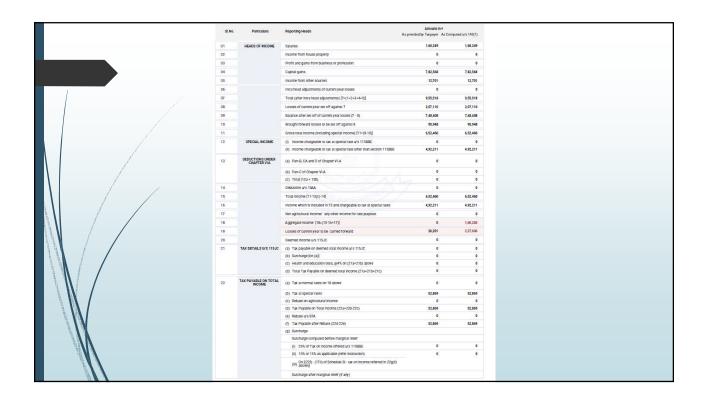
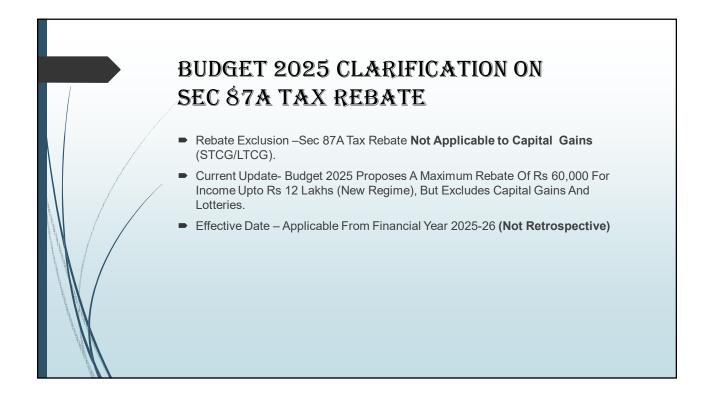


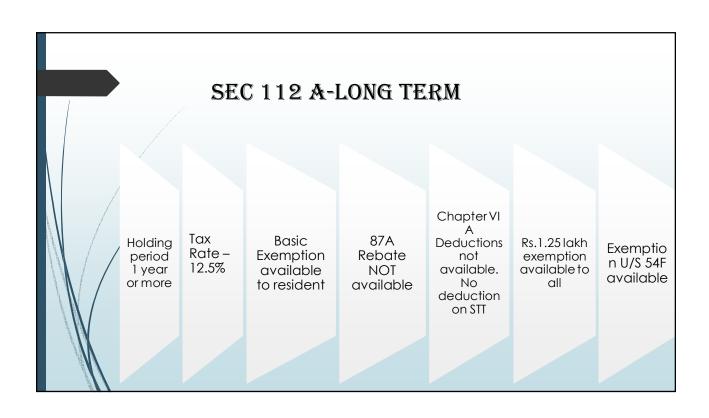
BOMBAY HIGH COURT RULING & RELEVANCE TO CAPITAL GAINS

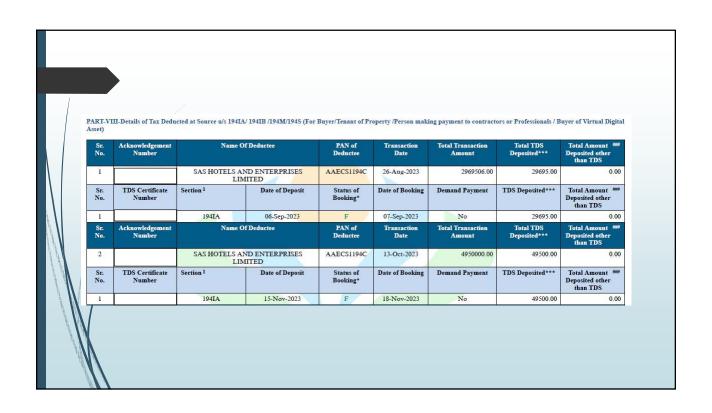
- The Bombay High Court said: "The facility to raise a claim, which was very much available till 5 July 2024, could not have been abruptly discontinued simply because the revenue official, acting in their administrative capacities, felt that such a claim was untenable."
- The Bombay High Court says, "In our opinion, whether a rebate U/s 87A
 can be granted only from the tax arrived at under Section 115BAC or
 also from the tax computed under other provisions of Chapter 12 is a
 highly debatable and arguable issue."
- The ruling holds that an ambiguity in the law cannot be resolved by modifying the utility in accordance with the interpretation favoring the tax department.











