Income Computation and Disclosure Standards
ICDS-VI, VII and VIII

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Discussion Points

• Basic Principles
• ICDS VI – The Effects Of Changes In Foreign Exchange Rates
• ICDS VII – Government Grants
• ICDS VIII - Securities
Basic Principles

• Applicable for computation of income chargeable under the head “profits and gains from business and profession” and “income from other sources”

• Revised ICDS notified on 29 September 2016 and the same are effective from FY 2016-17.

• Changes in the relevant ICDS vis a vis old ICDS
  o No classification of foreign operations into integral and non-integral
  o Definition of securities
  o Introduction of provisions for securities held by a scheduled bank
Introduction to ICDS

• CBDT has issued a circular number 10/2017 in March 2017 to clarify certain issues in relation to ICDS e.g.
  ▪ overriding of judicial precedents,
  ▪ applicability to presumptive scheme of taxation- Section 44 AD, Section 44AB
  ▪ Treatment for MTM gains
  ▪ Applicability of ICDS on Derivatives
  ▪ ICDS is applicable only for computation of income under the normal provisions of the Act and not for computing MAT liability.

Constitutional validity of ICDS challenged
Disclosures on the impact of ICDS

• Disclosure of ICDS impact is to be made in the Tax Audit Report and the Income Tax Return Form.
ICDS VI- Effects of changes in Forex Rates
**Scope of ICDS- VI**

ICDS VI deals with three areas:

- Transactions in foreign currencies
- Translating financial statements of foreign operations
- Forward exchange contracts
Key Definitions

• Monetary items are money held and assets to be received or liabilities to be paid in fixed or determinable amounts of money. Cash, receivables, and payables are examples of monetary items.

• Non-monetary items are assets and liabilities other than monetary items. Fixed assets, inventories, and investments in equity shares are examples of non-monetary items.

• “Foreign operations of a person” is a branch, by whatever name called, of that person, the activities of which are based or conducted in a country other than India.

• “Forward exchange contract” means an agreement to exchange different currencies at a forward rate, and includes a foreign currency option contract or another financial instrument of a similar nature.
**ICDS VI- Initial Recognition, Foreign Operations and Forex Fluctuations on Non-Monetary Items**

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<th>Position under ICDS</th>
<th>Impact in ICDS</th>
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<td>Initial Recognition</td>
<td>Date of transaction</td>
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<td>Foreign Operations</td>
<td>Classification of integral and non integral operations</td>
<td>Classification of integral and non integral removed*</td>
<td>Change in ICDS</td>
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<td>Non-monetary items carried at historical cost (eg. Fixed Assets, Long-term Invt)</td>
<td>Date of transaction</td>
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<td>Non-monetary items carried at fair value, etc. (eg. Inventory)</td>
<td>Date on which such value was determined</td>
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ICDS VI - Forex Fluctuations on Monetary Items

Forex differences - Monetary Items

On Capital Account
- Related to imported asset
  - Under AS-11
    • Gain/Loss recognized in P&L;
    • Option to capitalize in cost of asset or accumulated in FCMITD A/c
  - Under the Act
    • Adjusted in actual cost [S. 43A]
- Same tax treatment under ICDS

On Revenue Account
- Eg: Forex loans, etc.
- Other cases (Local Assets)
  - Under AS-11
    • Same as in case of imported assets
  - Under the Act
    • S. 43A not applicable
    • Gain / loss – Capital in nature* (not offered to tax)
- Gain / Loss to be recognized as per ICDS

- Eg. Loan to overseas WOS, ECB
  - Gain / Loss allowed on MTM basis under AS-11 as well as under the Act
  - Same tax treatment under ICDS
Forex Fluctuations on Foreign Exchange Contracts

- For Hedging Purposes
  - Gain / Loss on Ex. Diff. allowed on MTM basis
  - Premium / Discount – To be amortized over contract life (Same as AS-11)
  - No distinction between capital and revenue account in ICDS (Conflicts CBDT Instruction No. 3/2010) (to the extent of MTM Loss)

- Trading, Speculation, Firm commitment, highly probable forecast
  - Gain / Loss on Ex. Diff. allowed at the time of settlement
  - Premium / Discount – allowed at the time of settlement (AS-11 – Gain/loss on MTM basis)
### Forward Exchange Contracts

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<td>Firm Commitment not having an underlying asset on the last day of the year</td>
<td>AS-11 not applicable</td>
<td>Premium or discount and exchange difference to be recognised at the date of settlement.</td>
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<td>Highly Probable Forecast Transaction</td>
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Other Forex Derivatives

Forex Derivatives like cross currency swaps and interest rate swaps?

