# A STUDY OF INCOME TAX EXEMPTIONS AND DEDUCTIONS IN NEPAL

#### A Thesis

By:

Shasanka Chalise
Global College of Management

T.U. Reg. No.: 5-1-272-55-2001

Exam Roll No.: 11357/4233

Submitted to:
Office of the Dean
Faculty of Management
Tribhuvan University
Kirtipur, Kathmandu

In Partial Fulfillment of the Requirements for the Degree of Master of Business Studies (MBS)

Kathmandu, Nepal November, 2010

# TRIBHUVAN UNIVERSITY FACULTY OF MANAGEMENT GLOBAL COLLEGE OF MANAGEMENT

#### **DECLARATION**

I hereby declare that the work reported in this thesis entitled " A Study of Income
Tax Exemptions and Deductions in Nepal " submitted to Global College of
Management, faculty of management, Tribhuvan University is my original work done
in the form of partial fulfillment of the requirement for Master's Degree of Business
Study (MBS) under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Madhav Raj Koirala, Lecturer of
Global College of Management.

Shasanka Chalise (Researcher) Global College of Management T.U. Exam Roll No: 11357/4233

Date:....

#### RECOMMENDATION

This is to certify that the thesis Submitted by

#### **SHASANKA CHALISE**

Entitled

A Study of Income Tax Exemptions and Deductions in Nepal has been approved

by this department in the prescribed format of Faculty of Management.

This thesis is forwarded for examination.

Prof. Dr. Puskar Bajracharya
(Chairman of Research Department)

Prof. Dr. Madhav Raj Koirala
(Thesis Supervisor)

Mr. Nar Bahadur Bista
(Principal)

Data	
Daic.	

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

This study is mainly concerned with the analysis of exemptions and deductions of income tax provided by Income Tax Act 2058 and with the contribution of income taxes to overall revenue generation in Nepal.

First of all, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to my respected supervisor Prof. Dr. Madhav Raj Koirala for his constant encouragement, patient guidance and valuable supervision at every stage of my research work. I gratefully acknowledge all the faculty members of Global College of Management for sharing their invaluable expertise in the field. I would like to thank the staff of Central Department of Management Library and T.U. Central Library for providing the relevant inputs of the study. I would like to give many thanks to all those respondents who have spent their valuable time for filling my questionnaires in absence of which the completion of the study would not be possible.

Finally, my thanks also goes to my family members and my friends for their assistance made during the study.

Shasanka Chalise Kathmandu November, 2010

# **Table of Contents**

Titles	Page No
Acknowledgement	
Table of Contents	
List of Tables	
List of Figures	
Abbreviations	
CHAPTER-I: INTRODUCTION	1-11
1.1 Background of the Study	1
1.2 Statement of Problem	6
1.3 Objectives of the Study	8
1.4 Scope of the Study	9
1.5 Significance of the Study	9
1.6 Limitation of the Study	10
1.7 Organization of the Study	10
CHAPTER- II: REVIEW OF LITERATURE	12-24
2.1 Theoretical Concept	12
2.2 Review of Earlier Studies	16
2.3 Summing up	24
CHAPTER- III: RESEARCH METHODOLOGY	25-28
3.1 Introduction	25
3.2 Research Design	25
3.3 Population and Sample	25
3.4 Nature and Source of Data	26
3.5 Data Collection Procedure	27
3.6 Data Analysis Techniques	28
CHAPTER- IV: DATA PRESENTATION AND ANALYSIS	29-79
4.1 Tax Structure of Nepal	29

4.1.1 Composition of Total Revenue	29
4.1.2 Composition of Tax Revenue	31
4.1.3 Contribution of Various Taxes to GDP	33
4.1.4 Composition of Indirect Tax	34
4.1.5 Composition of Direct Tax	38
4.1.6 Contribution of Direct Tax	39
4.1.7 Contribution of Income Tax in Nepal	41
4.1.8 Composition and Trend of Income Tax	43
4.1.9 Income Tax Rate in Nepal	47
4.2 An Analysis of Exemption and Deduction	52
4.2.1 Income from a Business	53
4.2.2 Income from an Employment	53
4.2.3 Income from an Investment	55
4.2.4 Exemption from Income Tax	56
4.2.5 Deduction Allowed	60
4.2.6 Expenses not Allowed for Deduction	65
4.3 An Empirical Analysis	66
4.3.1 Introduction	66
4.3.2 Contribution of Income Tax to National Revenue of Nepal	66
4.3.3 Opinion on Current Income Tax Rates	67
4.3.4 Sufficiency of Exempted Items of Income Tax	68
4.3.5 Sufficiency of Current Income Tax Exemption Limit	70
4.3.6 Family Exemption Limit According to the Number of Dependents	71
4.3.7 Opinion On Providing Exemption Limit on Agriculture Income	73
4.3.8 Sufficiency about the Itemized Deductions	74
4.3.9 Sufficiency of Provisions Relating to Exemptions and Deductions	76
4.3.10 Suggestions about Income Tax in Nepal	78
4.4.00 Major Findings	79
CHAPTER-V: SUMMARY, CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION	86-94
5.1 Summary	86
5.2 Conclusion	88
5.3 Recommendations	89
BIBLIOGRAPHY	95-98
APPENDIX	

