CONCEPT OF TAX PLANNING

Introduction	Tax planning can be defined as an arrangement of one's financial and business
21111 000011011	affairs by taking legitimately in full benefit of all deductions, exemptions,
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F	allowances and rebates so that tax liability reduces to minimum.
Example	A deposits 45,000 in PPF account so as to reduce his tax payable. This is an
	example of legitimate tax planning through which tax is reduced.
	Tax evasion means avoiding tax by illegal means. Generally, it involves suppression
	of facts, falsifying records, fraud or collusion. It is an attempt to evade tax
Tax evasion	liability with the help of unfair means. Tax evasion is illegal and would result in
	punishment by way of penalty, fines and sometimes prosecution
	Tax avoidance means taking undue advantage of the loopholes, lacunae or drafting
	mistakes for reducing tax liability and thus avoiding payment of tax which is
Tax Avoidance	lawfully payable. Generally, it is done by twisting or interpreting the provisions of
	law and avoiding payment of tax. Tax avoidance takes into account the loopholes
	of law. Example: Sale and leaseback of assets, so that the
	depreciation is diverted but the asset remains with assesse
	Tax planning means reducing tax liability by taking advantage of the legitimate
	concessions and exemptions provided in the tax law. It involves the process of
Tax Planning	arranging business operations in such a way that reduces tax liability. Example:
	Investment in 80C, 80CCD, or reinvestment u/s 54, 54EC etc.
	Tax management involves the compliance of law regularly and timely as well as
	the arrangement of the affairs of the business in such a manner that it reduces
	the tax liability. Functions under tax management includes maintenance of
Tax	accounts, filing of return, deduction and deposit of TDS on timely basis, payment
Management	of tax on time. Poor tax management can lead to imposition of interest, penalty,
	prosecution. Losses may not be carried forward and set off if return of loss is not
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	filed by due date. Tax management emphasizes on compliance of legal formalities
	for minimization of taxes while tax planning emphasis on minimization
	of tax burden

TAX AVOIDANCE V/S TAX EVASION

Aspect	Tax Evasion	Tax Avoidance	Ta× Planning
Meaning	Method of evading or reducing tax liability by dishonest means Methods of tax evasion include - *Concealing of Income; *Overstating Expenses; *Manipulating accounts; *Violating Rules.	Method to reduce or minimize tax liabilityby exploiting or taking advantages of a loop holes in the law. It does not give rise toany critical offence.	use of all beneficial provisions of the Income Tax Law.
Objective	To reduce tax bill by any means whether legal or illegal	To reduce tax bill following script but not moral of law	To reduce tax bill following script & moral of law
Effect	Result of illegality, supper-ssion, misrepresentation and fraud.	Result of actions none of which is illegal or forbidden either singly or in any combination.	under various beneficial provisions of Law.
Legality	Illegal	Technically Legal	Legal
Permissibility	Note Permissible	Decided on the basis of a) Facts and circumstances of each case; and b) General principles of conscience and justice.	Legally permissible under all circumstances.
Violation of Law.	Involves blatant violation of law.	No violation of laws. Loop holes in law are taken advantage of by circumventing certain provisions.	No violation or circumvention of the provisions of tax laws.
Penalties	Heavy penalty including prosecution.	Does not invite any penalty	No Penalties.
Benefit	No benefit arises but	Benefit arises in short	Benefit arises in short run as

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	causes penalty and	run but not in long run	well as in long run
	prosecution		
Requirement	It is forbidden	It is to be avoided	It is valid
Practice	It is a practice of tax concealment	It is a practice of tax saving	It is a practice of tax saving

OBJECTIVES OF TAX PLANNING

1 Reduction of tax liability:

One of the supreme objectives of tax planning is the reduction of the tax liability of the taxpayer and the resultant saving of the earnings for a better enjoyment of the fruits of the hard labour. By proper tax planning, a taxpayer can oblige the administrators of the taxation laws to keep their hands off from his earnings.