THE TAX RATES UNDER THE CAPITAL GAINS HEAD HAVE ALSO BEEN AMENDED

| SECTION | Particulars | Transfers before 23rd July 2024 | Transfers on or after 23rd July 2024 |
|---------|---|------------------------------------|---|
| 111A | Short term capital gain on listed equity, Equity Oriented Fund and units of business trust | 15% | 20% |
| 112A | Long term capital gain on listed equity, Equity Oriented Fund and Units of Business Trust | 10% Exempt up to Rs. 1 lakh | 12.5% Exempt up to Rs. 1.25 lakhs |
| 112 | Long term capital gain on any asset other than those covered under 112A | 20%/10% as the case maybe | 12.5%(without indexation) |

TAX IMPLICATION IN CASE OF SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

- "short-term capital asset" means a capital asset held by an assessee for not more than twenty-four months immediately preceding the date of its transfer.
- "long-term capital asset" means a capital asset which is not a short-term capital asset
- Immovable property: The indexation benefit which adjusted the cost of assets for inflation has now been withdrawn except for land and/or building acquired before 23 July 2024, by an individual resident or Hindu Undivided Family (HUF). On transfer of land and / or building on or after 23 July 2024 and acquired before 23 July 2024, taxpayers shall have an option to pay tax at the lower of
- (i) 20% on capital gains with indexation, or
- (ii) 12.5% on capital gains without indexation.

TAX IMPLICATION IN CASE OF SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

- If a person sells immovable property and it result in Short Term Capital Gain (STCG) i.e. sold within 24 months, then it is taxable at the rate of slab rate.
- If a person sells immovable property and it result in Long Term Capital Gain (LTCG) i.e. sold after 24 months, then assessee has two option for this which are as follows-:

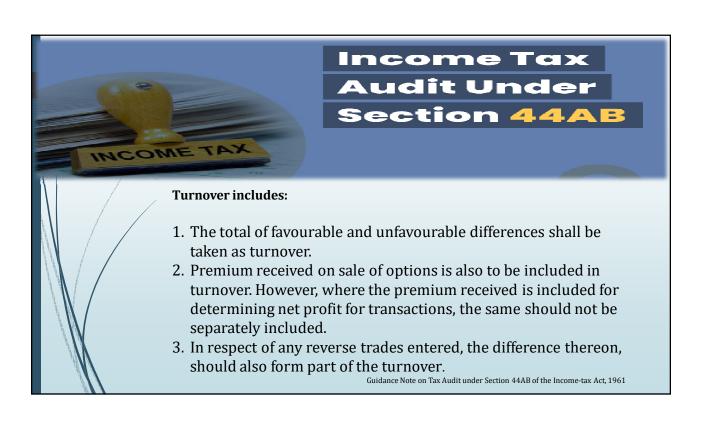
| Particulars | | Option 2 (Without Indexation) |
|--------------------|-----|-------------------------------|
| Indexation Benefit | Yes | No |
| Tax Rate | 20% | 12.5% |

