

BENARES HOTELS LIMITED

CIN: L55101UP1971PLC003480

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July 17, 2020

The Secretary

BSE Limited

Corporate Relationship Department,

1st Floor, New Trading Ring,

Rotunda Building, P.J Towers,

Dalal Street, Fort,

Mumbai – 400 001

Scrip Code : 509438

Dear Sir,

Re: Communication to Shareholders - Intimation on Tax Deduction on Dividend

Pursuant to the Finance Act, 2020, with effect from April 1, 2020, Dividend Distribution Tax is abolished and dividend income is taxable in the hands of the shareholders.

In this regard, please find enclosed herewith an email communication which has been sent to all the shareholders having their email ID's registered with the Company/Depositories explaining the process on withholding tax from dividends paid to the shareholders at prescribed rates along with the necessary annexures.

This is for your information and records.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

for **Benares Hotels Ltd.**



Vanika Mahajan

Company Secretary

Encl: as above

BENARES HOTELS LIMITED

Corporate Identification No. (CIN) - L55101UP1971PLC003480

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Communication to Shareholders - Intimation on Tax Deduction on Dividend

July 15, 2020

Dear Shareholder,

We are pleased to inform you that the Board of Directors at their Meeting held on May 28, 2020 has recommended a Final Dividend of Rs. 7.50 per equity share i.e. 75% for the Financial Year ended March 31, 2020 and the said Final Dividend will be payable post approval of the shareholders at the ensuing Annual General Meeting of the Company to be held on September 29, 2020.

As you are aware that as per the Income Tax Act, 1961, as amended by the Finance Act, 2020, dividends paid or distributed by a Company after April 1, 2020 shall be taxable in the hands of the shareholders. The Company shall therefore be required to deduct tax at source at the time of making the payment of the said Final Dividend, if declared at the above AGM.

The TDS rate may vary depending on the residential status of the shareholder and the documents submitted to the Company in accordance with the provisions of the Act. The TDS for various categories of shareholders along with required documents are provided in Table 1 and 2 below:

Table 1: Resident Shareholders

Category of Shareholder	Tax Deduction Rate	Exemption Applicability/ Documents required
Any resident shareholder	7.5%	Update the PAN if not already done with depositaries (in case of shares held in demat mode) and with the Company's Registrar and Transfer Agents – Link Intime India Private Limited (in case of shares held in physical mode). No deduction of taxes in the following cases: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• If dividend income to a resident Individual shareholder during FY 2020-21 does not exceed INR 5,000/-• If shareholder is exempted from TDS provisions through any circular or notification and provides an attested copy of the PAN along with the documentary evidence in relation to the same.
Submitting Form 15G/ Form 15H	NIL	Eligible Shareholder providing Form 15G (applicable to any person other than a Company or a Firm) / Form 15H (applicable to an Individual above the age of 60 years) - on fulfilment of prescribed conditions. Please refer attached format
Order under section 197 of the Act	Rate provided in the order	Lower/NIL withholding tax certificate obtained from Income Tax authorities.

Insurance Companies: Public & Other Insurance Companies	NIL	Self-declaration that it has full beneficial interest with respect to shares owned, along with self-attested copy of PAN card and registration certificate
Corporation established by or under a Central Act which is, under any law for the time being in force, exempt from income-tax on its income.	NIL	Documentary evidence that the person is covered under section 196 of the Act.
Mutual Funds	NIL	Documentary evidence that the person is covered under section 196 of the Act.
Alternative Investment fund	NIL	Documentary evidence that the person is covered by Notification No. 51/2015 dated 25 June 2015.
Other resident shareholder without PAN/Invalid PAN	20%	

Please Note that:

- a) Recording of the valid Permanent Account Number (PAN) for the registered Folio/DP Id-Client Id is mandatory. In absence of valid PAN, tax will be deducted at a higher rate of 20% as per Section 206AA of the Act.
- b) Shareholders holding shares under multiple accounts under different status / category and single PAN, may note that, higher of the tax as applicable to the status in which shares held under a PAN will be considered on their entire holding in different accounts.

