Penalty for failure to deduct tax at source.

271C. (1) If any person fails to—

(*a*) deduct the whole or any part of the tax as required by or under the provisions of Chapter XVII-B; or

(*b*) pay or ensure payment of, the whole or any part of the tax as required by or under—

(*i*) sub-section (2) of section 115-O;

(*ii*) the proviso to section 194B;

(*iii*) the first proviso to sub-section (1) of section 194R; or

(*iv*) the proviso to sub-section (1) of section 194S; or

(*v*) sub-section (2) of section 194BA,

then, such person shall be liable to pay, by way of penalty, a sum equal to the amount of tax which such person failed to deduct or pay or ensure payment of, as aforesaid.

(2) Any penalty imposable under sub-section (1) shall be imposed by the Joint Commissioner:

[10][**Provided** that any penalty under sub-section (1) on or after the 1st day of April, 2025, shall be imposed by the Assessing Officer.]

10. Ins. by Act No. 7 of 2025, w.e.f. 1-4-2025.