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DIVISION-B

ANSWER - 1

ANSWER - A

Related Party Disclosures: As per IndAS 24, "Related Party Disclosures", a reporting entity is exempt from the disclosure requirements in relation to related party transactions and outstanding balances, including commitments, with (i) a government that has control or joint control of, or significant influence over, the reporting entity; and (ii) another entity that is a related party because the same government has control or joint control of, or significant influence over, both the reporting entity and the otherentity.

If a reporting entity applies the above exemption, it shall disclose the following about the transactions and related outstanding balances referred to:

- (1) the name of the government and the nature of its relationship with the reporting entity (i.e. control, joint control or significant influence);
- (2) the following information in sufficient detail to enable users of the entity's financial statements to understand the effect of related party transactions on its financial statements:
 - (i) the nature and amount of each individually significant transaction; and
 - (ii) for other transactions that are collectively, but not individually, significant, a qualitative or quantitative indication of their extent.

Further, as per SA 550 Related Parties, in forming an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with SA 700, the auditor shall evaluate whether the identified related party relationships and transactions have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework.

In the instant case, Power Supply Corporation Limited, a Government Company has procured spares for transmitters for rupees 850 crore from abroad through a corporation namely Procurement and Supply India Limited which is also owned and controlled by Government of India. Even after applying the exemption of IndAS 24, Power Supply Corporation Limited has to disclose the matters specified above (i.e.name of Government, natures of its relationship with reporting entity, the nature and amount of transaction etc.). Contention of Management of Corporation regarding no requirement of disclosure for transactions between State Controlled Enterprise in nottenable.

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ANSWER - B

The auditor's inability to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence (also referred to as a limitation on the scope of the audit) may arise from:

- (i) Circumstances beyond the control of the entity;
- (ii) Circumstances relating to the nature or timing of the auditor's work; or
- (iii) Limitations imposed by management.

An inability to perform a specific procedure does not constitute a limitation on the scope of the audit if the auditor is able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence by performing alternative procedures. Limitations imposed by management may have other implications for the audit, such as for the auditor's assessment of fraud risks and consideration of engagement continuance.

Examples of circumstances beyond the control of the entity include when:

- The entity's accounting records have been destroyed.
- The accounting records of a significant component have been seized indefinitely by governmental authorities.

Examples of circumstances relating to the nature or timing of the auditor's work include when:

- The entity is required to use the equity method of accounting for an associated entity, and the auditor is unable to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence about the latter's financial information to evaluate whether the equity method has been appropriately applied.
- Thetimingoftheauditor'sappointmentissuchthattheauditorisunabletoobserv e the counting of the physical inventories.
- The auditor determines that performing substantive procedures alone is not sufficient, but the entity's controls are not effective.

Examples of an inability to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence arising from a limitation on the scope of the audit imposed by management include when:

- Management prevents the auditor from observing the counting of the physical inventory.
- Management prevents the auditor from requesting external confirmation of specific account balances.

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ANSWER - C

As per SQC 1, the firm should obtain such information as it considers necessary in the circumstances before accepting an engagement with a new client, when deciding whether to continue an existing engagement, and when considering acceptance of a new engagement with an existing client. Where issues have been identified, and the firm decides to accept or continue the client relationship or a specific engagement, it should document how the issues were resolved.

With regard to the integrity of a client, matters that the firm considers include, for example:

- (i) The identity and business reputation of the client's principal owners, key management, related parties and those charged with its governance.
- (ii) The nature of the client's operations, including its business practices.
- (iii) Information concerning the attitude of the client's principal owners, key management and those charged with its governance towards such matters as aggressive interpretation of accounting standards and the internal control environment.
- (iv) Whether the client is aggressively concerned with maintaining the firm's fees as low as possible.
- (v) Indications of an inappropriate limitation in the scope of work.
- (vi) Indications that the client might be involved in money laundering or other criminal activities.
- (vii) The reasons for the proposed appointment of the firm and non-reappointment of the previous firm.

The extent of knowledge a firm will have regarding the integrity of a client will generally grow within the context of an ongoing relationship with that client.