Table 2: Non-resident Shareholders

Category of Shareholder	Tax Deduction Rate	Exemption Applicability/ Documents required
Any non-resident shareholder	20% (plus applicable surcharge and cess) or Tax Treaty rate whichever is lower	<p>Non-resident shareholders may opt for tax rate under Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement ("Tax Treaty"). The Tax Treaty rate shall be applied for tax deduction at source on submission of following documents to the company:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copy of the PAN Card, if any, allotted by the Indian authorities. • Self-attested copy of Tax Residency Certificate (TRC) valid as on the AGM date obtained from the tax authorities of the country of which the shareholder is resident • Self-declaration in Form 10F in the attached form. • Self-declaration confirming not having a Permanent Establishment in India, eligibility to Tax Treaty benefit and do not / will not have place of effective management in India. (format attached herewith). <p>TDS shall be recovered at 20% (plus applicable surcharge and cess) if any of the above-mentioned documents are not provided.</p> <p>The Company is not obligated to apply the Tax Treaty rates at the time of tax deduction/withholding on dividend amounts. Application of Tax Treaty rate shall depend upon</p>

		the completeness of the documents submitted by the non-resident shareholder and are in accordance with the provisions of the Act.
Foreign Institutional Investors, Foreign Portfolio Investors (FII, FPI)	20% (plus applicable surcharge and cess)	None
Submitting Order under section 195(3) /197 of the Act	Rate provided in the Order	Lower/NIL withholding tax certificate obtained from Income Tax authorities.

Note: The Shareholders holding shares under multiple accounts under different status / category and single PAN, may note that, higher of the tax as applicable to the status in which shares held under a PAN will be considered on their entire holding in different accounts

Kindly note that the documents as mentioned in the Table 1 and 2 above are required to be submitted to the Company / Registrar at email ID vinay.kumar@linkintime.co.in or update the same by visiting the link <https://linkintime.co.in/formsreg/submission-of-form-15g-15h.html> on or before **September 15, 2020** in order to enable the Company to determine and deduct appropriate TDS / withholding tax rate. No communication/documents on the tax determination / deduction shall be considered post 11:59 PM (IST) of September 15, 2020.

No claim shall lie against the Company for such taxes deducted.

The Company will arrange to email a soft copy of the TDS certificate at the shareholders registered email ID in due course, post payment of the said Final Dividend. Shareholders will also be able to see the credit of TDS in Form 26AS, which can be downloaded from their e-filing account at <https://incometaxindiaefiling.gov.in>.

In view of the prevailing lockdown due to COVID 19, shareholders are requested to complete necessary formalities with regard to their bank accounts attached to their demat account for enabling the Company to make timely credit of dividend in the respective bank accounts.

We request your cooperation in this regard.

Yours Sincerely,

Vanika Mahajan
Company Secretary

Disclaimer: This communication shall not be treated as an advice from the Company or its Registrar & Transfer Agent. Shareholders should obtain the tax advice related to their tax matters from a tax professional

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INCOME-TAX RULES, 1962

FORM NO. 15G

[See section 197A (1), 197A (1A) and rule 29C]

Declaration under section 197A (1) and section 197A (1A) to be made by an individual or a person (not being a company or firm) claiming certain incomes without deduction of tax

PART I

Name of the Company		Folio No. / DP id Client id / FDR No.		
1. Name of Assessee (Declarant)		2. PAN of the Assessee ¹ SELF ATTESTED COPY of valid PAN Card to be attached		
3. Status ²	4. Previous year(P.Y.) ³ (for which declaration is being made)	5. Residential Status ³		
6. Flat/Door/Block No.	7. Name of Premises	8. Road/Street/Lane	9. Area /Locality	
10. Town / City / District	11. State	12. PIN	13. Email	
14. Telephone No. (with STD Code) and Mobile No.	15 (a) Whether assessed to tax under the Income-tax Act, 1961 ⁵ : (b) If yes, latest assessment year for which assessed		Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
16. Estimated income for which this declaration is made		17. Estimated total income of the P.Y. in which income mentioned in column 16 to be included ⁶		
18. Details of Form No. 15G other than this form filed during the previous year, if any ⁷				
Total No. of Form No. 15G filed		Aggregate amount of income for which Form No. 15G .filed		
19. Details of income for which the declaration is filed				
Sl. No.	Identification number of relevant investment/account, etc. ⁸	Nature of income	Section under which tax is deductible	Amount of income