ICDS is silent

Principle contained in ICDS-1 to apply-CBDT circular
**Transitional Provisions**

- All foreign currency transactions undertaken on or after 1 April 2016 shall be recognized as ICDS VI;

- Exchange Difference in respect of monetary/non-monetary items on settlement/translation during the previous year commencing on 1 April 2016 and subsequent years shall be recognized as per ICDS VI (after considering the amount recognized on 31 March 2016);

- Financial Statements of foreign operations for the previous year commencing on 1 April 2016 shall be translated as per ICDS –VI (after considering the amount recognized on 31 March 2016);

- All forward exchange contracts existing on 1 April 2016 or entered on or after 1 April 2016 shall be dealt with as per ICDS –VI (after considering the amount recognized on 31 March 2016);

- CBDT circular provides that the opening balance in the FCTR relating to non-integral operations shall be recognised to the extent not recognised in the income computation in the past.
Issues in ICDS-VI

• Whether exchange gain on conversion of a foreign currency loan used for the purpose of acquiring an asset will be taxable in India if not covered under Section 43A of the Act

• Whether exchange gain on conversion of a non-monetary item of a non-integral operation at a closing rate be taxable
ICDS VII- Government Grants
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**Government**
- Government,
- Government agencies and
- Similar bodies whether local, national or international

**Government Grants**
Assistance by government in cash or kind to an enterprise for past or future compliance

**Exclusions:**
- Government assistance which cannot have a value placed on them
- Transactions with the government which cannot be distinguished from the normal trading transactions
ICDS VII- Coverage of Government Grants

- Subsidies
  - Reimbursements
  - Concessions
  - Waivers
- Cash Incentives
- Duty Drawbacks

Excludes:
- a) Assistance other than in the form of Government grants
- b) Government participation in the ownership of the enterprise
### ICDS VII - Distinction between ICDS and AS-12

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<th>AS-12</th>
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| Recognition          | Reasonable Assurance required for:  
  a) Conditions of the grant should be met and  
  b) Grant shall be received | Reasonable Assurance required for:  
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  b) Grant shall be received |
| Depreciable Assets   | Grants should be deducted from the cost of the assets or the WDV of the block of assets. *(No option to recognise as deferred revenue)* | Either deducted from the gross value of the asset or treated as deferred income and recognised in the P&L on a systematic basis over the useful life of the assets. |

**Recognition of the Government Grant should not be postponed beyond actual receipt**
**Treatment of Government Grants**

- **Depreciable Fixed Assets**
  - Grant shall be deducted from the actual cost of the asset or the WDV of the block of assets.

- **Non Depreciable assets**
  - If grant requires fulfilment of certain conditions then grant shall be recognised as income over the same period over which the cost of meeting such obligations is charged to income.

- **Not directly relatable**
  - Proportionate amount should be reduced from actual cost/written down value.
**Treatment of Government Grants**

**Compensation and Financial Support**
- Shall be recognised as income of which such grant is receivable

**Non monetary assets at concessional rates**
- Grants in the form of non-monetary assets given at a concessional rate shall be accounted for on the basis of the acquisition cost.

**Others**
- Recognised as income over periods necessary to match them with related costs which they intend to compensate
Case Study - Grant related to depreciable fixed asset

Co A has received grant of Rs. 10 crores from Gujarat Government to procure a machinery of 25 crores to be used in manufacturing unit based in Vadodara.

Balance Sheet
Asset 25 crore
Grant -10 crore
Net Amount to be shown as per ICDS 15 crore

No difference in Pre and Post ICDS implications- subsidy will be reduced from the cost of asset.
Refund of Government Grants

Depreciable Assets
Refund shall be recorded by increasing the actual cost or WDV of the block of assets. Depreciation provided prospectively at the prescribed rates

Other than depreciable assets
Refund shall be first applied towards any unapplied deferred credit and then charged to profit and loss account
**Case study on Refund of Government Grants (Depreciable Assets)**

On 1 April 2016 A Co has received a conditional grant of Rs 10 crores from Maharashtra Government to procure a plant worth Rs 25 crores to be used in manufacturing unit based in Aurangabad. The life of the plant is 10 years.

On 1 April 2017 the A Co has failed to satisfy a condition as a result of which 9 out of 10 crores has been refunded to the government. How this plan should be recognised under ICDS

WDV = 13.5 crore  
Grant Refund= 9 crore  
Asset after refund= 22.5 crore

Disclosure Requirements

• Nature and extent of Government grants recognised by way of deduction from the actual cost of the assets or from the WDV of the block of assets

• Nature and extent of government grants recognised

• Nature and extent of Government grants not recognised and reasons thereof.

Transitional Provisions

• All the Government grants which meet recognition criteria on or after 1 April 2016 shall be recognised as per ICDS VII (after considering amount recognized in any previous year commencing on or before 31 March 2016)
**Impact of ICDS VII**

- Option for treating government grants as capital receipt is not available

- Grants need to be mandatorily recognized on receipt basis whether or not compliance to conditions is assured.

