ACT No. XXIV of 1926.

[PASSED BY THE INDIAN LEGISLATURE.]

(Received the assent of the Governor General on the 25th March, 1926.)

An Act further to amend the Indian Income-tax Act, 1922. for certain purposes.

W HEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Indian Income-tax Act, 1922, for the purposes hereinafter appearing; It is hereby enacted as follows:---

1. (1) This Act may be called the Indian Income-tax short title and commencement. (Amendment) Act, 1926.

(2) It shall come into force on the 1st day of April, 1926.

2. After section 19 of the Indian Income-tax Act, 1922 Insertion of new section 19A in (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the following section Act XI of 1922. shall be inserted, namely :---

"19A. The principal officer of every company shall, on or supply of information before the 15th day of June in each year, furnish to the preregarding scribed officer a return in the prescribed form and verified in the prescribed manner of the names and of the addresses, as entered in the register of shareholders maintained by the company, of the shareholders to whom a dividend or aggregate dividends exceeding such amount as may be prescribed in this behalf has or have been distributed during the preceding year and of the amount so distributed to each such shareholder."

3. In clause (c) of section 51 of the said Act, after the Amendment of words "mentioned in" the word and figures "section 19A" Act XI of 1922. shall be inserted.

4. In section 52 of the said Act, after the words "men-Amendment of section 52 in and figures "section 19A or " shall be Act XI of 1922. inserted.

5. (1) In sub-section (1) of section 57 of the said Act, for Amendment of section 87, the word "assessee" the word "person" shall be substituted. Act XI of 1022,

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(2) For sub-section (2) of the same section the following subsections shall be substituted, namely :---

"(2) Where the Income-tax Officer has reason to believe that any person, who is a shareholder in a company, is resident out of British India and that the total income of such person will in any year exceed the maximum amount which is not chargeable to supertax under the law for the time being in force, he may, by order in writing, require the principal officer of the company to deduct at the time of payment of any dividend from the company to the shareholder in that year super-tax at such rate as the Income-tax Officer may determine as being the rate applicable in respect of the income of the shareholder in that year.

(3) If in any year the amount of any dividend or the aggregate amount of any dividends paid to any shareholder by a company (together with the amount of any income-tax payable by the company in respect thereof) exceeds the maximum amount of the total income of a person which is not chargeable to super-tax under the law for the time being in force, and the principal officer of the company has not reason to believe that the shareholder is resident in British India, and no order under sub-section (2) has been received in respect of such shareholder by the principal officer from the Income-tax Officer, the principal officer shall at the time of payment deduct super-tax on the amount of such excess at the rate which would be applicable under the law for the time being in force if the amount of such dividend or dividends (together with the amount \mathbf{of} such income-tax as aforesaid) constituted the whole total income of the shareholder."

(3) Sub-section (3) of the same section shall be re-numbered as sub-section (4), and in that sub-section for the words "an assessee " the words "another person" and for the word "assessee", where it occurs for the second time, the word "person" shall be substituted.

Amendment of section 58, Act XI of 1922.

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6. To sub-section (1) of section 58 of the said Act the following proviso shall be added, namely:---

> Provided that sub-sections (4) to (9) of section 18 shall apply, so far as may be, to the assessment, collection

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tion and recovery of super-tax under sub-section (2) or sub-section (3) of section 57."

7. To section 66 of the said Act the following sub-section Amondment of shall be added, namely :---

- "(8) For the purposes of this section "the High Court" means---
 - (a) in relation to the North-West Frontier Province and British Baluchistan, the High Court of Judicature at Lahore;
 - (b) in relation to the province of Ajmer-Merwara, the High Court of Judicature at Allahabad; and
 - (c) in relation to the province of Coorg, the High Court of Judicature at Madras."

8. After section 66 of the said Act the following section Insertion of new section BA in Act XI of 1922.

- "66A. (1) When any case has been referred to the High References to be heard by Court under section 66, it shall be heard by a Bench Benches of of not less than two Judges of the High Court, and and appeal to in respect of such case the provisions of section 98 cases to Privy of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, shall, so far as may be, apply notwithstanding anything contained in the Letters Patent of any High Court established by Letters Patent or in any other law for the time being in force.
- (2) An appeal shall lie to His Majesty in Council from any judgment of the High Court delivered on a reference made under section 66 in any case which the High Court certifies to be a fit one for appeal to His Majesty in Council.

(3) The provisions of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, relating to appeals to His Majesty in Council shall, so far as may be, apply in the case of appeals under this section in like manner as they apply in the case of appeals from decrees of a High Court:

Provided that nothing in this sub-section shall be deemed to affect the provisions of sub-section (5) or subsection (7) of section 66:

Provided, further, that the High Court may, on petition made for the execution of the order of His Majesty in Council in respect of any costs awarded thereby. transmit

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transmit the order for execution to any Court subordinate to the High Court.

- (4) Where the judgment of the High Court is varied or reversed in appeal under this section, effect shall be given to the order of His Majesty in Council in the manner provided in sub-sections (5) and (7) of section 66 in the case of a judgment of the High Court.
- (5) Nothing in this section shall be deemed-

- (a) to bar the full and unqualified exercise of His Majesty's pleasure in receiving or rejecting appeals to His Majesty in Council, or otherwise howsoever, or
- (b) to interfere with any rules made by the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, and for the time being in force, for the presentation of appeals to His Majesty in Council, or their conduct before the said Judicial Committee."

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