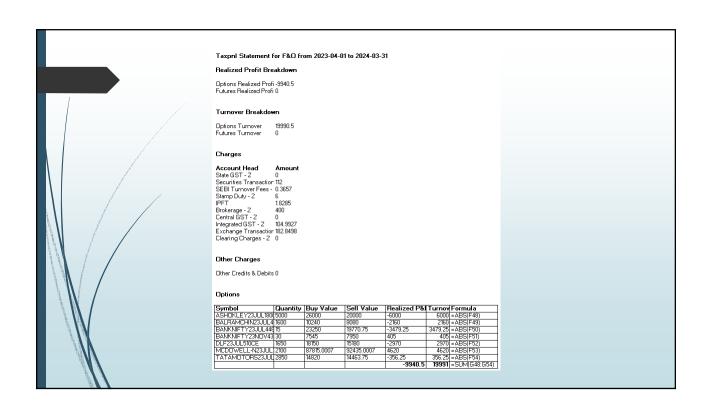


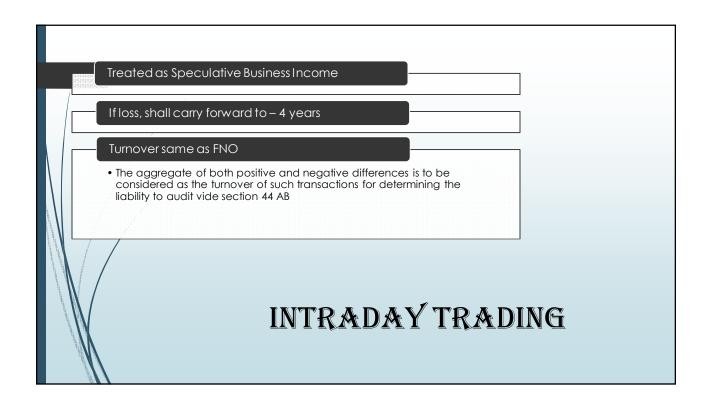
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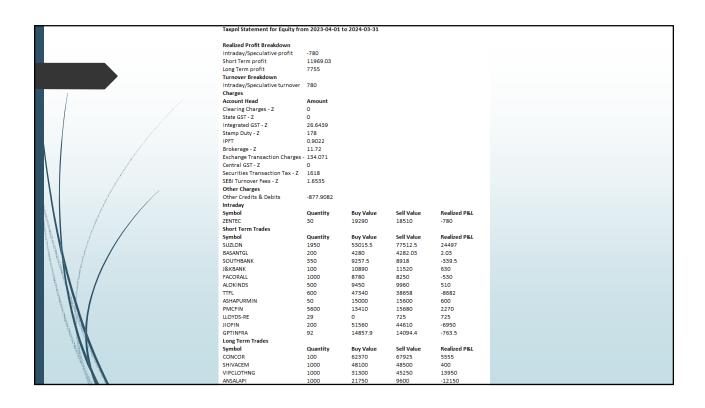


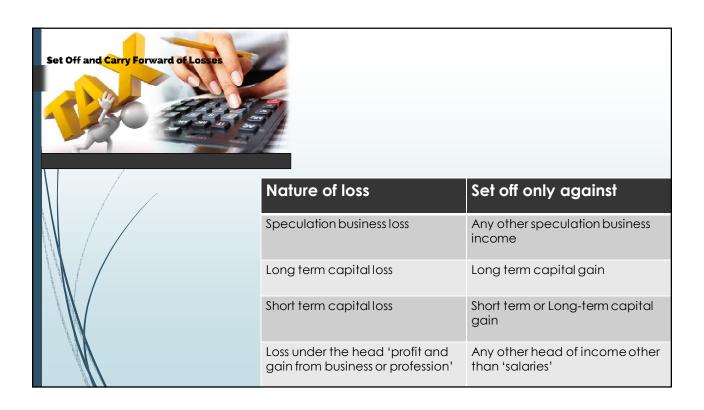
- Treated as business income
- Taxable at slab rate
- Not a speculative transaction even if squared off same day
- · Carry forward of loss up to 8 years
- Tax audit applicable if turnover exceeds 10 crore.