- Applicability of ICDS VII on grants partly recognised before 1 April 2016 and partly after that?

- Promoters Contribution covered in ICDS?
Judicial Precedents

CIT v Pooni Sugars and Chemicals Ltd (306 ITR 392) (SC)

- The purpose for which the subsidy is given is relevant
- The source, form and the mechanism of the subsidy is irrelevant
- If the object of the subsidy is to enable the business to run more efficiently the subsidy would be a revenue receipt
- If the object of the subsidy was to enable setting up of a plant or expand an existing unit it would be a capital receipt
- Since the Assessee was required to use the subsidy for repayment of term loan the same was considered to be capital in nature
**Judicial Precedents**

**Sahney Steel & Press Works Ltd v CIT (228 ITR 253) (SC)**

- If the subsidy is given after commencement of production in order to run the business more profitably, the same would be in the nature of revenue receipt.
- What is material is the purpose for which the subsidy is granted and not the source of the subsidy.
- In the instant case the subsidy was granted after commencement of production for carrying out the business and not for purchase of any plant or asset, hence it is revenue in nature.

**CIT v Chaphalkar Brothers (351 ITR 309) (Bom HC)**

- The object of the subsidy was for construction of multiplex theatres.
- Merely because the subsidy was not utilized for repayment of loan would not change its character from a capital receipt to a revenue receipt.
ICDS VIII - Securities
ICDS VIII - Securities - Part A

• Deals with securities held as stock in trade
  • FPI’s and FII’s should be excluded since security is a capital asset in their hands

• It does not apply to
  • Securities held by a person engaged in the business of insurance
  • Securities held by mutual funds, venture capital funds, banks and public financial institutions

• Securities is defined to have the meaning assigned to it in clause (h) of Section 2 of the SCRA Act and shall include the share of a company in which the public are not substantially interested but shall not include derivatives

Will cover stock brokers, NBFC’s etc
**ICDS VIII- Securities**

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<th>AS- 13</th>
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<td>Scope</td>
<td>Only securities held as stock in trade fall within the scope of ICDS VII and long term investments do not fall under this standard.</td>
<td>AS 13 deals with accounting for investments. Stick-in-trade is outside the scope.</td>
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<td>Measurement</td>
<td>Cost should be determined either on actual cost or based on FIFO/WAC method and not on specific identification method.</td>
<td>In respect of shares, debentures and other securities held as stock-in-trade, the cost of stocks would be the lower of the cost or the fair value</td>
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<td>Valuation</td>
<td>Treated as one group each and the total gain/loss of the category is considered: Shares Debt Convertible Any other</td>
<td>Valuation done scrip wise- cost or NRV whichever is less</td>
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Initial Recognition and Measurement

• A security on acquisition shall be recognised at actual cost

• The actual cost of a security shall comprise of its purchase price and include acquisition charges such as brokerage, fees, tax, duty or cess

• Where a security is acquired in exchange for other securities, the fair value of the security so acquired shall be its actual cost

• Where a security is acquired in exchange for another asset, the fair value of the security so acquired shall be its actual cost

• In respect of unpaid interest which has been accrued before acquisition of an interest bearing security and is included in the price paid for the security, the subsequent receipt of the interest is allocated between pre acquisition and post acquisition periods and the pre acquisition interest would be deducted from the actual cost
**Subsequent Measurement of Securities**

• Securities held as stock in trade shall be valued at cost or NRV whichever is lower

• In order to compare the actual cost with the NRV shall be done category wise and not for each individual security. The categories are as under
  - Shares
  - Debt Securities
  - Convertible Securities
  - Any other securities

Classification of Securities other than those mentioned above?
### Case study on classification of securities

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<th>Security</th>
<th>Category</th>
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Subsequent Measurement of Securities

• Unlisted securities and securities which are listed but not quoted on a stock exchange from time to time should be valued at actual cost.

• The value of the opening inventory of stock in trade is as under:
  • Cost of the securities on the day of the commencement of business in case of a newly commenced business
  • In other cases opening value shall be the same as closing value of the previous year

• If the actual cost initially recognised cannot be ascertained with reference to specific identification then the cost shall be determined on the basis of FIFO and weighted average method
Issues in ICDS VIII - Part A

- Section 145A vs ICDS- VIII
- Interest accrued before the acquisition of an interest bearing security- Judicial precedents
- Trader- treatment of bonus shares?
- Determination of shares as stock in trade?
ICDS VIII- Securities Part B

• Inserted by the CBDT through its Notification no. 86/2016

• Part –B deals with the “Securities held by scheduled bank or public financial institutions”

• Securities shall be classified, recognized and measured in accordance with the existing guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India in this regard and any claim for deduction in excess of the guidelines shall not be taken into account

• To this extent, the provisions of ICDS VI (Effect of changes in foreign exchange rates) relating to forward exchange contracts shall not apply
Questions?
Thank You