# LIST OF TABLES

Pag	e N
Table 3.1: Group of Respondents and Size of Sample from Each Group	26
Table 4.1: Composition of Total Revenue	30
Table 4.2: Contribution of Direct and Indirect Tax to Total Tax	
Revenue	32
Table 4.3: Contribution of Various Taxes to GDP	34
Table 4.4: Major Sources of Indirect Tax and Their Relative Percentage	;
of Indirect Tax	35
Table 4.5: Components of Direct Tax and Percentage Share	38
Table 4.6: Contribution of Direct Tax	40
Table 4.7: Income Tax Revenue Collection from 1959/60 to 1962/63	41
Table 4.8: Contribution of Income Tax on Different Revenue Heads	42
Table 4.9: Components of Income Tax (1999/00 to 2008/09)	44
Table 4.10: Composition of Income Tax (1999/00 – 2008/09)	46
Table 4.11: Exemption Limit in Nepal (1959/60 – 2008/09)	49
Table 4.12: Rates of Personal Incomes Tax in Nepal (1975/76 to	
2008/09)	50
Table 4.13: Income Tax Rates for Partnerships Firms, Corporation and	
Non-Residents (1975-76 – 2008/09)_	51
Table 4.14: Groups of Respondents and Code Used	66
Table 4.15: Contribution of Income Tax to National Revenue of Nepal	67
Table 4.16: Opinion on Current Income Tax Rates	68
Table 4.17: Sufficiency of Exempted Items of Income	68
Table 4.18: Sufficiency of Current Income Tax Exemption Limit	70
Table 4.19: Suggestion of Exemption Limit for an Individual	70
Table 4.20: Suggestion of Exemption Limit for a Couple or a Family	71

Table 4.21: Family Exemption Limit on the Basis of the Number of	
Dependents	72
Table 4.22: Exemption Limit According to the Inflationary Situation of	of
the Country	73
Table 4.23: Exemption on Agricultural Income	74
Table 4.24: Sufficiency about Itimized Deductions	75
Table 4.25: Sufficiency of Provisions Relating to Exemptions and	
Deduction under the Nepalese Income Tax Act	76

### LIST OF FIGURES

	Page No.
Figure 4.1: Composition of Total Revenue	31
Figure 4.2: Composition of Tax Revenue	33
Figure 4.3: Composition of Indirect Tax	37
Figure 4.4: Composition of Direct Tax	39
Figure 4.5: Component of Income Tax	47

#### **ABBREVIATIONS**

A.D. : Anno Domini

B.S. : Bikram Sambat

CEDA : Center for Economic Development and

Administration

DDC : Dairy Development Corporation

Dr. : Doctor

DT : Direct Tax

e.g. : Example Granta or For Example

ed. : edition

eds. : Editors

et al. : and others

etc. : and the other

FDB : Forest Development Board

FNCCI : The Federation of Nepalese Chamber of Commerce

and Industry

Fy : Fiscal year

GON : Government of Nepal

GDP : Gross Domestic Product

i.d. : the same

i.e. : that is

I.T. : Income Tax

ibid : in the same place; from the same work given

immediately

IRD : Inland Revenue Department

Ktm. : Kathmandu

Ltd. : Limited

MBA : Master in Business Administration

MBS : Master of Business Studies

MOF : Ministry of Finance

Mr. : Mister

Mrs. : Mistress

No. : Number

PP : Page(s)

Pvt. : Private

Rs. : Rupees

S.N. : Serial Number

T.U. : Tribhuvan University

VAT : Value Added Tax

viz. : Namely

Vol./Vols. : Volume(s)

vs. : Versus, against

\$ : US Dollar