- Minimization of litigation: Where a proper tax planning is resorted to by the taxpayer in conformity with the provisions of the taxation laws, the chances of unscrupulous litigation are certainly to be minimized and the tax-payer may be saved from the hardships and inconveniences caused by the unnecessary litigations which more often than not even knock the doors of the supreme judiciary.
- Productive investment: The planning is a measure of awareness of the taxpayer to the intricacies of the taxation laws and it is the economic consciousness of the income-earner to find out the ways and means of productive investment of the earnings which would go a long way to minimize his tax burden. The taxation laws offer large avenues for the productive investment of the earnings granting absolute or substantial relief from taxation. A taxpayer has to be constantly aware of such legal avenues as are designed to open floodgates of his well-being, prosperity and happiness. When earnings are invested in the avenues recognised by law, they are not only relieved of the brunt of taxation but they also converted into means of further earnings.
- Healthy growth of economy: The saving of earnings is the only basement upon which the economic structure of human life is founded. A saving of earnings by legally sanctioned devices is the prime factor for the healthy growth of the economy of a nation and its people. An income saved and wealth accumulated in violation of law are the scours on the economy of the people. Generation of black money darkens the horizons of national economy and leads the nation to avoidable economic destruction. In the suffocating atmosphere of black money,

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a nation sinks with its people. But tax planning is the generator of a superbly white economy where the nation awakens in the atmosphere of peace and prosperity, a phenomenon undreamt of otherwise.

Economic stability: Under tax planning, taxes legally due are paid without any headache either to the taxpayer or to the tax collector. Avenues of productive investments are largely availed of by the taxpayers. Productive investments increase contours of the national economy embracing in itself the economic prosperity of not only the taxpayers but also of those who earn the income not chargeable to tax. The planning thereby creates economic stability of the nation and its people by even distribution of economic

IMPORTANCE OF TAX PLANNING

Tax planning is important for reducing the tax liability. However, there are other factors also, because of which tax planning is considered as very important:

1 Timing is crucial for claiming deductions:

Where an assessee has not claimed all the deductions and relief, before the assessment is completed, he is not allowed to claim them at the time of appeal. It was held in CIT v. Gurjargravures Ltd. (1972) 84 ITR 723 that if there is no tax planning and there are lapses on the part of the assessee, the benefit would be the least

2 Tax planning exercise is more reliable:

Tax planning exercise is more reliable since the Companies Act, 2013 and other allied laws narrow down the scope for tax evasion and tax avoidance techniques, driving a taxpayer to a situation where he will be subjected to severe penal consequences.

3 <u>Incentives by Government to promote activities of public interest:</u>

Presently, companies are supposed to promote those activities and programmes, which are of public interest and good for a civilised society. In order to encourage these, the Government has provided them with incentives in the tax laws. Hence a planner has to be well versed with the law concerning incentives

4 Adequate time for tax planning:

With increase in profits, the quantum of corporate tax also increases and it necessitates the devotion of adequate time on tax planning.

5 Enables to bear burden of taxes during inflation:

Tax planning enables a company to bear the burden of both direct and indirect taxation during inflation. It enables companies to make proper expense planning, capital budget planning, sales promotion planning etc.

6 Capital formation attracts huge deduction:

Capital formation helps in replacing the technologically obsolete and outdated plant and machinery and enables the carrying on of manufacturing operation with a new and more

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sophisticated system. Any decision of this kind would involve huge capital expenditure which is financed generally by ploughing back the profits, utilisation of reserves and surplus along with the availing of deductions are revenue expenditure incurred for undertaking modernisation, replacement, repairs and renewal of plant and machinery etc. Availability of accumulated profits, reserves and surpluses and claiming such expenses as revenue expenditure are possible through proper implementation of tax planning techniques.

7 Money saved is money earned:

In these days of credit squeeze and dear money conditions, even a rupee of tax decently saved may be taken as an interest free loan from the Government which perhaps an assessee need not repay.

PRACTICAL QUESTIONS

Illustration 1

Specify with brief reasons, whether the following acts can be considered as (i) Tax Management, or (ii) Tax Planning, or (iii) Tax Evasion.