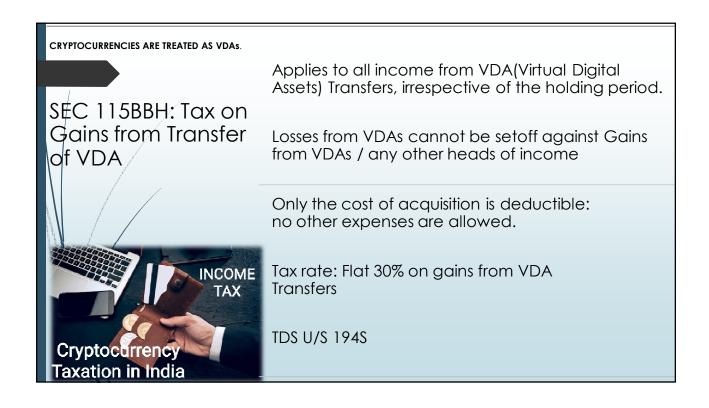






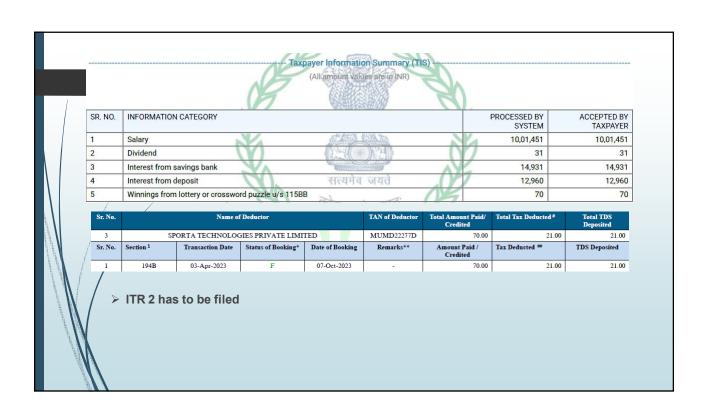


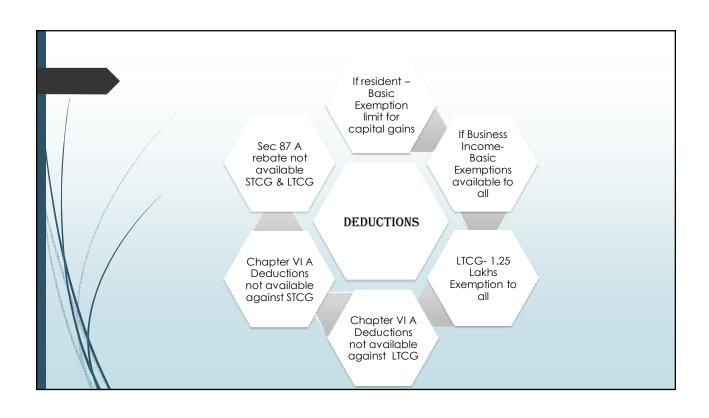
| | CARRY FORWARD | OF LOSS |
|--|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | Carried Forward Losses | Timeline for carrying forward |
| | Normal Business Loss | 8 years |
| | Speculative Business Loss | 4 years |
| The state of the s | Short term capital loss | 8 years |
| With Control of the C | Long term capital loss | 8 years |
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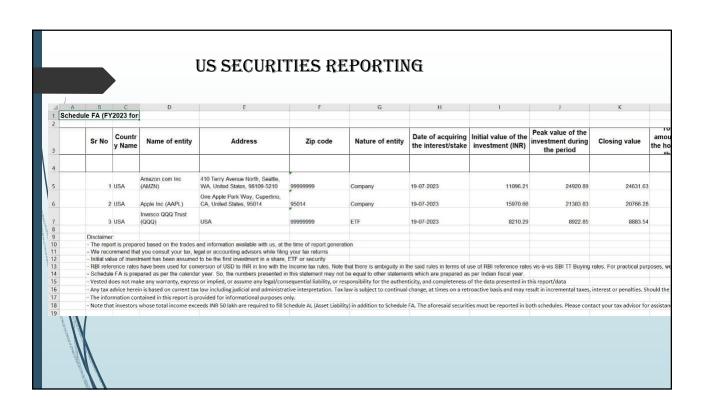


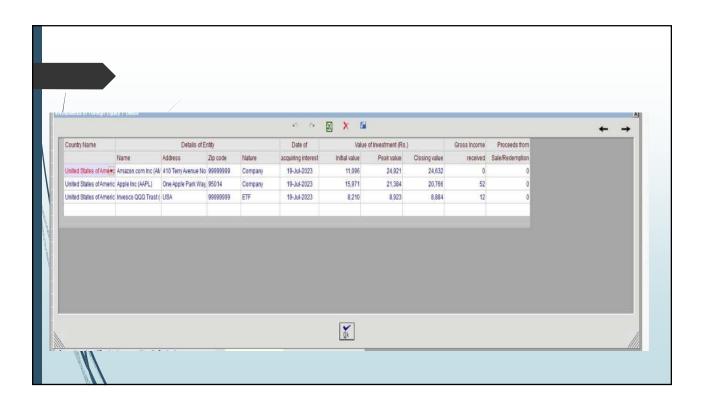
SECTION 115BBJ-TAX ON WINNINGS FROM ONLINE GAMES

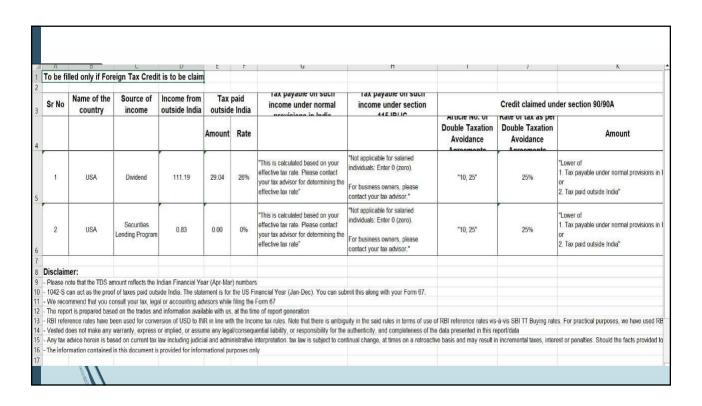
- The amount of income-tax calculated on **net winnings** from such online games during the previous year, computed in the manner as may be prescribed, at the rate of **30**%.
- TDS U/S: 194BA
- Section 115BBJ has been inserted after section 115BBI by the Finance Act, 2023, w.e.f. 1-4-2024



