by enterprise.
- Operation of ships/aircraft or use, maintenance, rental of containers used for transport of goods, in international traffic.
- Associated enterprises.
- Dividend.
- Interest income from debt claims of every kind, whether secured or not.
- Royalties from copyright, patent, trade mark, design, plan, secret formula, etc.
- Capital gain from alienation of immovable/ movable property, ships/ containers, transfer of shares.
- Independent and Dependent Personal services which includes any scientific, literary, artistic, educational, or teaching activities.
- Physicians, lawyers, engineers, architects, surgeons, dentists and accountants.
- Director’s fee.
- Artistes/ entertainer and sportsmen.
- Pensions and other similar remuneration.
- Government service rendered to the state/ subdivision/ authority.
- Teachers and researchers.
- Payments/ income received by students/ trainees for purpose of maintenance, education, training and any study related employment.
- Other income.

**Dividends**

If taxed at source country, it should not exceed 10% of gross dividend.

**Interest**

If taxed at source country it should not exceed:

- 10% of gross interest.
- Exempted at contracting state, if interest arising in contracting state paid to government of other state.

**Royalties**

If taxed at source country it should not exceed 15% of gross royalties.

**Capital Gains**

- *Taxed at other state:* If gains derived by resident of contracting state from alienation of immovable property situated in other state or is part of permanent establishment in other state.
- *Taxed at contracting state:*
  - Gains derived by resident of contracting state, from alienation ships/ aircraft or movable property pertaining to operation of such ships/aircraft (except those containers used solely in other state).
  - Gains from sale of transfer of shares or other securities in which it is issued.
  - Any all other gains derived by resident of contracting state.

**Students & Trainees**

Income not excess to US $4000 or its equivalent Qatari Riyals or Nepalese Rupees is exempted to be taxed at source country.

**Double Taxation Relief / Tax Credit**

- Amount equal to income tax/ capital tax already paid in foreign country is allowed as tax credit against any income/ capital tax payable by resident in home country.
- If resident is exempt from tax in home country under its specific law/ provisions, then when calculating tax on remaining income/capital, exempted income/capital can be taken into account and apply the tax rate applicable as if such income was not exempted.

**Other Taxation Procedure Covered**

- Elimination of Double Taxation
- Non-Discrimination
- Mutual Agreement Procedure
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#### Incomes Covered

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- Direct use/ letting the immovable property, livestock & equipment.
- Business profits derived by enterprise.
- Operation of ships/aircraft or use, maintenance, rental of containers used for transport of goods, in international traffic.
- Associated enterprises.
- Dividend.
- Interest income from debt claims of every kind, whether secured or not.
- Royalties from copyright, patent, trade mark, design, plan, secret formula, etc.
- Capital gain from alienation of immovable/ movable property and ships/ containers.
- Independent and Dependent Personal services which includes any scientific, literary, artistic, educational, or teaching activities.
- Physicians, lawyers, engineers, architects, surgeons, dentists and accountants.
- Director’s fee.
- Entertainers and sportsmen.
- Pensions and other similar remuneration.
- Government service rendered to the state/ subdivision/ authority.
- Teachers and researchers.
- Students and Business apprentices.
- Other Income.

#### Dividends

If taxed at **source country** it should not exceed:
- 5% of gross dividend, if holds at least 15% of capital of company.
- 10% of gross dividend, if holds at least 10% of capital of company.
- 15% of gross dividend, in all other cases.

#### Interest

If taxed at **source country** it should not exceed:
- 10% of gross interest, if beneficial owner is financial institution, an insurance or investment company.
- 15% of gross interest, in all other cases.
- Exempted at contracting state, if interest arising in contracting state paid to government of other state.

#### Royalties

If taxed at **source country** it should not exceed 15% of gross royalties.

#### Capital Gains

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**Taxed at contracting state:** Gains derived by resident of contracting state, from alienation ships/ aircraft or movable property pertaining to operation of such ships/aircraft (except those containers used solely in other state.

**Taxed in the country of residence:** If gains other than above.

#### Double Taxation Relief / Tax Credit

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- If resident is exempt from tax in home country under its specific law/ provisions, then when calculating tax on remaining income/capital, exempted income/capital can be taken into account and apply the tax rate applicable as if such income was not exempted.