Question	Reason	Answer
(a) P deposits Rs. 50,000 in PPF Account so as to	Tax Planning	Reducing liability by use of
reduce Total Income from Rs. 3,40,000 to Rs.		beneficial provisions of law
2,90,000		
(b) PQR Industries Ltd installed an Air Conditioner	Tax Evasion	Reducing tax liability by
costing Rs. 75,000 at the Residence of a		dishonest means.
director as per terms of his appointment, but		
treats it as fitted in Quality Control Section in		
the factory. This is with the objective to treat		
it as plant for the purpose of computing		
depreciation		
(c) SQL Ltd maintains a register of Tax Deduction	Tax	Objective is to ensure
at Source effected by it to enable timely	Management	comply with law
compliance.		
(d) R Ltd. issues a Credit Note for Rs. 40,000 for	Tax evasion	Making use of Loopholes in
brokerage payable to Suresh, who is son of R,		the Provisions of Law.
Managing Director of the Company. The purpose		
of this is to increase him Income from Rs.		
1,40,000 to Rs. 1,80,000 and reduce its Income		
correspondingly.		

Illustration 2

Specify with brief reasons, whether the following acts can be considered as (i) Tax Management, or (ii) Tax Planning, or (iii) Tax Evasion.

Solution

Question	Reason	Answer
(1) An Individual Taxpayer making Tax Saver	Tax Planning	Reducing liability by use of
Deposit of Rs. 1,00,000 in a Nationalized Bank		beneficial provisions of law.
(2) A Partnership Firm obtaining declaration from	Tax	Objective is to insure comply
Lenders / Depositors Form No. 15G/15H and	Management	with law
forwarding the same to Income-Tax Authorities.		

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(3) A company installed an Air-Conditioner Cost R	s. Tax Evasion	Reducing tax liability by
75,000 at the residence of a Director as pe	r	dishonest means
terms of his appointment but treats it as fitte	d	
in Quality Control Section in the Factory. This i	S	
with the objective to treat it as plant of th	2	
purpose of computing depreciation		
(4) RR Ltd Issued Credit Note for Rs. 80,000 a	s Tax Evasion	Making use of Loopholes in
Brokerage payable to Mr. Ramana who is the so	n	the Provisions of Law
of the Managing Director of the company. Th	e	
purpose is to increase the Total Income of M	·.	
Ramana from Rs. 4,00,000 to Rs. 4,80,000 an	d	
reduce the income of RR Ltd correspondingly.		
(5) A company remitted Provident Fund Contributio	n Tax	Objective is to insure comply
of Both its own Contribution and employees	Management	with law
contribution on monthly basis before due date		

DIVERSION OF INCOME AND APPLICATION

1	Diversion of income	When income is diverted before is accrues to the assessee due to overriding title then it is called diversion of income. It is not taxable in the heads of assessee.		
2	Application	When income is applied after is accrues to the assessee due to overriding		
	of income	title then it is called application of income. It is taxable in the hands of assessee.		
3	Example	 An employee instructs to his employer to pay a certain portion of his salary to a charity and claims it as exempts as it is diverted by overriding charge/title In the above case income is not diverted because the instruction given by the employee to employer is not having overriding title. Further here income is first accrued to assessee then applied. Hence it is called application of income and taxable in hands of assessee. A, B and C are co-authors. Entire royalty of Rs.900000was received by A, Who in turn paid Rs.300000 each to B and C .Such a payments, is diversion of income. 		

ESSENTIALS OF TAX PLANNING

Successful tax planning techniques should have following attributes/requisites:

1 Upto date knowledge of tax laws:

It should be based on upto date knowledge of tax laws. Also, assessee must be aware of judgements of the courts. In addition, one must keep track of the circulars, notifications, clarifications and administrative instructions issued by the CBDT from time to time

2 Disclosure and furnishing of information to Income-tax department:

The disclosure of all material information and furnishing the same to the income tax department is an absolute prerequisite of tax planning as concealment in any form would attract the penalty clauses - the penalty often ranging from 100% to 300% of tax sought to be evaded.

Planning to be within the framework of law: Whatever is planned should not only satisfy the requirements of legal provisions as stated but should also be within the framework of law. It means that the use of sham transactions and colourable devices, which are entered into just with a view to circumvent the legal provisions, must be avoided.

