Paper BC 3.1: Company Law

Duration: 2.5 hrs Total Marks: 60(Term end examination 56 (Marks for Attendance 4) Lectures: 65

Objective: The objective of the course is to impart basic knowledge of the provisions of the Companies Act 2013. Case studies involving issues in company law are required to be discussed.

Unit 1:

Administration of Company Law [including National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT), National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT), Special Courts]; Characteristics of a company; lifting of corporate veil; types of companies including one-person company, small company and dormant company; association not for profit; illegal association; formation of company, on-line filing of documents, promoters, their legal position, pre-incorporation contract; on-line registration of a company.

Unit 2:

Memorandum of association, Articles of association, Doctrine of constructive notice and indoor management prospectus-shelf and red herring prospectus, Misstatement in prospectus, GDR; Book building; Issue, allotment and forfeiture of share, Transmission of shares, Buyback and provisions regarding buyback; Issue of bonus shares.

Unit 3:

Classification of directors, women directors, independent director, small shareholder's director; Disqualifications, director identity number (DIN); Appointment; Legal positions, powers and duties; removal of directors; Key managerial personnel, managing director, manager; Meetings of shareholders and board; Types of meeting, convening and conduct of meetings, postal ballot, meeting through video conferencing, e-voting; Committees of Board of Directors - Audit Committee, Nomination and Remuneration Committee, Stakeholders Relationship Committee, Corporate Social Responsibility Committee.

Unit 4:

Provisions relating to payment of Dividend, Provisions relating to Books of Account, Provisions relating to Audit, Auditors' Appointment, Rotation of Auditors, Auditors' Report, Secretarial Audit. Concept and modes of Winding Up. Insider-Trading; meaning and legal provisions; Whistleblowing: Concept and Mechanism.

Unit V and Unit IV (For Internal Assessment)

Tutorials

Analysis of case studies based on syllabi of Unit I to Unit IV/ Assignments based on field survey/subject tours wherever feasible/Quiz programmes/moot courts wherever feasible/class presentations/class room seminars/Group discussions

Suggested Readings:

- 1. MC Kuchhal, Modern Indian Company Law, Shri Mahaveer Book Depot (Publishers), Delhi.
- 2. GK Kapoor and Sanjay Dhamija, Company Law, Bharat Law House, Delhi.
- 3. Anil Kumar, Corporate Laws, Indian Book House, Delhi
- 4. Reena Chadha and Sumant Chadha, Corporate Laws, Scholar Tech Press, Delhi.
- 5. Avtar Singh, Introduction to Company Law, Eastern Book Company

- 6. Ramaiya, A Guide to Companies Act, LexisNexis, Wadhwa and Buttersworth.
- 7. A Compendium of Companies Act 2013, along with Rules, by Taxmann Publications.
- 8. Gower and Davies, Principles of Modern Company Law, Sweet & Maxwell
- 9. Sharma, J.P., *An Easy Approach to Corporate Laws*, Ane Books Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi **Journals:**
 - 1. Journal of Corporate Law Studies Taylor & Francis Online
 - 2. Journal of Corporate Law Studies SCImago