## GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF TAXES::::::ASSAM::::::GUWAHATI.

## **ORDER**

Dated Dispur the 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2017.

No.CTS-71/2015/132 : M/s Vedant Fashions Pvt. Ltd., Shoppers Point, H.B. Road, Fancy Bazar, Guwahati-1 has filed an application under section 105 of the Assam Value Added Tax Act, 2003 seeking clarification on the applicable rate of tax under the same Act in regard to the item 'saree'.

Sri Pramod Agarwalla, Consultant and Authorized Representative of the applicant appeared during the course of hearing and made oral submissions stressing on the points incorporated in the clarification petition. Perused and examined the entries contained in the taxing Schedules appended to the relevant Act. It is observed that the item 'saree' remained included in the entry serial no.37 of the First Schedule upto 02.21.2005 as an exempt item. However, after insertion of the entry serial no.88 in Part-A of the Second Schedule reading as: "Textiles made-ups i.e, fabric that has undergone a sticking process but excluding bleaching, dying, water/shrink proofing, organdie process" with effect from 03.12.2005, the item 'saree' conforming to the given description came under the ambit of this entry. Rater on, with effect from 03.07.2016, the said entry serial no.88 has been amended to include only such 'saree' as whose retail price per piece exceeds rupees five hundred. The effect of this amendment is that 'saree' of retail price per piece not exceeding rupee five hundred but conforming to the description of 'Textile made-up' has become exempt as per entry serial no.37 of the First Schedule with effect from 03.07.2016. As regard 'saree' not conforming to the description of textile made-up made in the entry serial no.88 of Part-A of the Second Schedule has remained so far exempt as per the entry serial no.37 of the First Schedule.

Hence, it is clarified that the applicable rate of tax of 'saree' conforming to the description given in entry serial no.88 of Part-A of Second Schedule of the Assam Value Added Tax is 6 (six) paise in the rupee with effect from 03.07.2016.

> Sd/-(Anurag Goel, IAS) Commissioner of Taxes, Assam, Dispur, Guwahati-6.

Memo No.CTS-71/2015/132-A Copy to:-

Dated Dispur, the 24 th April, 2017.

- The Principal Secretary to the Government of Assam, Finance Department, Dispur for favor of 1. kind information.
- 2. The Additional Commissioners of Taxes/Joint Commissioners of Taxes (All), Head information.
- The Deputy Commissioner of Taxes, (All) for information. 3.
- The Assistant Commissioner of Taxes, (All) for information.
- M/s. Vedant Fashions Pvt. Ltd., Shoppers Point, H.B. Road, Fancy Bazar, Guwahati-1 Guwahati-5, for information.

(R.D.Borah) Addl. Commissioner of Taxes, Assam, Dispur, Guwahati-6.