A genuine tax planning device, aimed at carrying out the rules of law and courts' decisions and to overcome heave burden of taxation, is fully valid

TYPES OF TAX PLANNING

The tax planning e	xerc	ise ranges from devising a model for specific transaction as well as		
for systematic corp	orat	e planning. These are		
	α	Short range planning refers to year to year planning to achieve some specific or limited objective. For example, an individual assessee whose income is likely to register unusual growth in particular year as compared		
Short rong and		to the preceding year, may plan to subscribe to the PPF/NSC's within the prescribed limits in order to enjoy substantive tax relief. By investing in such a way, he is not making permanent commitment but is		
Short range and		substantially saving in the tax. It is one of the		
long range tax		examples of short range planning.		
planning	Ь	Long range planning involves charting out a plan at the beginning of the income year to be followed around the		
	С	year. This type of planning may not benefit immediately as in case of short term tax planning but it is likely to help in long run. For example, when an assessee transfers his equity shares to his minor son, he knows that the income from the shares will be clubbed with his own income. But clubbing would also cease after minor attains majority. Also if bonus shares are issued by the company, income from such bonus shares		

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			shall not be taxable in hands of assessee (i.e. transferor).		
Permissive	tax	It in	It involves making plans which are permissible under different provisions of		
planning		tax laws. Tax laws of our country offer many exemptions and incentives.			
		Plan	ning to take advantage different tax concessions and incentives and		
		dedi	deductions etc		
		It ii	It involves making plans with specific purpose to ensure the availability of		
		max	maximum benefits to the assessee		
Purposive	tax	а	a Through correct selection of investment		
planning		b Making suitable plan for replacement of assets			
		c Varying the residential status			
		d Diversifying business activities and incomes etc.			

It is based on the measures which circumvent the law. The permissive tax planning has the express sanction of the Statute while the purposive tax planning does not carry such sanction. For example, under Section 60 to 65 of the Act, the income of the other persons is clubbed in the income of the assessee. If the assessee is in a position to plan in such a way that these provisions do not get attracted, such a plan would work in favour of the tax payer because it would increase his disposable resources. Such a tax plan would be termed as 'Purposive tax planning'

AREAS OF CORPORATE TAX PLANNING

TAX PLANNING BASED ON NATURE OF ORGANISATION

Organizational Forms - Individual, HUF, Firm and Company

Particulars	Individuals	HUF	Firm	Company
Basic	Rs. 2,50,000 /	Rs. 2,50,000	No Basic	No Basic Exemption
exemption	Rs. 3,00,000 /		Exemption	
	Rs. 5,00,000			
	depending on age			
	of Assessee			
Rate of tax	Slab Rate of	Slab rate of tax.	Fixed rate of	Fixed rate of tax.
	Tax, refer	Refer chapter 1	tax. 30%	Domestic Co. 30%,
	Chapter 1			foreign Co. 40%
Aggregation of	Applicable	Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Agri. Income				
Heads of	All heads	Except salaries	Except salaries	Except salaries
Income				
Interest on	Personal nature.	Personal nature.	Allowable	Not applicable. But
capital	Not allowable	Not allowable	subject to Sec.	dividends subject to
			40(b)	dividend distribution
				tax
Remuneration	Properties	Karta entitled	Remuneration to	Directors Remn.
	salary. Personal	for	partners subject	Subject to section
	nature. Not	Remuneration,	to Section 40(b)	40 <i>A</i> (2)
	allowable	subject to		
		40A(2).		
Restriction as	Restrictions	Restrictions	Restrictions	Restrictions
to payment to	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable
relative				
Share of	Income taxable	Share income of	Share income of	Dividend exempt in
Income	in the Capacity	a member	a partner	shareholders hands
	of Individual	exempt u/s	exempt u/s	u/s 10(34)
		10(2).	10(2A)	

LOCATION OF BUSINESS

Tax planning is relevant from location point of view. There are certain locations which are given special tax treatment. Some of these are as under:

1 Newly established undertaking in free trade zones etc.:

Full exemption under Section 10A is available in the case of a newly established Industrial undertaking in free trade zones, etc. (not allowed w.e.f. AY 2012-13).

2 Newly established units in SEZ:

Full exemption under Section 10AA for initial five years, 100% for subsequent five years and further deduction of 50% for a further period of five years in case of a newly established units in SEZ on or after 1.4.2005.

3 Newly established 100% EOU:

Full exemption under Section 10B for 10 years in the case of a newly established 100% export-oriented undertaking. (Not allowed w.e.f. AY 2012-13).