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*Signature of the Declarant*⁹

Declaration/ Verification¹⁰

*I/We..... do hereby declare that to the best of *my/our knowledge and belief what is stated above is correct, complete and is truly stated. *I/ We declare that the incomes referred to in this form are not includible in the total income of any other person under sections 60 to 64 of the Income-tax Act, 1961.*I/We further declare that the tax *on my/our estimated total income including *income/incomes referred to in column 16*and aggregate amount of *income/incomes referred to in column 18 computed in accordance with the provisions of the Income-tax Act, 1961, for the previous year ending on..... relevant to the assessment year.....will be nil.* I/We also declare that *my/our *income / incomes referred to in column 16* and the aggregate amount of *income / incomes referred to in column 18 for the previous year ending on..... relevant to the assessment year..... will not exceed the maximum amount which is not chargeable to income-tax.

Place:
Date:..... *Signature of the Declarant*⁹

1. Substituted by IT (Fourteenth Amdt.) Rules 2015, w.e.f. **1-10-2015**. Earlier Form No. 15G was inserted by the IT (Fifth Amdt.) Rules, 1982, w.e.f. 21-6-1982 and later on amended by the IT (Fifth Amdt.) Rules, 1989, w.r.e.f. 1-4-1988, IT (Fourteenth Amdt.) Rules, 1990, w.e.f. 20-11-1990 and IT (Twelfth Amdt.) Rules, 2002, w.e.f. 21-6-2002 and substituted by the IT (Eighth Amdt.) Rules, 2003, w.e.f. 9-6-2003 and IT (Second Amdt.) Rules, 2013, w.e.f. 19-2-2013.

PART II

[To be filled by the person responsible for paying the income referred to in column 16 of Part I]

1. Name of the person responsible for paying		2. Unique Identification No. ¹¹	
3. PAN of the person responsible for paying	4. Complete Address		5. TAN of the person responsible for paying
6. Email	7. Telephone No. (with STD Code) and Mobile No		8. Amount of Income paid ⁶
9. Date on which Declaration is received (DD/MM/YYYY)		10. Date on which the income has been paid /credited (DD/MM/YYYY)	

Place:

Date:

.....
*Signature of the person responsible for paying
the income referred to in column 16 of Part I*

*Delete whichever is not applicable.

¹As per provisions of section 206AA(2), the declaration under section 197A(1) or 197A(1A) shall be invalid if the declarant fails to furnish his valid Permanent Account Number (PAN).

²Declaration can be furnished by an individual under section 197 A(1) and a person (other than a company or a firm) under section 197A(1A).

³The financial year to which the income pertains.

⁴Please mention the residential status as per the provisions of section 6 of the Income-tax Act, 1961.

⁵Please mention “Yes” if assessed to tax under the provisions of Income-tax Act, 1961 for any of the assessment year out of six assessment years preceding the year in which the declaration is filed.

⁶Please mention the amount of estimated total income of the previous year for which the declaration is filed including the amount of income for which this declaration is made.

⁷In case any declaration(s) in Form No. 15G is filed before filing this declaration during the previous year, mention the total number of such Form No. 15G filed along with the aggregate amount of income for which said declaration(s) have been filed.

⁸Mention the distinctive number of shares, account number of term deposit, recurring deposit, National Savings Schemes, life insurance policy number, employee code, etc.

⁹Indicate the capacity in which the declaration is furnished on behalf of a HUF, AOP, etc.

¹⁰Before signing the declaration/verification, the declarant should satisfy himself that the information furnished in this form is true, correct and complete in all respects. Any person making a false statement in the declaration shall be liable to prosecution under section 277 of the Income-tax Act, 1961 and on conviction be punishable-

(i) in a case where tax sought to be evaded exceeds twenty-five lakh rupees, with rigorous imprisonment which shall not be less than six months but which may extend to seven years and with fine;

(ii) in any other case, with rigorous imprisonment which shall not be less than three months but which may extend to two years and with fine.