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ANSWER - 2

ANSWER - A

SA 505 "External Confirmations", establishes standards on the auditor's use of external confirmation as a means of obtaining audit evidence. If the management refuses to allow the auditor to a send a confirmation request, the auditor shall:

- (i) Inquire as to Management's reasons for the refusal, and seek audit evidence as to their validity and reasonableness,
- (ii) Evaluate the implications of management's refusal on the auditor's assessment of the relevant risks of material misstatement, including the risk of fraud, and on the nature, timing and extent of other audit procedures, and
- (iii) Perform alternative audit procedures designed to obtain relevant and reliable audit evidence.

If the auditor concludes that management's refusal to allow the auditor to send a confirmation request is unreasonable or the auditor is unable to obtain relevant and reliable audit evidence

from alternative audit procedures, the auditor shall communicate with those in charge of governance in accordance with SA 260 "Communication with Those Charged with Governance" and also determine its implication for the audit and his opinion in accordance with SA 705 "Modifications to the Opinion in the Independent Auditor's Report".

A refusal by management to allow the auditor to send a confirmation request is a limitation on the audit evidence the auditor may wish to obtain. The auditor is therefore required to inquire as to the reasons for the limitation. A common reason advanced is the existence of a legal dispute or ongoing negotiation with the intended confirming party, the resolution of which may be affected by an untimely confirmation request. The auditor is required to seek audit evidence as to the validity and reasonableness of the reasons because of the risk that management may be attempting to deny the auditor access to audit evidence that may reveal fraud or error.

(4 MARKS)

ANSWER - B

Duty of Auditor to Inquire on certain matters: Section 143(1) of the Companies Act, 2013 requires the auditor to make an enquiry in respect of specified matters during the course of his audit. Since the law requires the auditor to make an enquiry, the Institute opined that the auditor is not required to report on the matters specified in sub-section (1) unless he has any special comments to make on any of the items referred to therein. If the auditor is satisfied as a result of the enquiries, he has no further duty to report that he is so satisfied. It is to be noted that the auditor is required to make only enquiries and not investigate into the matters referred to therein.

The opinion of the Research Committee of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India on section 143(1) of the Companies Act, 2013 is worth considering and reproduced below:

"The auditor is not required to report on the matters specified in sub-section (1) unless he has any special comments to make on any of the items referred to therein. If he is satisfied as a result of the inquiries, he has no further duty to report that he is so satisfied. In such a case, the content of the Auditor's Report will remain exactly the same as the auditor has to inquire and apply his mind to the information elicited by the enquiry, in deciding whether or not any reference needs to be made in his report. In our opinion, it is in this light that the auditor has to consider his duties under section 143(1)."

Clause (a) of Section 143(1) requires the auditor to inquire: "Whether loans and advances made by the company on the basis of security have been properly secured and whether the terms on which they have been made are prejudicial to the interests of the company or its members".

If the auditor finds that the loans and advances have not been properly secured, he may enter an adverse comment in the report but cannot probably doubt the true view of the accounts by reference to this fact so long the loans and advances are properly described and presented in terms of Part I of Schedule III to the Companies Act. Further the auditor to inquire whether or not the terms on which the loans or advances have been made are prejudicial to the interests of the company or its members. If it is, he should qualify his report.

If trade receivables and trade payables are adjusted inter se, this amounts to merely book entries. The auditor, as per clause (b) of section 143(1), should enquire "whether transactions of the company which are represented merely by book entries are

prejudicial to the interests of the company". This proposition has got to be inquired into by reference to the effects of the book entries, unsupported by transactions, on the legitimate interests of the company. The auditor has to exercise his judgment based on certain objective standards".

Regarding Personal Expenses, Clause (e) of section 143(1) requires the auditor to inquire: "Whether personal expenses have been charged to revenue account". The charging to revenue of such personal expenses, either on the basis of the company's contractual obligations, or in accordance with accepted business practice, is perfectly normal and legitimate or does not call for any special comment by the auditor. Where, however, personal expenses not covered by contractual obligations or by accepted business practice are incurred by the company and charged to revenue account, it would be the duty of the auditor to report thereon. It suffices to say that if the auditor finds that personal expenses have been charged to revenue and if the amounts are material, he should qualify his report also.