4 Developer of SEZ:

Deduction under Section 80-IAB in respect of profits and gains by an undertaking or an enterprise engaged in the development of SEZ.

5 Industrial undertaking in industrially backward state or district:

Deduction under Section 80-IB is allowed in the case of a newly set up industrial undertaking in an industrially backward State or district

6 Industrial undertaking in certain special category States:

Deduction under Section 80-IC is available in case of newly set up industrial undertaking or substantial expansion of an existing undertaking in certain special category States

7 Hotels and convention centres in specified area:

Deduction under Section 80-ID is allowed in respect of profits and gains from business of hotels and convention centres in specified area or a hotel at world heritage sites

8 North-eastern States:

Deduction under Section 80-IE is allowed in respect of certain undertakings in North-Eastern States

TAX PLANNING WITH REFERENCE LOCATION & NATURE OF A BUSINESS

SPECIAL PROVISIONS IN RESPECT OF NEWLY ESTABLISHED UNITS IN SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES

A) General

According to this section deduction of profit & gains derived from export of articles / things / services shall be allowed from the total income of the assesses.



B) Who is eligible for deduction?

Deduction u/s. 10AA is available to all assesses. Provided such undertaking is engaged in the export of article or things or providing any service.

C) Essential condition to claim deduction.

The unit in SEZ begins to mfg. or produces articles or things or provide services on or after 1/4/2005 but before 31/3/2021

2) It is not formed by splitting up or reconstruction of a business already in existence. But if new undertaking is set up in an old building deduction is allowed.

Exception:

The condition will not apply where the business is re-established, reconstructed or revived by the same assessee after the business of any undertaking carried out on by him in India is discontinued due to extensive damage to, or destruction of any building, machinery, plant or furniture owned by the assessee as a direct result of flood, typhoon, cyclone, earthquake, civil disturbance etc.

- 3) Such new undertaking should not be formed by machinery or plant previously used for any purpose subject to following exception.
- i) Machinery or plant used outside India but not by the assesses is allowed Provided.
- Such machinery was not previously in India
- Such machinery or plant is imported into India
- * No deduction on account of depreciation has been allowed to any assesses before the installation of the machinery or plant by the assesses
- Total value of plant or machinery transferred to new business does not exceed 20% of the total value of the machinery or plant used in that business.

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- 4) The assesses has exported goods or provided services out of India from the SEZ.
- Books of account of the tax paper should be audited. The assessee should submit audit report in Form No 56F along within the return of income.

6) Amount of deduction

Profits of the business x Export turnover of Undertaking

Total turnover of the business carried on by the undertaking.

"Export Turnover" means the consideration received in, or brought into India by the assessee in convertible foreign exchange within 6 months from the end of the PY or such time as may be extended by the RBI, but does not include freight, telecommunication charges or insurance attributable to the delivery of the articles or things or computer software outside India or expenses, if any, incurred in foreign exchange in providing the technical services outside India".

7) Period for which deduction is available

For first 5 years - 100% of profit derived from the export business

Next 5 years - 50% of profit derived from the export business

Next 5 years - 50% of profit derived from the export business or amount transferred to reserve whichever is less subjects to following conditions:

An equivalent amount is debited to the profit & loss a/c. of P.Y. & credited to SEZ reinvestment allowance reserve account/special reserve account. Such reserve to be utilized for

Acquiring new Plant & Machinery

Such plant & machinery should to be put to use before the expiry of 3 years. From the end of the year in which the special reserve a/c. was created.

Until the acquisition of new plant & machinery the special reserve a/c can be utilized for business purpose other than payment of **dividend and creating asset outside India**, remittance outside India as a profit.

8) Withdrawal of deduction

Sub-sec (1C): Where any amount credited to SEZRARA: -

- (a) Has been mis utilized, the amount so utilized shall be deemed to be the profits in the year in which it was so utilized, or
- (b) Has not been utilized before the expiry of 3 years, the amount not so utilized, shall be deemed to be the profits in the year immediately following the period of 3 years.

9) Carry forward of losses

Loss referred to u/s 72 or 74, in so far as such loss relates to the business of the undertaking, being the Unit shall be allowed to be carried forward or set off.

