Taxation of LLPs CA Umesh Gala

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LLP – Snapshot

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Factors	Partnership	Private Ltd Company	LLP
General			
Legal Person / Body Corporate	No	Yes	Yes
Perpetual Succession	No	Yes	Yes
Minimum Partners / Members	2	2 /1 (OPC)	2
Maximum Partners / Members	50	200	No limit
Liability of entity separate from that of its partner / members	No	Yes	Yes
Partner / Member personally liable for debts of entity	Yes	No	No
Registering Authority	RoF	RoC	RoC



Partnership firm vs Private Company vs LLP

Factors	Partnership	Private Ltd Company	LLP
Statutory Audit required?	No	Yes	Yes
Statutory Filing requirements	Least – almost minimal	Maximum	Annual return and other documents
Can it buy property in its own name?	No	Yes	Yes
Can it own shares in a Co.?	No	Yes	Yes
Can it be a partner in a Firm?	No	Yes	Yes
Can it be a partner in an LLP?	No	Yes	Yes
NBFC provisions applicable?	No	Yes	No
Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) possible ?	No	Yes	Yes (Sectors – 100% FDI – Automatic route)



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Partnership firm vs Private Company vs LLP

Factors	Partnership	Private Ltd Company	LLP
Income Tax			
Rate of Income-tax	30% + SC	25 / 30% + SC	30% + SC
MAT/AMT	AMT (On adjusted total income)	MAT (On book profits)	AMT (On adjusted total income)
Presumptive taxation – u/s 44AD	Yes	No	No
Dividend Distribution Tax	No	Yes	No
Share of profits / dividend in hands of partners / members	Exempt	Taxable (> 10,00,000)	Exempt
Deductibility of remuneration / interest to partners / directors	Yes	Yes	Yes
Expln to s.73 (losses treated as Speculative Losses)	No	Yes	No





Private Company vs LLP

Key Factors	Private Company	LLP
Method of Accounting	Accrual	Cash or Accrual
CSR	Applicable (If exceeds limits prescribed)	Not applicable
Public Deposits	Detailed rules – some exemptions	No restrictions
Loan to Directors	Co. cannot lend to directors & interested concerns- some exemptions	No restrictions
Limit on Loans & Investment	Limits & compliance requirements	No restrictions / compliance
Related Party Transaction	Long list of RPT compliances	No restrictions / compliance
MAT Applicability	Yes	No
NBFC Hurdle	Yes	No



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LLP Limitations

- Not widely recognized
- Limitation on types of instruments that can be issued:
 - Debentures No express enabling or restricting provisions in LLP Act
 - Preference shares
 - Warrants
 - Other convertible instruments
- Limitations for raising private equity investments
 - Difficulty in providing for Drag Along Rights, Tag Along Rights, Anti Dilution Rights etc.
- ESOPs cannot be implemented
- Partner's interest in the LLP though transferable is not tradable like shares
- IPO and Listing



Taxation of LLPs

General Provisions

- A "Limited Liability Partnership" and a general partnership will be accorded the same tax treatment (Excerpts from Explanatory Memorandum to Finance Bill No.2 of 2009. Reiterated also in CBDT Circular 5 / 2010 dated 3rd June 2010)
- Definition under section 2(23) of "Firm", "Partner" and "Partnership" amended to include LLP
- All provisions of ITA applicable to firm and partners apply to LLP and its partners
- General Tax Rate –

Income <= 1 crore	Income > 1 crore
31.20 %*	34.944 %*#

^{* -} including 4 % health and education cess

No double taxation – No DDT - Share of Profit – exempt under section 10(2A)



^{# -} Including 12 % surcharge

Assessment as 'Firm'

- Section 184 Assessment as a firm when LLP is evidenced by instrument of LLP and individual share of partners are specified in the instrument
- Submission of certified copy of instrument of LLP
 - In the year of creation and in every year where amendment is made
 - Implication under e-filing of tax returns rule 12 of Income-tax rules
 - Non-submission of certified copy of partnership deed along with return of income is a procedural default which can be cured during the course of assessment proceedings CIT vs M/s. S.R. Batliboi & Associates ITO 190 (Calcutta HC)
- LLP shall be assessed as AOP in case of failure to comply with provisions of section 184 or failure as mentioned in section 144
- In case of above non-compliance, interest, remuneration, salary paid to partners not deductible while computing income of LLP
- If disallowed in LLP not to be included in income of partner under section 28(v)



Remuneration & interest on partner's capital

All the following conditions to be satisfied:

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- In accordance with LLP Agreement
- Relating to the period post date of execution of LLP Agreement
- Not exceeding the prescribed limit
- Paid to Individual Working Partner