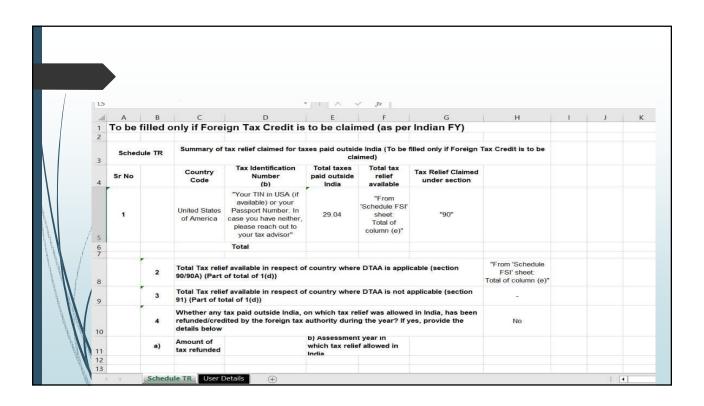


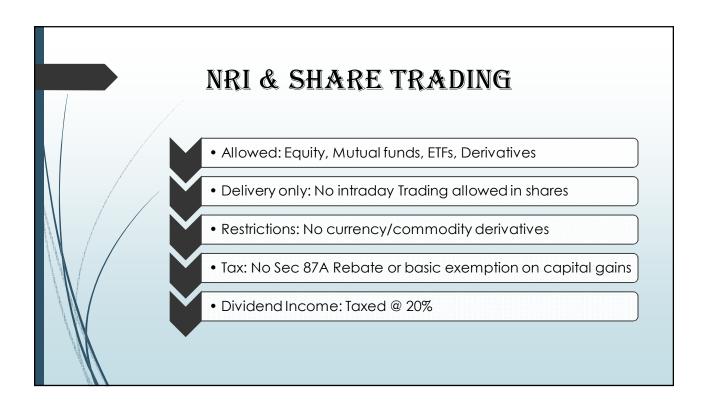


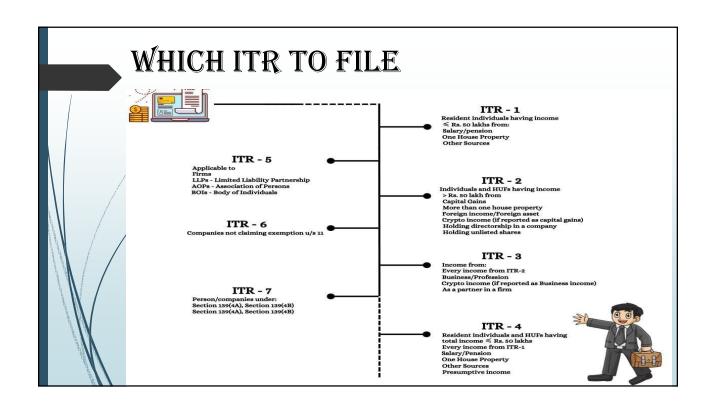


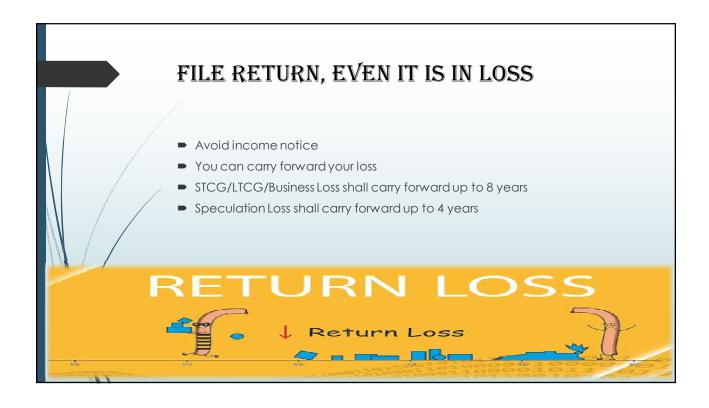


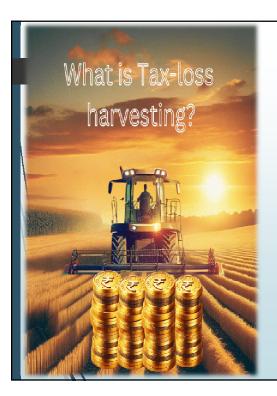
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| Ī | SI. No. | Country Code | Taxpayer Identification Number | SI No | Head of Income | Income from outside India (included in PART B-TI) (b) | Tax paid outside India (c) | Tax payable on such income under normal provisions in India (d) | | Relevant artic |
| , | 1 | "United States of America" | "Your TIN in USA (if available) or your Passport Number. In case you have neither, please reach out to your tax advisor" | Ĭ | Salary | | | | 831100 | |
| | | | | ii | House Property | | | | | |
| | | | | iii | Capital Gains | 0.00 | O | "Long Term Capital Geins: Calculate tax payable in India at 20% (plus surcharge and coss) Short Term Capital Geins: Calculate tax payable in India at your effective rate of tax. Please contact your tax advisor if you need assistance with | e | |
| | | | | lv | Other Sources | 112.02 | 29 04 | "This is calculated based on your effective tax rate. Please contact your tax advisor if you need assistance with this." | "Lower of (c) or (d)" | и |
| Í | Total | | | 112.02 | 29.04 | | | | | |