Where a deduction under this section is claimed and allowed in respect of profits of any of the specified business, referred to in section 35AD, for any assessment year, no deduction shall be allowed under the provisions of section 35AD in relation to such specified business

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for the same or any other assessment year.

SECTION 80-IAB: DEDUCTION IN RESPECT OF PROFITS AND GAINS BY AN UNDERTAKING OR ENTERPRISE ENGAGED IN DEVELOPMENT OF SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE

a	Applicable	to all	assessee
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- **b** The taxpayer is a Developer of Special Economic Zone
- c The Gross Total income includes Profit from business of developing SEZ
- **d** | SEZ is notified after 1-4-2005

Amount of Deduction:

100% deduction for 10 out of 15 years beginning with the year when the SEZ was notified by the Govt

PROFITS AND GAINS FROM BUSINESS OF HOTELS AND CONVENTION CENTERS IN SPECIFIED AREA SEC 80ID

<u>Assessee</u>: Any undertaking, engaged in the business of hotel (2,3, or 4 star) located in the specified district having a world heritage site, if such hotel is constructed and has started or starts functioning at any time during the period 1-4-2008 to 31-3-2013.

<u>Deduction</u> = 100% of the profit and gains derived from such business for 5 consecutive AYs beginning from initial assessment year.

CERTAIN UNDERTAKINGS IN NORTH – EASTERN STATES SEC. 80IE

<u>Assessee</u>: Any undertaking which has, during the period 1/4/2007 to 31/3/2017, begun or beings, in any of the North-Eastern States

- 1 To manufacture or produce any eligible article or thing
- 2 To undertake substantial expansion to manufacturer or produce any eligible article or thing
- 3 To carry on any eligible business.

<u>Deduction</u> = 100% of the profits and gains derived from such business for 10 consecutive AYs commencing with the initial assessment year

For the purpose of this section

- 1 "North-Eastern States" means the states of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura
- 2 "Substantial expansion" means increase in the investment in the plant and machinery by at least 25% of the book value of plant and machinery (before taking depreciation in any year),

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	as on the first day of the previous year in which the substantial expansion is undertaken;			
3	"Eligible article or thing" means the article or thing other than the following:			
	a Goods falling under chapter 24 of the first schedule to the CETA 1985 which pertains			
		to Tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes;		
	b Pan masala as covered under chapter 21 of the first schedule to the CETA 1985			
	c Plastic carry bags of less than 20 microns; and			
	d	Goods falling under chapter 27 of the first scheduled to the CETA 1985, produced by		
		petroleum oil or gas refineries		
4	"Eligible business" means the business of			
	A Hotel (not below two star category);			
	b Adventure and leisure sports including ropeways			
	С	c Providing medical and health services in the nature of nursing home with a minimum		
		capacity of twenty-five beds		
	d Running an old-age home			
	e Operating vocational training institute for hotel management, catering and food craft			
		entrepreneurship development, nursing and para-medicine, civil aviation related training,		
		fashion designing and industrial training		
	f	Running information technology related training centre		
	g Manufacturing of information technology hardware; and			
	h	Bio - technology		

TAX PLANNING BASED ON NATURE OF BUSINESS

1	Tea Development Account, Coffee Development Account and Rubber Development Account	
	[Section 33AB];	
2	Site Restoration fund [Section 33ABA];	
3	Specified business eligible for deduction of Capital Expenditure [Section35AD];	
4	Amortization of certain preliminary expenses [Section 35D];	
5	Expenditure on prospecting for certain minerals [Section 35E]	
6	Special reserve created by a financial corporation under Section 36(1)(viii)	
7	Special provisions for deduction in the case of business for prospecting for mineral oil	
	[Section 42 and 44BB];	
8	Special provisions for computing profits and gains of business on presumptive basis [Section	
	44AD];	
9	Special provisions in the case of business of plying, hiring or leasing goods carriages [Section	
	44AE];	
10	Special provisions in the case of shipping business in the case of non-residents [Section	

