



As soon as people hear the terms 'Income Tax', they start feeling complex & tensed, because that is how taxes are stereotyped.

But, in today's post, I will help you understand the basics of income tax with examples!

Attitude towards Taxes!



Before reading this post VS After reading this post

Types of Income

Firstly, it is important to calculate your income, on which taxes will be paid.

Under the Income Tax Act, there are broadly 5 types of Incomes!





Old Regime vs New Regime

Second Important thing to understand is that, there are 2 income tax slabs, to choose from while filing your taxes.

Old Regime	Annual Taxable Income	New Regime
Nil	Up to ₹2.5 lakh	Nil
5%	₹2.5 lakh to ₹5 lakh	5%
20%	₹5 lakh to ₹7.5 lakh	10%
	₹7.5 lakh to ₹10 lakh	15%
30%	₹10 lakh to ₹12.5 lakh	20%
	₹12.5 lakh to ₹15 lakh	25%
	Above ₹15 lakh	30%

Old Regime



New Regime

Various deductions can be availed, before calculating tax

directly calculate tax, based on the tax slab

Case Study

Harsh, a 28-year-old man, has the following Incomes.

Salary from Lotak Bank Rent from Penthouse **Comission Income**

■■ = ₹10,00,000 **= ₹4,50,000 = ₹1,00,000**

Harsh, at the same time, has also smartly made the following tax saving actions.

Public Provident Fund (80C)

ELSS Funds (80C)

Nation Pension Scheme(80CCD)

Donation in PM-CARES (80G)

Medical Insurance of Self (80D)

= ₹80,000

*** **= ₹70,000**

= ₹40,000

= ₹50,000

V = ₹25,000



Taxable Income

So now, this is what Harsh's taxable income would look like :

Description	Old Regime	New Regime
Gross Total Income (sum of all)		₹15,50,000
Less : 80C Deduction	₹(1,50,000)	NA
Less: 80 CCD Deduction	₹(40,000)	NA
Less : 80G Deduction	₹(50,000)	NA
Less : 80D Deduction	₹(25,000)	NA
Less : Standard Deduction	₹(50,000)	NA
Taxable Income	₹12,35,000	₹15,50,000

If Harsh abides by the old regime and avails the deductions, his taxable income turns out to be ₹12,35,000.

While, if he abides by the new regime, and doesn't avail any deduction, then his taxable income is ₹15,50,000.

Tax Slabs

So, now when you look back at the old tax slab vs new tax slab table, you would find that:

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	₹7.5 lakh to ₹10 lakh	15%
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Harsh would be taxed at 30%, as per the new regime, Since his taxable income = ₹15,50,00



Common Error

Now, you know Harsh's taxable income, you his tax slab, now let's calculate his actual tax liability!

Under the old tax regime, the tax would be:

30% X ₹12,35,000 = ₹3,70,500

Under the new tax regime, the tax would be:

30% X ₹15,50,000 = ₹4,65,000

So Simple, isn't it? Because it is wrong!



Right Way to Calculate Tax

To explain to you how taxes are actually calculated, let's take the old tax regime for instance:

- For the first ₹2,50,000 you pay 0% i.e., ₹0 tax
- For the next ₹2,50,000 you pay 5% i.e., ₹12,500
- For the next ₹5,00,000 you pay 20% i.e., ₹1,00,000
- For the remainder ₹2,35,000 you pay 30% i.e., ₹70,500

Total Tax Paid under Old Regime = ₹1,83,000

Similarly, calculate the tax liability for Harsh as per the new tax regime, and let me know your answers in the comments!



At the end, Harsh needs to pay additional 4% of his tax liability as health & education cess, which is applicable to all!