¹¹The person responsible for paying the income referred to in column 16 of Part I shall allot a unique identification number to all the Form No. 15G received by him during a quarter of the financial year and report this reference number along with the particulars prescribed in rule 3 1A (4) (vii) of the Income-tax

Rules, 1962 in the TDS statement furnished for the same quarter. In ease the person has also received Form No.15H during the same quarter, please allot separate series of serial number for Form No.15G and Form No.15H.

¹²The person responsible for paying the income referred to in column 16 of Part I shall not accept the declaration where the amount of income of the nature referred to in sub-section (1) or sub-section (1A) of section 197A or the aggregate of the amounts of such income credited or paid or likely to be credited or paid during the previous year in which such income is to be included exceeds the maximum amount which is not chargeable to tax. For deciding the eligibility, he is required to verify income or the aggregate amount of incomes, as the ease may be, reported by the declarant in columns 16 and 18.

1FORM NO. 15H

[See section 197A(1C) and rule 29C]

Declaration under section 197A(1C) to be made by an individual who is of the age of sixty years or more claiming certain incomes without deduction of tax.**PART I**

Name of the Company		Folio No./ DP id Client id/ FDR No.		
1. Name of Assessee (Declarant)		2. Permanent Account Number or Aadhaar Number of the Assessee ¹ SELF ATTESTED COPY of valid PAN Card to be attached		3. Date of Birth ² (DD/MM/YYYY)
4. Previous year(P.Y.) ³ (for which declaration is being made)		5. Flat/Door/Block No.		6. Name of Premises
7. Road/Street/Lane	8. Area/Locality	9. Town/City/District	10. State	
11. PIN	12. Email	13. Telephone No. (with STD Code) and Mobile No.		
14 (a) Whether assessed to tax ⁴ :			Yes	No
(b) If yes, latest assessment year for which assessed				
15. Estimated income for which this declaration is made				
16. Estimated total income of the P.Y. in which income mentioned in column 15 to be included ⁵				
17. Details of Form No.15H other than this form filed for the previous year, if any ⁶				
Total No. of Form No.15H filed		Aggregate amount of income for which Form No. 15H filed		
18. Details of income for which the declaration is filed				
Sl. No.	Identification number of relevant investment/account, etc. ⁷	Nature of income	Section under which tax is deductible	Amount of income

.....
Signature of the Declarant

1.Substituted by IT (Fourteenth Amdt.) Rules 2015, w.e.f. **1-10-2015**. Earlier Form No. 15H was amended by the IT (Fifth Amdt.) Rules, 1982, w.e.f. 21-6-1982, IT (Fifth Amdt.) Rules, 1989, w.r.e.f. 1-4-1988, IT (Fourteenth Amdt.) Rules, 1990, w.e.f. 20-11-1990, IT (Twelfth Amdt.) Rules, 1992, w.e.f. 1-6-1992, IT (Seventh Amdt.) Rules, 1995, w.e.f. 1-7-1995, IT (Thirty-second Amdt.) Rules, 1999, w.e.f. 19-11-1999, IT (Twelfth Amdt.) Rules, 2002, w.e.f. 21-6-2002, IT (Eighth Amdt.) Rules, 2003, w.e.f. 9-6-2003, IT (Fourteenth Amdt.) Rules, 2003, w.e.f. 1-8-2003, w.e.f. 1-8-2003 and IT (Second Amdt.) Rules, 2013, w.e.f. 19-2-2013

Declaration/Verification⁸

I do hereby declare that I am resident in India within the meaning of section 6 of the Income-tax Act, 1961. I also hereby declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief what is stated above is correct, complete and is truly stated and that the incomes referred to in this form are not includible in the total income of any other person under sections 60 to 64 of the Income-tax Act, 1961. I further declare that the tax on my estimated total income including *income/incomes referred to in column 15 *and aggregate amount of *income/incomes referred to in column 17 computed in accordance with the provisions of the Income-tax Act, 1961, for the previous year ending on..... relevant to the assessment year..... will be *nil*.