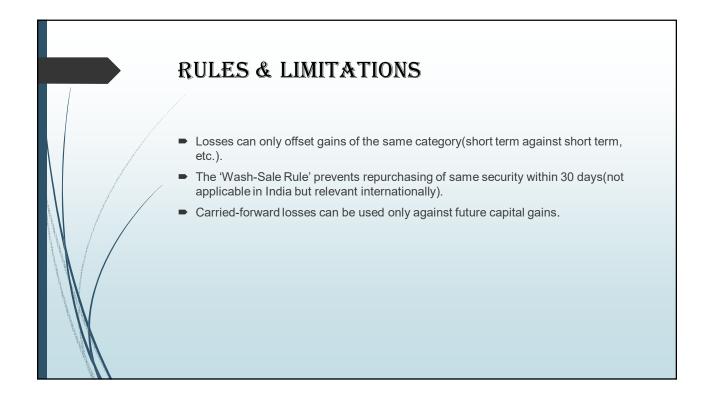






- Tax loss harvesting is the practice of selling securities at loss to offset capital gains.
- It helps investors minimize their tax liabilities on capital gains
- The strategy is commonly used in taxable investment accounts

HOW IT WORKS Identify underperforming assets with unrealized losses Sell those assets to realize the loss Use the loss to offset capital gains from other investments Any unused losses can be carried forward for up to 8 years





UNIT LINKED INSURANCE PLAN (ULIP)

A Unit Link Insurance Plan (ULIP) is an investment product that helps the investor claim an 80C deduction.

The two main pillars of wealth management is having an

•Insurance (medical and term both) whereas

Investing in equities.

To get a mix of both of these characteristics of financial planning, ULIP is one of the suitable options. In ULIP investment, a small portion of money is invested towards securing your life and rest is invested in equities.



- Proposed changes in the Finance Bill 2025 regarding the taxation of Unit Linked Insurance Policies (ULIPs).
- It explains that under Section 10(10D) of the Income-tax Act, exemptions on life insurance proceeds are conditional, and policies with premiums exceeding ₹2,50,000 annually do not qualify.
- These ULIPs are treated as capital assets, with profits taxed as capital gains. The proposed amendments apply in relation to AY 2026-27 and subsequent Assessment Years.

EXEMPT-EXEMPT (EEE) IN INCOME TAX IN INDIA

The income tax department of India has given EEE tax benefits to investments such as PPF, EPF, etc. EEE stands for Exempt-Exempt. It means the investor will get the tax benefit at the time of contribution, return on investment, and withdrawal time.

There are three times when taxes are due in India:

- •When you invest for tax purposes: The first E in EEE indicates that your investment is eligible for deduction at the time of contribution. As a result, the portion of the investor's salary that goes toward purchasing an EEE investment instrument is tax-free.
- •When you earn interest or a return on your investment: The second E in EEE indicates that you are exempt from paying taxes on any returns or interest generated during the accumulation phase.
- **When you withdraw a lump sum amount**: The third E in EEE indicates that even the withdrawal amount from the instrument at maturity will be tax-free.

EEE IN INCOME TAX

A Triple Tax Exemption Boon for Savvy Investors



Tax-Free Investment Options In EEE

Public Provident Fund (PPF)

PPF is an Exempt-Exempt (EEE) category investment. All PPF deposits are deductible under Section 80C of the Income-tax Act, 1961. You can invest a minimum of Rs 500 and a maximum of ₹ 1.5 lakh in PPF every financial year. You can invest in a single payment or up to twelve instalments. It comes with a lock-in period of 15 years, and a loan facility is also available against PPF.

Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana

Another option is the Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana (SSY), introduced by PM Narender Modi as a part of the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao campaign. The guardian invests in the scheme for his or her daughter to create a fund for their education and marriage.

Investors can claim a deduction under Section 80C of the Income Tax Act, 1961 (The Act) for investments up to ₹ 1.5 lakh. The interest earned from SSY is also tax-exempt under section 10 of the act. Moreover, no tax is applied to the funds received upon maturity or withdrawal.

Employee Provident Fund (EPF)

On November 15, 1951, the Employee Provident Fund came into existence under the administration of the Employees Provident Fund Organisation of India (EPFO). Additionally, every company employing more than 20 people must register with the EPFO. Investments made into EPF accounts get a deduction of up to ₹ 1.5 lakh under Section 80C of the Act. EPF interest is tax-free but must be declared on an annual income tax return. Additionally, EPF's maturity amount is also tax-free.

