Key Highlights from Budget 2018

- **NO PERSONAL INCOME TAX CHANGES PROPOSED IN BUDGET**
- **100% tax deduction is allowed to co-operative societies**
- **MSME Corporate Tax of 25% extended to companies with turnover up to Rs 250 cr in financial year 2016-17**
- **Exemptions of Interest income from Banks FD and post offices of Rs 10,000 TO Rs.50000 from Banks FD and post offices for Senior Citizens**
- **Senior citizens to get Rs 50,000 per annum exemption for medical insurance under Sec 80D**
- **Standard deduction of Rs 40,000 allowed in lieu of transport, medical reimbursement for salaried tax payers**
- **LONG TERM CAPITAL GAINS EXCEEDING RS 1 L AKH WILL BE TAXED AT 10% WITHOUT INDEXING**
- **Short term capital tax remains at 15%**
- **A tax on distributed income at 10%**
- **Imports and Exports**
  *** Customs Duty on certain products, such as mobile phones and televisions has been increased, to provide a fillip to 'Make in India'**
  *** Social welfare surcharge of 10% on imported goods.**
- **Govt will contribute 12% of the wages of new employees in EPF in all sectors for next 3 years**
  *** Women contribution to EPF reduced to 8% for first 3 years**
- **New Flagship National Health Protection Scheme, providing health insurance cover of □5 lakh per family per year. The Scheme will cover 10 crore vulnerable families, with approximately 50 crore beneficiaries.**
- **Increase in deduction limit for medical expenditure for certain critical illness from Rs. 60,000 (in case of senior citizens) and from Rs. 80,000 (in case of very senior citizens) to Rs. 1 lakh for all senior citizens, under section 80DDB.**
- **TDS not required to be deducted under section 194A. Benefit also available for interest from all fixed deposit schemes and recurring deposit schemes.**
  Payments exceeding Rs. 10,000/- in cash to be disallowed
- **E-assessment to be rolled out across the country.**

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