Place:

Date:

.....

Signature of the Declarant

PART II

[To be filled by the person responsible for paying the income referred to in column 15 of Part I]

1. Name of the person responsible for paying		2. Unique Identification No. ⁹	
3. Permanent Account Number or Aadhaar Number of the person responsible for paying	4. Complete Address	5. TAN of the person responsible for paying	
6. Email	7. Telephone No. (with STD Code) and Mobile No.	8. Amount of income paid ¹⁰	
9. Date on which Declaration is received (DD/MM/YYYY)	10. Date on which the income has been paid/credited (DD/MM/YYYY)		

Place:

.....

Date:

*Signature of the person responsible for paying the income referred to in column 15 of Part I **

*Delete whichever is not applicable.

1. As per provisions of section 206AA(2), the declaration under section 197A(1C) shall be invalid if the declarant fails to furnish his valid Permanent Account Number or Aadhaar Number.
2. Declaration can be furnished by a resident individual who is of the age of 60 years or more at any time during the previous year.
3. The financial year to which the income pertains.
4. Please mention “Yes” if assessed to tax under the provisions of Income-tax Act, 1961 for any of the assessment year out of six assessment years preceding the year in which the declaration is filed.
5. Please mention the amount of estimated total income of the previous year for which the declaration is filed including the amount of income for which this declaration is made.
6. In case any declaration(s) in Form No. 15H is filed before filing this declaration during the previous year, mention the total number of such Form No. 15H filed along with the aggregate amount of income for which said declaration(s) have been filed.
7. Mention the distinctive number of shares, account number of term deposit, recurring deposit, National Savings Schemes, life insurance policy number, employee code, etc.
8. Before signing the declaration/verification, the declarant should satisfy himself that the information furnished in this form is true, correct and complete in all respects. Any person making a false statement in the declaration shall be liable to prosecution under section 277 of the Income-tax Act, 1961 and on conviction be punishable—

- (i) in a case where tax sought to be evaded exceeds twenty-five lakh rupees, with rigorous imprisonment which shall not be less than six months but which may extend to seven years and with fine;
- (ii) in any other case, with rigorous imprisonment which shall not be less than three months but which may extend to two years and with fine.

9. The person responsible for paying the income referred to in column 15 of Part I shall allot a unique identification number to all the Form No. 15H received by him during a quarter of the financial year and report this reference number along with the particulars prescribed in rule 31A(4)(vii) of the Income-tax Rules, 1962 in the TDS statement furnished for the same quarter. In case the person has also received Form No.15G during the same quarter, please allot separate series of serial number for Form No.15H and Form No.15G.

10. The person responsible for paying the income referred to in column 15 of Part I shall not accept the declaration where the amount of income of the nature referred to in section 197A(1C) or the aggregate of the amounts of such income credited or paid or likely to be credited or paid during the previous year in which such income is to be included exceeds the maximum amount which is not chargeable to tax after allowing for deduction(s) under Chapter VI-A, if any, or set off of loss, if any, under the head “income from house property” for which the declarant is eligible. For deciding the eligibility, he is required to verify income or the aggregate amount of incomes, as the case may be, reported by the declarant in columns 15 and 17.

¹ **[Provided** that such person shall accept the declaration in a case where income of the assessee, who is eligible for rebate of income-tax under section 87A, is higher than the income for which declaration can be accepted as per this note, but his tax liability shall be nil after taking into account the rebate available to him under the said section 87A.]