Interest

- In accordance with LLP Agreement
- Relating to the period post date of execution of LLP Agreement
- Not exceeding 12% per annum

"Representative capacity" - Explanation 1 and 2 of section 40(b) of ITA



Section 36(1)(iii):

- Capital contribution of partners is capital borrowed for the purposes of business or profession and for allowance of deduction of interest payments, requirement of section 36(1)(iii) needs to be fulfilled -
 - Munjal Sales Corp v CIT [2008] 298 ITR 298 (SC)
 - ACIT vs. Pahilajrai Jaikishin ITA 994 (Mumbai ITAT)
- Section 40(b) v/s section 40A(2):
 - No disallowance under section 40A(2) is warranted if the conditions as specified in section 40(b) are complied with
 - CIT v. Great City Manufacturing Co. (2013) 351 ITR 156 (Allahabad HC)
 - Chhajed Steel Corp. V/s Asst. CIT (2001) 77 ITD 419 (Ahmedabad ITAT)
 - o ACIT v/s Budhalal & Co. ITA 2056 (Ahmedabad ITAT)



Capital Contributions

Modes and Valuation – section 32 of LLP Act

- Can be in cash / kind, tangible / intangible , movable / immovable
- Can be by way of promissory notes, contract for services performed or to be performed
- Contribution to be accounted & disclosed in books in prescribed manner
- Rule 23(2) Contribution in kind to be valued practicing Chartered Accountant / Cost Accountant or approved valuer – whether gift possible ???
- Partner bound to bring agreed contribution



Capital Contributions

Tax implications

For partner

- Issue: Capital contribution in kind Key tax implications
 - Section 45(3) of ITA Capital gains in hands of partner at value recorded in books
 - "Accounted and disclosed" in prescribed manner as per section 32(2) of the LLP Act
 - Rule 23(2) of LLP Rules prescribes valuation of contribution in kind by approved valuer
 - Difficulty in valuation
 - The determination of the cost in terms of money may be difficult but is nonetheless
 of a money value and the best valuation possible must be made A.R.

 Krishnamurthy v CIT [1989] 43 Taxman 30 (SC)
 - Valuation is not an exact science. Mathematical certainty is not demanded, nor indeed is it possible Viscount Simon in Gold Coast Selection Trust Ltd. v. Humphrey (Inspector of Taxes) [1949] 17 ITR (Suppl.) 19 (HL)

For LLP

Capital contribution by partner in LLP – subject to 56(2)(x)?



Capital Contributions

Tax Issue - 45(3) vs. 50C / 50CA

Partner

Contribution of land / building unquoted shares as capital in LLP

LLP

Amount recorded in books of LLP	10 crs
50C / CA valuation	15 crs

In case of contribution of land / building / unquoted shares in LLP

Amount recorded in the books of LLP is <u>lower than section</u>
 50C or 50CA value

Issue - Section 45(3) vs. 50C or 50CA

- Section 50C, 50CA and 45(3) are all specific (class of asset / situation)
- Section 50C, 50CA & 45(3) are all deeming provisions
- Section 50C and 50CA are part of computation
 provision, 45(3) is part of charging section
- DCIT vs M/s Amartara Pvt. Ltd. (ITA No. 6050 / Mum / 2016) (Mum ITAT) deeming fiction under one section cannot be extended to another deeming fiction section 45(3) prevails over section 50C



Admission of partner

- New partner may be introduced in LLP as per terms of LLP agreement, or with consent of all partners, if LLP Agreement is silent
- Prior to introduction, surplus in valuation of LLP business / assets may be credited to existing partners capital account
- Issue: Whether existing partners liable for capital gain on receipt of consideration on admission of new partner – Is it relinquishment of their existing right?
 - CIT vs. P.N. Panjawani [356 ITR 676 (Karnataka HC)] Not taxable as no specific provision like 45(3) / 45(4) in Income-tax Act for levying capital gains in hands of existing partners on admission of new partners
 - CIT vs. Kunnamkulam Mill Board [257 ITR 544 (Kerala HC)]
 - Upon admission of partner, there is no change in the status of firm
 - Rights of existing partners are reduced and rights are created in favour of newly inducted partners
 - Ownership of assets do not change with the change in constitution of firm