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ANSWER-C

Submitting Wrong Information to the Institute: As per Clause (3) of Part II of the Second Schedule to the Chartered Accountants Act, 1949, a member of the Institute, whether in practice or not, shall be deemed to be guilty of professional misconduct if he includes in any information, statement, return or form to be submitted to the Institute, Council or any of its committees, Director (Discipline), Board of Discipline, Disciplinary Committee, Quality Review Board or the Appellate Authority any particulars knowing them to be false.

In the instant case, Mr.P and Mr.Q, partners of PQ & Co., included the name of Mr.R, another Chartered Accountant, as partner in their firm, without his knowledge, in their application for empanelment as auditor of branches of Public Sector Banks submitted to the Institute. However, such a member was not a partner of the said firm as on the date of application submitted. Here, Mr.P and Mr.Q have submitted wrong information to the Institute.

Therefore, Mr. P and Mr. Q, both, would be held guilty of professional misconduct under Clause (3) of Part II of the Second Schedule to the Chartered Accountants Act, 1949.

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ANSWER – 3

ANSWER - A

There are several steps that should be followed to achieve success with CAATs and any of the supporting tools. A suggested approach to benefit from the use of CAATs is given below:

- Understand Business Environment including IT;
- Define the Objectives and Criteria;
- Identify Source and Format of Data;
- Extract Data;
- Verify the Completeness and Accuracy of Extracted Data;
- Apply Criteria on Data Obtained;
- Validate and Confirm Results.

(4 MARKS)

ANSWER - B

One of the following additional requirement as stipulated under SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ("LODR Regulations") on which Section 177 of the Companies Act, 2013 (relating to audit committee) is silent is: The Audit Committee should meet at least four times in a year and not more than one hundred and twenty days shall elapse between two meetings. The quorum shall be either two members or one third of the members of the audit committee whichever is greater, but there should be a minimum of two independent directors present.

The Audit Committee shall mandatorily review the following information as per LODR Regulations:

- (i) Management discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations;
- (ii) Statement of significant related party transactions (as defined by the Audit Committee), submitted by management;
- (iii) Management letters / letters of internal control weaknesses issued by the statutory auditors;
- (iv) Internal audit reports relating to internal control weaknesses;
- (v) The appointment, removal and terms of remuneration of the Chief internal auditor shall be subject to review by the Audit Committee; and
- (vi) Statement of deviations: (a) quarterly statement of deviations including report of monitoring agency if applicable and (b) annual statement of funds utilized for purposes other than those stated in the offer document/ prospectus/ notice.

In the instant case, due to recessionary conditions, slowdown in activities of the company and not expecting the significant work for the members of the audit committee, D Ltd. decided unanimously to meet only once at the year end. They also reviewed monthly information system of the company and found no errors.

In view of above, decision taken by the audit committee to hold the meeting only once at the year end is not correct as the Audit Committee should meet at least four times in a year and not more than one hundred and twenty days shall elapse between two meetings.

Besides, there is a mandatory review requirement and to review only monthly information system is not sufficient. Here the audit committee members reviewed only monthly information system of the company and the same is not sufficient as per LODR Regulations.

(5 MARKS)

ANSWER - C

Eligibility to be a Reviewer:

- (i) A Peer Reviewer shall:-
 - (a) Be a member with at least 10 years of experience in practice.
 - (b) IsinPracticeaspertheCharteredAccountantsAct,1949.
 - (c) Should have undergone the requisite training as prescribed by the Board.
 - (d) Should furnish a declaration as prescribed by the Board, at the time of acceptance of Peer Review appointment.

- (e) Should have signed the Declaration of Confidentiality as prescribed by the Board.
- (f) Should have conducted audit of Level I Entities for at least 7 years to be eligible for conducting Peer Review of Level I Entities as referred to in Para II of this Statement.
- (ii) For being a Reviewer a member should not have:-
 - (a) Disciplinary action / proceedings pending against him
 - (b) been found guilty by the Council or the Disciplinary Board or Committee at any time.
 - (c) been convicted by a Competent Court whether within or outside India, of an offence involving moral turpitude and punishable with transportation or imprisonment.
 - (d) any Obligation or conflict of interest in the Practice Unit or its Partners / Personnel.
- (iii) A Reviewer shall not accept any professional assignment from the Practice Unit for a period two years from the date of appointment.