"FORM NO. 10F

[See sub-rule (1) of rule 21AB]

Information to be provided under sub-section (5) of section 90 or sub-section (5) of section 90A of the Income-tax Act, 1961

I. *son/daughter of Shri. in the capacity of (designation) do provide the following information, relevant to the previous year. *in my case/in the case of. for the purposes of sub-section (5) of * section 90/section 90A:—

Sl.No.	Nature of information	:	Details#
(i)	Status (individual; company, firm etc.) of the assessee	:	
(ii)	Permanent Account Number (PAN) of the assessee if allotted	:	
(iii)	Nationality (in the case of an individual) or Country or specified territory of incorporation or registration (in the case of others)	:	
(iv)	Assessee's tax identification number in the country or specified territory of residence and if there is no such number, then, a unique number on the basis of which the person is identified by the Government of the country or the specified territory of which the assessee claims to be a resident	:	
(v)	Period for which the residential status as mentioned in the certificate referred to in sub-section (4) of section 90 or sub-section (4) of section 90A is applicable	:	
(vi)	Address of the assessee in the country or territory outside India during the period for which the certificate, mentioned in (v) above, is applicable	:	

2. I have obtained a certificate to in sub-section (4) of section 90 of sub-section (4) of section 90A from the Government of (name of country or specified territory outside India)

Signature:

Name:

Address:

Permanent Account Number:

Verification

I. do hereby declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief what is stated above is correct complete and is truly stated.

Verified today the day of

Signature of the person providing the information

Place:

Notes : 1. *Delete whichever is not applicable. 2. #Write N.A. if the relevant information forms part of the certificate referred to in sub-section (4) of section 90 or sub-section (4) of section 90A.

DRAFT LETTER BY SHAREHOLDER

Date:

To,

Benares Hotels Limited
Corporate Office,
Taj Palace Hotel,
Sardar Patel Marg,
New Delhi - 110 021

Dear Sir,

Sub: Certification with regard to Payment of Dividend for FY 2020

For the purpose of determination of tax liability u/s. 195 of the [Indian] Income-tax Act, 1961, I/We hereby certify that -

Nature of the information	Details
Name of the shareholder	
Folio No./ DP ID & Client ID	
Address in the country of residence	
Email ID	
Contact Number	
Status	Company/LLP/Partnership/Trust/Individual
Tax Identification Number in the country of residence	

1. I/We, << Name of the shareholder >> confirm that I/We are a tax resident of <<Insert country>> and are eligible to claim benefits of the India - << Insert country>> Double Tax Avoidance Agreement (DTAA), read with the provisions laid down in Multilateral Instrument (MLI), wherever applicable.
2. I/We, <<Name of the shareholder >> are the beneficial owner of the shares allotted in above folio no. as well as of the dividend arising from such shareholding.
3. I/We further declare that I/we have exclusive possession and control over the dividend received/ receivable from the above shares and I/we have the absolute discretion to utilise the dividend received without being constrained by any contractual and/ or legal obligation to pass on such dividend to another person.
4. I/We either do not/will not have a Permanent Establishment (P.E.) in India or Dividend income earned by us is not attributable/effectively connected to our P.E. in India as defined under the Income Tax Act, 1961 and DTAA between India and <Name of Country> read with the provisions laid down in Multilateral Instruments (MLI), wherever applicable, during the financial year <<<Year>>>. In the event of I/We having a P.E. in

India or Dividend income is attributable/effectively connected to such P.E., I/We acknowledge our obligation to inform you forthwith with necessary details.

5. We hereby confirm that we do/ will not have a place of effective management, during the period 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021, in India and none of the key management and commercial decisions for the conduct of business in substance are/ will be made in India.
6. I/We hereby declare that the investments made by me/us in the shares of Benares Hotels Limited are not arranged in a manner which results in obtaining a tax benefit, whether directly or indirectly, as one of its principal purposes. The tax benefit, if any, derived from such investments would be in accordance with the object and purpose of the relevant provisions of the Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement between India and [Insert name of country of which the shareholder is tax resident].
7. We also undertake to provide all additional documents/ information, as may be prescribed / required by the Indian Revenue authorities, in order to substantiate any of the above aspects.
8. I/We further agree to indemnify Benares Hotels Limited for any liability (including towards tax, interest and penalty), arising out of any acts of commission or omission initiated by << Name of the Shareholder >> by relying on our above averment.

Thanking you,

Yours Sincerely,

For <Name of the Shareholder>

Name: <insert authorised person name>

<Insert designation>