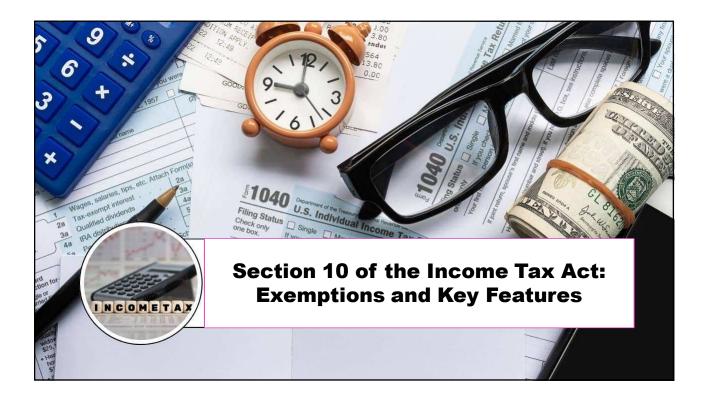
National Pension Scheme (NPS)

Tax benefit on lump sum withdrawal

Eligible for tax exemption on lumpsum withdrawal of 60% of accumulated pension wealth upon attaining the age of 60 or superannuation under section 10(12A)

Tax benefits on annuity purchase

The amount is fully exempt from tax, but annuity income that you will receive in the subsequent years will be subject to income tax as per your taxable income slab.



• **SECTION 10(4)(ii)** in the case of an individual, any income by way of interest on moneys standing to his credit in a Non-Resident (External) Account in any bank in India in accordance with the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (42 of 1999), and the rules made thereunder:

Provided that such individual is a person resident outside India as defined in clause (w) of section 2 of the said Act or is a person who has been permitted by the Reserve Bank of India to maintain the aforesaid Account;

• **SECTION 10(15)(IV) (fa)** Interest payable by the schedule bank on deposits, in foreign currency, approved by the RBI. The exemption is available to non-resident or person who is not ordinarily resident.

SECTION 10(15)(IV)(H)

Interest payable by any public sector company in respect of such bonds or debentures and subject to such conditions, including the condition that the holder of such bonds or debentures registers his name and the holding with that company

Some of the bonds specified here are:

NHAI, NABARD, NTPC, REC, PFC, HUDCO, IREDA, IRFC

• SECTION 10(15)(IV)(I)

/ Interest income from Government on deposits made by an employee of the Central or State Government or public sector company

HOW CAN NRIS INVEST IN GIFT CITY

GIFT City (Gujarat International Finance Tech City) is India's first and only international financial center. It offers numerous tax benefits to businesses and individuals, including those living outside India (NRIs), due to its special economic zone status.

These include:

Transfers of specified securities listed on GIFT IFSC exchanges by non-residents are exempt from capital gains tax

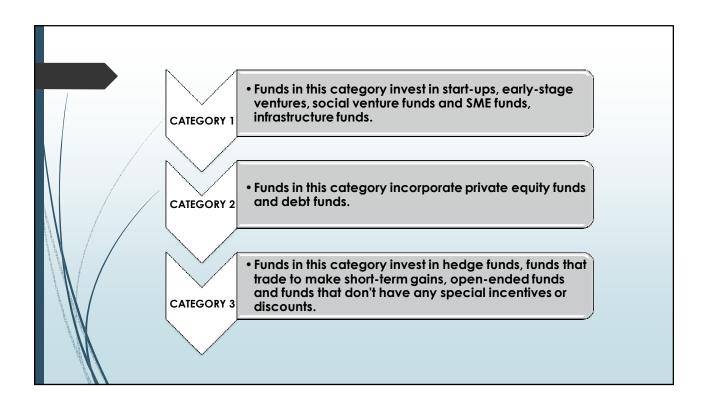
Units within GIFT IFSC are exempt from FEMA regulations, thereby simplifying financial transactions

- Who can invest in GIFT City?
- Both individuals and corporates are eligible to invest in GIFT City, subject to specific requirements and regulations. The eligibility criteria for investing in GIFT City depend on whether you are a resident of India or an NRI.
- Non-Resident Indians (NRIs): NRIs can invest freely in GIFT City, subject to FEMA regulations which restrict investment in certain sectors.
- Residents of India: Resident individuals can invest up to USD 250,000 per financial year in securities listed on IFSC exchanges and other permissible instruments under the Liber Remittance Scheme (LRS).

GIFT City?