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ANSWER - 4

ANSWER - A

Direction by Tribunal in case auditor acted in a fraudulent manner: As per sub-section (5) of the section 140 of the Companies Act, 2013, the Tribunal either *suomotu*or on an application made to it by the Central Government or by any person concerned, if it is satisfied that the auditor of a company has, whether directly or indirectly, acted in a fraudulent manner or abetted or colluded in any fraud by, or in relation to, the company or its directors or officers, it may, by order, direct the company to change its auditors.

However, if the application is made by the Central Government and the Tribunal is satisfied that any change of the auditor is required, it shall within fifteen days of receipt of such application, make an order that he shall not function as an auditor and the Central Government may appoint another auditor in his place.

It may be noted that an auditor, whether individual or firm, against whom final order has been passed by the Tribunal under this section shall not be eligible to be appointed as an auditor of any company for a period of five years from the date of passing of the order and the auditor shall also be liable for action under section 447.

It is hereby clarified that the case of a firm, the liability shall be of the firm and that of every partner or partners who acted in a fraudulent manner or abetted or colluded in any fraud by, or in relation to, the company or its director or officers.

(4 MARKS)

ANSWER – B

Why Operational Audit?: The need for operational auditing has arisen due to the inadequacy of traditional sources of information for an effective management of the company where the management is at a distance from actual operations due to layers ofdelegationofresponsibility, separating it from actual ties in the organisation.

Operational audit is considered as a specialised management information tool to fill the void that conventional information sources fail to fill. Conventional sources of management information are departmental managers, routine performance report, internal audit reports, and periodic special investigation and survey. These conventional sources fail to provide information for the best direction of the departments all of whose activities do not come under direct observation of managers. The shortcomings of these sources can be stated as under:

- (i) Executives and managers are too preoccupied with implementation of plans and achieving of targets. They are left with very little time to collect information and locate problems. They may come across problems that have come to surface but they are hardly aware of problems that are brewing and potential.
- (ii) Managers or their aides are generally relied upon for transmitting information than for booking for information or for analyzing situations.
- (iii) The information that is transmitted by managers is not necessarily objective often it may be biased for various reasons.
- (iv) Conventional internal audit reports are often routine and mechanical in character and have a definite leaning towards accounting and financial information. They are also historical in nature.
- (v) Other performance reports contained in the annual audited accounts and the routine reports prepared by the operating departments have their own limitations. The annual audited accounts are good as far as an overall evaluation is concerned in monetary terms.

Sales may be shown at a higher monetary value compared to the previous year and this may apparently suggest that the functioning of the sales department is satisfactory. But this may have been caused by a number of factors inspite of a really bad performance on the sales front. This fact may not be readily known unless one cares to analyse the sales data by reference to notes and explanations to the accounts and other related accounting data. Even a study of this nature may not fully reveal the weakness. It is quite possible that the established market for sales has been lost partly while some fortuitous sales have compensated the loss.

The routine weekly production report may include production 'that is subsequently rejected by the quality control staff, or to avoid showing a bad production performance; even the partly produced goods may also be included. Remember, all this can happen inspite of specific management instructions about the basis on which the production report is to be made out.

Another important point may be noticed in the matter of routine departmental reports. The busy management people, who can afford time only to glance over the performance reports, cannot be expected to make an integrated reading of several reports or to undertake an analysis of such reports. What they need is reliable, un manipulated and objective report which they would like to look into to understand the situation.

- (vi) Operations of controls in a satisfactory manner cannot be relied upon to bring to light the environmental conditions. Controls are specific and their satisfactory operation is related to the specific situation under control. Also monitoring of the breakdown or non-operation of controls is a periodic phenomenon.
- (vii) Surveys and special investigations, no doubt, are very useful but these are at the best occasional in character. Also, they are costly, time consuming and keep the departmental key personnel busy during the period they are on. These are basically an attempt to carry out a post-mortem rather than to enlighten the management about the ways on

improvement or for better performance or to give a signal for dangers and disasters to come.