Transfer of partner's rights

Regulations

- Section 42 of the LLP Act: Assignment / transfer of partner's interest
 - To share profits and losses;
 - To receive distribution in accordance with LLP agreement
 - Such a transfer does not cause the disassociation of the partner
 - Cannot be regarded as dissolution of LLP
 - Can both be <u>separately</u> assigned? seems yes
 - Whether in part or whole ? possible
 - Assignee / Transferee
 - Does not become partner implications under ITA section 40(b);
 section 10(2A)
 - Does not get right of management in the LLP
- Can it be used to transfer right to receive profits to Minor / HUF?
- Can be assigned for a stated consideration
- Since rights are granted by the LLP Act, can it be abrogated by contract between parties



Transfer of partner's rights

Tax implications

- Key tax implications in hands of partner?
 - Nature of rights of a partner "capital asset" or personal privilege
 - By virtue of section 42 of the LLP Act separately assignable hence can be "capital asset" under section 2(14)
 - Under Partnership Act, 1932 Transferability subject to mutual consent of partners
- What is the cost of such right?
 - Can it be capital contribution see deeming provision under section
 49(2AAA) conversion
 - Can we apply BC Srinivasa Shetty 21 CTR (SC) 138 good arguable case
 - Can it be regarded as right to carry on business section 55(2)(a) / 55(1)(b)
 which deems COA & COI as NIL seems no



Transfer of partner's rights

Tax implications

- Key tax implications in hands of assignee / transferee ?
 - Transfer of right by itself assignee / transferee not regarded as 'partner'
 - Section 10(2A) of the ITA exempts the share in the income of firm in the hands of partner
 - Whether 10(2A) exemption to assignee seems no
 - Whether under PGBP or IFOS?
 - Whether depreciation under section 32 allowable on consideration paid to acquire interest?
 - Intangible assets includes any other business or commercial rights of similar nature
 - Possible to claim depreciation



Retirement of partner

Tax implications for LLP

Whether 'retirement' is covered by term 'or otherwise' used in Section 45(4)? - Yes

- Bombay HC in case of CIT vs. A.N. Naik Associates [2004] 265 ITR 162 held:
 "Word 'otherwise' used in section 45(4) takes into its sweep not only cases of dissolution but also cases of subsisting partners of a partnership, transferring assets in favour of a retiring partner"
- Karnataka HC (FB) in case of CIT vs. Dynamic Enterprises [(2013) 359 ITR 83 (Karnataka) (FB) Section 45(4) is applicable on 'transfer of assets from firm to partners' not merely on dissolution

Taxability on distribution of cash / kind by firm to retiring partner:

- Cash Not taxable in hands of firm Karnataka HC in case of CIT vs. Dynamic Enterprise [(2013) 359 ITR 83 (Karnataka) (FB)
- Assets (other than cash) Taxable in hands of firm Bombay HC in case of CIT vs. A.N. Naik Associates [(2004) 264 ITR 162]



Retirement of partner

Tax implications for partners

Key tax implication: Whether surplus on retirement from LLP taxable?

Arguments - Taxable

- Indian Partnership Act- Partnership firm not a distinct legal entity apart from partners constituting it
- LLP separate legal entity
- No provision in LLP Act on retirement interest of the partner to be evaluated
- Under LLP Act on retirement, partner entitled to share in accumulated profits
- Mohanbhai Pamabhai 165 ITR 166 (SC) surplus is not taxable as partner receiving what is due to him. Argument does not directly apply to LLP
- N. A. Mody 162 ITR 420 (Bom) specific assignment of rights on retirement taxable as Capital Gains
- Assignment / Transfer under section 42 of the LLP Act is specific and cannot be presumed



Retirement of partner

<u>Arguments – Not Taxable</u>

- Partnership firm and LLP treated on the same plank in Income-tax
- Circular 5 of 2010 "conversion of partnership firm into LLP will have no tax implications. The separate entity status of LLP is not significant factor in determining tax implication" – binding even if deviating
- All provisions as applicable to firms to apply to LLPs, including SC decision
- On retirement- partner receives capital, share in profits, share in valuation of assets including goodwill – taxation of surplus will lead to double taxation
- Determination of Cost whether original capital or capital at retirement etc.
 - Can we apply BC Srinivasa Shetty 21 CTR (SC) 138



Change in constitution

- Section 79 of Income-Tax Act Change in shareholding ≥ 51% Not applicable to LLP
- Section 78 of Income-Tax Act applicable to LLP
 - Applicable on retirement or death of partner
 - Not applicable on change in constitution on admission of partner / change in PSR
 - Firm not entitled to carry forward and set off loss proportionate to share of the retired or deceased partner exceeding his share of profits in the previous year
 - No restriction on carry forward of unabsorbed depreciation or change in constitution due to admission of partner or change in PSR
 - No provision for protection of loss in case of inheritance (as contained in section 79)



