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Rules for valuation of shares modified in respect of Angel Tax

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Legal Framework:

Income-Tax Act, 1961;

Income-Tax Rules, 1962

Government Authority:

Central Board of Direct Taxes

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Rule 11UA for the valuation of shares for the purposes of section 56(2)(viib) of the Income-tax Act, 1961 has been modified after considering feedback from stakeholders.

The Finance Act, 2023, brought the consideration received from non-residents for the issue of shares by an unlisted company within the ambit of section 56(2)(viib) of the Act. As per this amendment, if such consideration for the issue of shares exceeds the Fair Market Value (FMV) of the shares, it shall be chargeable to income tax under the head 'Income from other sources'.

Notable changes are:

- In addition to the two methods for valuation of shares, namely, Discounted Cash Flow (DCF) and Net Asset Value (NAV) method, available to residents under Rule 11UA, five more valuation methods have been made available for non-resident investors:
 - i. Comparable Company Multiple Method
 - ii. Probability Weighted Expected Return Method
 - iii. Option Pricing Method
 - iv. Milestone Analysis Method, and
 - v. Replacement Cost Method
- Where any consideration is received for the issue of shares from any non-resident entity notified by the Central Government, the price of the equity shares corresponding to such consideration may be taken as the FMV of the equity shares for resident and non-resident investors, subject to:
 - the extent the consideration from such FMV does not exceed the aggregate consideration that is received from the notified entity, and
 - the consideration has been received by the company from the notified entity within a period of 90 days before or after the date of issue of shares which are the subject matter of valuation.

- Price matching for resident and non-resident investors will be available with reference to investment by Venture Capital Funds / Specified Funds.
- Valuation methods for calculating the FMV of Compulsorily Convertible Preference Shares (CCPS) have also been provided.
- A safe harbor of 10% variation in value has been provided.

The notified Rule provides for the expansion of the valuation methodologies to include globally accepted methodology and provide a broad parity to resident and non-resident investors. It will help avoid getting caught in the angel tax net, an anti-avoidance measure that was extended to non-residents in the Finance Act 2023.

Queries?If you have any queries about this article, please reach out to our experts:



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