#### Other Taxation Procedure Covered

- Elimination of Double Taxation
- Non- Discrimination
- Mutual Agreement Procedure
- Exchange of Information
- Diplomatic and Consular Officers
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Double Tax Avoidance Agreement between Nepal and Bangladesh signed on March 2019 has yet not been published publicly by Government.
Date of Agreement | 5th October, 2001 | Entered into Force | 29th May, 2003

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#### Incomes Covered

- *Income or capital gain earned by/ as:*
  - Direct use/ letting the immovable property, livestock & equipment.
  - Business profits derived by enterprise.
  - Operation of ships/aircraft or use, maintenance, rental of containers used for transport of goods, in international traffic.
  - Associated enterprises.
  - Dividend.
  - Interest income from debt claims of every kind, whether secured or not.
  - Royalties from copyright, patent, trade mark, design, plan, secret formula, etc.
  - Capital gain from alienation of immovable/ movable property, ships/ containers and any other property.
  - Independent and Dependent Personal services which includes any scientific, literary, artistic, educational, or teaching activities.
  - Physicians, lawyers, engineers, architects, surgeons, dentists and accountants.
  - Director’s fee.
  - Artists and sportsmen.
  - Pensions and social security payments.
  - Government service rendered to the state/ subdivision/ authority.
  - Teachers and researchers.
  - Payments/ Income received by students/ trainees for purpose of maintenance, education, training and any study related employment.
  - Other Income.

#### Dividends

- If taxed at *source country* it should not exceed 10% of gross dividend, when recipient is beneficial owner.

#### Interest

- If taxed at *source country* it should not exceed:
  - 10% of gross interest.
  - Exempted at source country, if interest arising in source country paid to government of other state.

#### Royalties

- If taxed at *source country* it should not exceed 15% of gross royalties.

#### Capital Gains

- **Taxed at other state:** If gains derived by resident of contracting state from alienation of immovable property situated in other state or is part of permanent establishment in other state.
- **Taxed at contracting state:**
  - Gains derived by resident of contracting state, from alienation ships/ aircraft or movable property pertaining to operation of such ships/aircraft (except those containers used solely in other state).
  - Gains from alienation of shares of capital stock of company whose property consist directly or indirectly principally of immovable property.
  - Other gains from alienation of shares of company which represents at least 25% participation in company.
  - Any all other gains derived by resident of contracting state.

#### Double Taxation Relief / Tax Credit

- Amount equal to income tax/ capital tax already paid in foreign country is allowed as tax credit against any income/ capital tax payable by resident in home country.
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#### Other Taxation Procedure Covered

- Elimination of Double Taxation
- Non- Discrimination
- Mutual Agreement Procedure
- Exchange of Information
- Diplomatic and Consular Officers
- Entry into Force
- Termination
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### Incomes Covered

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- Independent and Dependent Personal services which includes any scientific, literary, artistic, educational, or teaching activities.
- Physicians, lawyers, engineers, architects, surgeons, dentists and accountants.
- Director’s fee.
- Artists/ entertainers and sportsmen.
- Pensions and social security payments.
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- Teachers and researchers.
- Payments/ Income received by students/ trainees for purpose of maintenance, education, training and any study related employment.
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### Dividends
If taxed at **source country** it should not exceed 15% of gross dividend, when recipient is beneficial owner.

### Interest
If taxed at **source country** it should not exceed:

- 10% of gross interest, if interest paid to bank carrying bona fide business.
- 15% of gross interest in other cases.
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### Students & Trainees
Income not excess to US $3,000 or its equivalent Sri Lankan or Nepalese Rupees is exempted to be taxed at source country.

### Double Taxation Relief / Tax Credit

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### Other Taxation Procedure Covered

- Non- Discrimination
- Mutual Agreement Procedure
- Exchange of Information
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- Physicians, lawyers, engineers, architects, surgeons, dentists and accountants.
- Director’s fee.
- Artists and sportsmen.
- Pensions and social security payments.
- Government service rendered to the state/ subdivision/ authority.
- Professors, Teachers and researchers.
- Students Income and Other Income.

### Ship/ Air Transport

If taxed at other state, tax imposed should be reduced to 50%.

### Dividends

If taxed at source country it should not exceed:
- 10% of gross dividend, if beneficial owner holds at least 10% of company.
- 15% of gross dividend, in other cases.

### Interest

If taxed at source country it should not exceed:
- 10% of gross interest, if interest paid to bank carrying bona fide business.
- 15% of gross interest in other cases.
- Exempted at source country, if interest arising in source country paid to government of other state.

### Royalties

If taxed at source country it should not exceed 15% of gross royalties.

### Capital Gains

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### Other Taxation Procedure Covered

- Non- Discrimination
- Mutual Agreement Procedure
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