(5 MARKS)

ANSWER - C

Circumstances in which Emphasis of Matter Paragraph in Auditor's Report is mandated in case of Financial Statements prepared in accordance with a Special Purpose Framework: As per SA 706, "Emphasis of Matter Paragraphs and Other Matter Paragraphs in the Independent Auditor's Report" and/or SA 800, "Special Considerations— Audits of Financial Statements Prepared in Accordance with Special Purpose Frameworks", the auditor's report on special purpose financial statements shall include an Emphasis of Matter paragraph alerting users of the auditor's report that the financial statements are prepared in accordance with a special purpose frame work and that, as a result, the financial statements may not be suitable for another purpose. The auditor shall include this paragraph under an appropriate heading.

The special purpose financial statements may be used for purposes other than those for which they were intended. For example, a regulator may require certain entities to place the special purpose financial statements on public record. To avoid misunderstandings, the auditor alerts users of the auditor's report that the financial statements are prepared in accordance with a special purpose frame work and, therefore, may not be suitable for another purpose.

Restriction on Distribution or Use: In addition to the alert required above, the auditor may consider it appropriate to indicate that he auditor's report is intended solely for the specific users. Depending on the law or regulation of the particular jurisdiction, this may be achieved by restricting the distribution or use of the auditor's report. In these circumstances, the emphasis of matter paragraph given above maybe expanded to include these other matters, and the heading may be modified accordingly.

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ANSWER - 5

ANSWER - A

The auditor should advise the company to file all the GSTR-3B, GSTR-1 and annual returns before conducting GST audit so that auditor can validate and verify the returns filed by the company, verification of ITC claimed, verification of output GST liability discharged by the company and for collation of return workings and reconciliations. Auditor needs to have a comprehensive picture of-

- (i) Understanding of the back-up of monthly returns as well as annual return and understanding of reports generated by the GSTN portal as well as internal records of the company.
- (ii) Understanding of the eligibility of Input Tax Credit (ITC) availed i.e. whether ITC availed by the company is creditable or not and understanding of reversal of ITC undertaken or applicable (if any).
- (iii) Understanding of the taxability of outward supplies and transactions covered under Reverse Charge Mechanism and other miscellaneous/ specific transactions and understanding of the positions taken on various transactions by the company.

(5 MARKS)

ANSWER - B

Evaluation of the Internal Control System in the area of Credit Card Operations of a bank:

- (i) There should be effective screening of applications with reasonably good credit assessments.
- (ii) There should be strict control over storage and issue of cards.
- (iii) There should be a system whereby a merchant confirms the status of un utilised limit of a credit-card holder from the bank before accepting the settlement in case the amount to be settled exceeds a specified percentage of the total limit of the card holder.
- (iv) There should be a system of prompt reporting by the merchants of all settlements accepted by them through credit cards.
- (v) Reimbursement to merchants should be made only after verification of the validity of merchant's acceptance of cards.
- (vi) All the reimbursement (gross of commission) should be immediately charged to the customer's account.
- (vii) There should be a system to ensure that statements are sent regularly and promptly to the customer.
- (viii) There should be a system to monitor and follow-up customers' payments.
- (ix) Items overdue beyond a reasonable period should be identified and attended to carefully. Credit should be stopped by informing the merchants through periodic bulletins, as early as possible, to avoid increased losses.

There should be a system of periodic review of credit card holders' accounts. On this basis, the limits of customers may be revised, if necessary. The review should also include determination of doubtful amounts and the provisioning in respect thereof.

(5 MARKS)

ANSWER - C

Important Points to be kept in Mind While Drafting Letter of Weakness: As per SA 265, "Communicating Deficiencies in Internal Control to Those who Charged with Governance and Management", the auditor shall include in the written communication of significant deficiencies in internal control-

- (i) A description of the deficiencies and an explanation of their potential effects; and
- (ii) Sufficient information to enable those charged with governance and management to understand the context of the communication.

In other words, the auditor should communicate material weaknesses to the management or the audit committee, if any, on a timely basis. This communication should be, preferably, in writing through a letter of weakness or management letter. Important points with regard to such a letter are as follows-

- (1) The letter lists down the area of weaknesses in the system and offers suggestions for improvement.
- (2) It should clearly indicate that it discusses only weaknesses which have come to the attention of the auditor as a result of his audit and that his examination has not been designed to determine the adequacy of internal control for management.

- (3) This letter serves as a valuable reference document for management for the purpose of revising the system and insisting on its strict implementation.
- (4) The letter may also serve to minimize legal liability in the event of a major defalcation nor other loss resulting from a weakness in internal control.

