PREFACE

In a developing country like India, Income Tax proves to be a chief source of controlling economic affairs and contribution to National Exchequer. It arranges real wealth for the country. In the contrary, it is also a fact that people have a tendency to avoid and evade the burden of Income Tax. The present work is an effort to bring out the ways and means of Tax Avoidance and Evasion and to suggest necessary steps for checking the same. In fact, Avoidance and Evasion of tax is a challenge not only to the Government but also to the Indian society as a whole.

Apart from explaining the historical background and role of Income Tax in the national economy and also the nature of Avoidance and Evasion, the researcher has made efforts to specify the different methods which are followed for Tax Avoidance and Evasion. The study has been made for investigating the privileges offered as exemptions, deductions and rebates which lead to avoidance of tax. It has also been examined as to how people avoid tax in different manners by formation of charitable trusts, partnership firms, private limited companies, etc., the magnitude of Tax Avoidance and Evasion as investigated by different Committees and Commissions have also been consider for the
present study. The legal and administrative measures taken for checking Avoidance and Evasion of Tax have also been evaluated for their effectiveness. In the end, various suggestions are put forward the policy makers in order to check the problem so that the honest tax payers may not be overburdened and the avoiders and evaders may not be allowed to gain at the cost of others.

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