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4	44B];
11 3	Special provisions in the case of business of operation of aircraft [Section 44BBA];
12 3	Special provisions in the case of certain turnkey power projects [Section 44BBB];
13 3	Special provisions in the case of royalty income of foreign companies [Section 44D];
14 5	Special provisions in case of royalty income of non-residents [Section 44DA];
15 (Certain income of offshore banking units and International financial service centre [Section
8	80-L <i>A</i>];
16 F	Profits and gains of industrial undertakings or enterprises engaged in Infrastructure
	development etc.[Section 80-IA].
17 F	Profits and gains of an undertaking or an enterprise engaged in development of SEZ [Section
8	80-IAB];
18 F	Profits and gains from certain industrial undertaking other than infrastructure development
	[Section80-IB];
19	Special provisions in respect of certain undertakings or enterprises in certain category
9	States [Section 80-IC];
20 [Deduction in respect of profits and gains from business of hotels and convention centres in
9	specified area or a hotel at world heritage site [Section 80-ID].
21 3	Special provisions in respect of certain undertakings in North-Eastern States. [Section 80-
	IE];
22 F	Profits and gains from the business of collecting and processing of bio-degradable waste
	[Section80JJA
23 E	Employment of new workmen [Section 80JJAA]
24 3	Special tax rates under Section 115A, 115AB, 115AC, 115AD, 115B, 115BB, 115BBD, 115BA and
	115D

TAX PLANNING WITH RESPECT TO CORPORATE RESTRU

The following suggestions could be useful for tax planning in respect of amalgamation, merger, demerger etc

uen	demerger etc			
1	Planning to carry forward and set off of unabsorbed losses an unabsorbed depreciation:			
	Since the unabsorbed losses and unabsorbed depreciation cannot be allowed to be carried			
	forward or set off in the hands of the amalgamated company, except in the cases prescribed			
	under section 72A of the Act, it is suggested			
	a That the scheme of the amalgamation can be put off till such time the full benefit of			
	set off is availed of by the amalgamating company; and			
	Ь	That the loss carrying company should absorbed or take over the business of profit		
		making company. In other words, the profit making company should merge itself with		

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the loss incurring company. This would help in carrying forward the benefits of all unabsorbed losses and depreciation for set off against the profits derived from the business of the profit making company

Allow ability of bad debts in amalgamation scenario: To save from disallowance of the debts of the amalgamating company, company which subsequently become bad in the hands of the amalgamated company, the amalgamated company should plan to make suitable provision for the expected losses on account of bad debts at the time of fixing the consideration while taking over business of the amalgamated company,

However, in view of the Court judgment of CIT v. T. Veerbhadra Rao (1985) 22 Taxman 45, the bad debts are not allowed to an assessee by of personal relief but to a business. So, it is possible for the amalgamated company to claimed bad debts even in respects of debts taken over from the amalgamating company

- Amalgamation of a unlisted company with a listed company: A company whose shares are not quoted on a recognised stock exchange may avail the benefit to amalgamation by amalgamating itself with another company whose shares are quoted on a recognised stock exchange. This would help is shareholders to take the advantage of the quote price of their shares in the stock exchange while determining their liability for wealth tax purpose
- Amalgamation of a company holding immovable properties with an Industrial company: A company holding investments in immovable properties may avail the benefit of non-applicability of the provisions of the Urban Land Celling Act by amalgamating itself with an Industrial company
- Amalgamation of loss incurring company and profit making company to reduce tax incidence: A loss incurring company and a profit making company may merge in order to reduce the overall incidence of liabilities of tax under the Income-tax Act, 1961
- Reverse merge: In case the conditions provided under section 2(1B) and 72A of the Act are not satisfied, it may be suggested that the profit making company should merge itself with the loss making company, so that the loss making company does not lose its existence and also enjoys all other benefits
- Reduction of dissenting shareholders to complete amalgamation: Under Section 2(1B) of the Act, it is provided that for availing the benefits of amalgamation, atleast 75% of the shareholders of the amalgamating company should become shareholders of the amalgamated company. In case more than 25% of the shareholders are not willing to become shareholders of the amalgamated company, it is proposed that the amalgamating company may persuade the other shareholders who may be willing, to purchase the shares in the amalgamated company to acquire the shares of the remaining shareholders so that the percentage of dissenting shareholders does not exceed 25%. Alternatively, the amalgamated company prior to amalgamation may purchase shares for such dissenting shareholders to go below the

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specified percentage of 25%