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ANSWER – 6

ANSWER – A

Soliciting Clients: As per Clause (6) of Part I of First Schedule to the Chartered Accountants Act, 1949, a Chartered Accountant in practice is deemed to be guilty of professional misconduct if he solicits clients or professional work either directly or indirectly by circular, advertisement, personal communication or interview or by any other means except applying or requesting for or inviting or securing professional work from another chartered accountant in practice and responding to tenders.

Further, section 140(4)(iii) of the Companies Act, 2013, provides a right, to the retiring auditor, to make representation in writing to the company. The retiring auditor has the right for his representation to be circulated among the members of the company and to be read out at the meeting. However, the content of letter should be set out in a dignified manner how he has been acting independently and conscientiously through the term of his office and may, in addition, indicate, if he so chooses, his willingness to continue as auditor, if re-appointed by the shareholders.

Thus, the incorporation as an independent professional, made by CA. Smart, while submitting representation under section 140(4)(iii) of the Companies Act, 2013 and indication of willingness to continue as an auditor if reappointed by shareholders, does not leads to solicitation.

Therefore, CA. Smart will not be held guilty for professional misconduct under Clause (6) of Part I of First Schedule to the Chartered Accountants Act,1949.

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ANSWER – B

Not Exercising Due Diligence: According to Clause (7) of Part I of Second Schedule of Chartered Accountants Act, 1949, a Chartered Accountant in practice is deemed to be guilty of professional misconduct if he does not exercise due diligence or is grossly negligent in the conduct of his professional duties.

It is a vital clause which unusually gets attracted whenever it is necessary to judge whether the accountant has honestly and reasonably discharged his duties. The expression negligence covers a wide field and extends from the frontiers of fraud to collateral minor negligence.

Where a Chartered Accountant had not completed his work relating to the audit of the accounts a company and had not submitted his audit report in due time to enable the company to comply with the statutory requirement in this regard, he was guilty of professional misconduct under Clause (7).

Since, Mr. Anil has not completed his audit work in time and consequently could not submit audit report in due time and consequently, company could not comply with the statutory requirements, the auditor is guilty of professional misconduct under Clause(7) of Part I of the Second Schedule to the Chartered Accountants Act, 1949.

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ANSWER - C

The statement of particulars given in Form No. 3CD as annexure to the audit report contains forty-one clauses. The tax auditor has to report whether the particulars are true and correct. This Form is a statement of particulars required to be furnished under section 44AB. The same is to be annexed to the reports in Forms No. 3CA and 3CB in respect of a person who carries on business or profession and whose accounts have been audited under any other law and in respect of person who carries on business or profession b ut who is not required by or under any other law to get his accounts audited respectively.

While furnishing the particulars in Form No. 3CD it would be advisable for the tax auditor to consider the following:

- (i) If a particular item of income/expenditure is covered in more than one of the specified clauses in the statement of particulars, care should be taken to make a suitable cross reference to such items at the appropriate places.
- (ii) If there is any difference in the opinion of the tax auditor and that of the assessee in respect of any information furnished in Form No. 3CD, the tax auditor should state both the view points and also the relevant information in order to enable the tax authority to take a decision in the matter.
- (iii) If any particular clause in Form No. 3CD is not applicable, he should state that the same is not applicable.
- (iv) In computing the allowance or disallowance, he should keep in view the law applicable in the relevant year, even though the form of audit report may not have been amended to bring it in conformity with the amended law.
 - (v) In case the prescribed particulars are given in part or piecemeal to the tax auditor or relevant form is incomplete and the assessee does not give the information against all or any of the clauses, the auditor should not withhold the entire audit report. In such a case, he can qualify his report on matters in respect of which information is not furnished to him. In the absence of relevant information, the tax auditor would have no option but to state in his report that the relevant information has not been furnished by the assessee.
 - (vi) The information in Form No. 3CD should be based on the books of accounts, records, documents, information and explanations made available to the tax auditor for his examination.
 - (vii) In case the auditor relies on a judicial pronouncement, he may mention the fact as his observations in clause (3) of Form No. 3CA or clause (5) provided in Form No. 3CB, as the case may be.

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