■ Taxation on investments in GIFT City for NRI

- As an NRI investor, you don't have to file a tax return if your earnings come only from investments in category I or category II AIFs located in an IFSC. If the AIFs have already deducted tax on the distribution they make to you as a non-resident investor, you are eligible for this exemption. It's important to note that you are also exempted from the requirement of obtaining a PAN (Permanent Account Number) in India. This exemption simplifies your tax and administrative obligations as a non-resident investor in these specific circumstances.
- As a non-resident investor in a Category III AIF, you can avail tax exemptions on the following types of income attributable to you:
- You are exempt from tax on income earned from the transfer of any securities, such as derivatives, debt securities, and offshore securities (excluding shares in an Indian resident company).
- Income derived from securities issued by a non-resident (excluding a Permanent Establishment),
 which does not accrue or arise in India, is also tax-exempt for you.
- If you earn income from a securitization trust that falls under the "profits and gains of business or profession" category, it is exempt from tax.
- Additionally, if you transfer specified securities listed on a recognised stock exchange located in an IFSC, you are not required to pay taxes as long as the consideration for the transaction is in convertible foreign exchange.



Tax Benefits in GIFT IFSC

Tax benefits to the IFSC Units setup in GIFT City:

The IFSC units setup in the GIFT City, India offers various tax benefits like exemptions on corporate tax, tax holiday for ten years, reduced Minimum Alternative Tax ("MAT") etc. increasing the profitability and hence growth of the business houses.

It also offers numerous indirect tax benefits such as no Goods and Service Tax ("GST") on services received by unit in IFSC, no GST on services provided to IFSC units / SEZ units / offshore clients. If the services are provided to the Domestic Tariff Area of mainland India then the GST is applicable under Reverse Charge Mechanism.

Tax benefits to the Investor investing in IFSC GIFT City

The investor investing in the GIFT IFSC gets numerous fiscal benefits including but not limited to the benefits such as interest income paid to non-residents on money lent to IFSC units in GIFT city are exempted from tax, transfer of specified securities listed on IFSC exchanges by non-residents are not treated as a transfer and hence gains arising from such transfers are not treated as capital gains and are taxable in India, exemption from Securities Transaction Tax ("STT"), exemption from Commodity Transaction Tax ("CTT"), dividend received by investor in IFSC unit is subjected to concessional rate of tax, no GST on transactions carried out in IFSC exchanges

SECTION 10(15)(IX)

Any income by way of interest payable to a non-resident by a unit located in an International Financial Services Centre in respect of monies borrowed by it on or after the 1st day of September, 2019.

Explanation.—For the purposes of this sub-clause,—
(a) "International Financial Services Centre" shall have the meaning assigned to it in clause (q) of section 2 of the Special Economic Zones Act, 2005 (28 of 2005);
(b) "unit" shall have the meaning assigned to it in clause (zc) of section 2 of the Special Economic Zones Act, 2005 (28 of 2005)



SOVEREIGN GOLD BOND

The interest on Sovereign Gold Bonds (SGBs) is taxable under the Income Tax Act, 1961 (43 of 1961). However, there are some tax exemptions and benefits for SGBs.

Other benefits

- TDS is not applicable on SGBs.
- SGBs are exempt from long-term capital gains (LTCGs) taxation if held till maturity, which is an 8-year lock-in period.
- Person resident in India as defined under Foreign Exchange Management
 Act, 1999 are eligible to invest in SGB. Eligible investors include individuals,
 HUFs, trusts, universities and charitable institutions. Individual investors with
 subsequent change in residential status from resident to non-resident may
 continue to hold SGB till early redemption/maturity

WHEN NRI IS REQUIRED TO FILE ITR IN INDIA?

- Filing of ITR is mandatory for NRIs where the: Total taxable income during a financial year exceeds the basic exemption limit of Rs.2.5 lakhs or 3 lakh
- If you have Short term Capital Gain (STCG) or Long-term Capital Gain (LTCG) from sale of assets or investments in India even if your income is below basic exemption limit.
- If you want to claim any tax refund, in case excess TDS has been deducted. If you want to carry forward and set off any losses against gains.

NRI IS NOT REQUIRED TO FILE INCOME TAX RETURN OR ITR IF:

- Taxable income consists of Investment income only like interest and/or Capital gains provided TDS has been deducted on the same. Taxable income consists of income from specified investments like Central Government Securities, Shares in Indian companies, Debentures by public listed companies, Deposits with banks and public companies.
- Long term Capital gain is on sale of equity shares or equity mutual funds in India. However, I f you want to claim refund or carry forward your losses, you will be required to file your ITR before due date.

SECTION - 115G

Return of income not to be filed in certain cases

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115G. It shall not be necessary for a non-resident Indian to furnish under sub-section (1) of section-139 a return of his income if—

- (a) his total income in respect of which he is assessable under this Act during the previous year consisted only of invest-ment income or income by way of long-term capital gains or both; and
- (b) the tax deductible at source under the provisions of Chapter XVII-B has been deducted from such income.

TREATMENT OF BUY BACK SHARES The amendment now treats the income received by shareholders from a buy-back as deemed dividend, taxable at their applicable rates under "income from other sources." Consequently, shareholders can no longer claim deductions or set off capital losses against this income, and the buy-back consideration will be deemed NIL