Alternate Minimum Tax

- AMT Section 115JC & section 115JD
 - AMT Rate

Income <= 1 crore	Income > 1 crore
19.24 %*	21.5488 %*#

^{* -} including 4 % health and education cess

- Adjusted Total Income = Net Taxable Income + Deduction under part C of Chapter VI A (other than section 80P) + deduction under section 10AA (SEZ Units) + deduction under section 35AD (net of notional depreciation otherwise allowed)
- Not like MAT for companies which is computed on <u>Book Profits</u>
- Credit of amount allowed to be carried forward for 15 Assessment Years; No interest – Section 115JD
- Credit limited to excess of normal tax over AMT liability



^{# -} Including 12 % surcharge

Alternate Minimum Tax

<u>Issue: LLP converted into company under chapter XXI – Impact of AMT Credit under section 115JD</u>

- Arguments in favour
 - AMT credit allowed person paying the taxes under the AMT provisions
 - Firm succeeded by company for all legal purposes entity remains the same
 - Under section 115JAA Specific provision restricting MAT Credit Co to LLP
 - Similar restriction missing in AMT provisions Indicates legislative intention
- Arguments in against
 - AMT and MAT are different levies and are not interchangeable
 - AMT Non corporate assessee cannot be utilised by a corporate entity



Other tax benefit and limitations

Tax benefits to LLP

- Certain provisions not applicable to LLP such as:
 - Section 2(22) does not apply; Section 2(24)(iv) perquisites in the hands of Directors / substantial shareholder or their relatives
 - Explanation to Section 73; Section 1150;
 - Company Partner in LLP income from LLP not subject to MAT

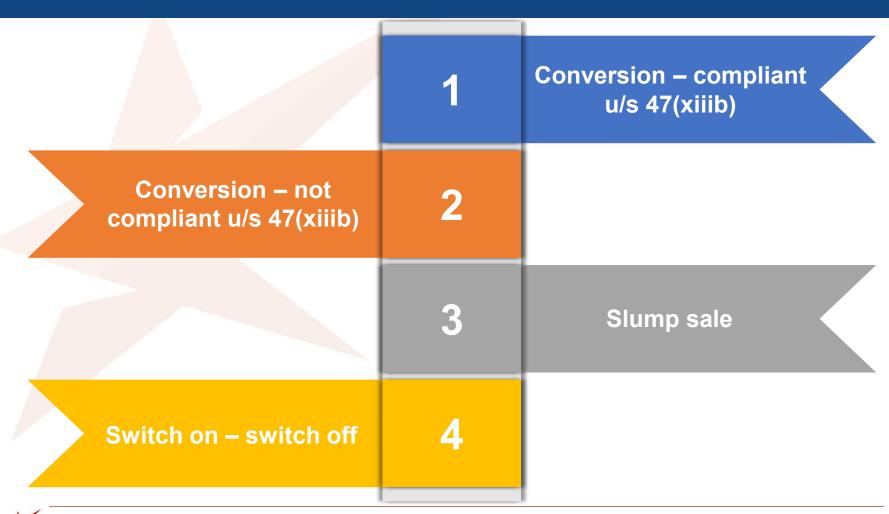
Tax limitations:

- LLP is not eligible for certain tax benefits such as:
 - Section 35(2AB), section 35DD
 - Tax neutrality under section 47(vi), (via), (vib), (vid),(vii)
 - Benefit of lower tax rate of 25% (Companies with turnnover < 250 crores)
 - Section 80-IA(4)(i) Deduction on profits of infrastructure projects
 - Section 115BBD Dividends from overseas subsidiary



Conversion of Company into LLP – Tax implications

Modes of conversion





Conversion compliant with section 47(xiiib)

- Tax neutral
 - No "transfer" for transferor company
 - No "transfer" for the shareholders
 - Conversion as per section 56 / section 57 of the LLP Act
- Carry forward of losses and unabsorbed depreciation of company section 72A(6A)
 - Becomes accumulated losses and unabsorbed depreciation of the LLP
 - Of the year in which the conversion takes place -
 - Possible to argue that a fresh lease of life
 - Violation of conditions of section 47(xiiib) loss / depreciation set off by LLP taxable in LLP



Conversion compliant with section 47(xiiib)

- Depreciation on assets to LLP as per WDV of company Explanation 2C to section 43(6)
 - No step up in WDV same WDV to continue
- Cost of other non depreciable assets cost to previous owner company section 49(1)(iii)(e)
- Cost of rights of partner under section 42 of the LLP Act on such conversion
 - Cost of the shares of the predecessor company section 49(2AAA)
 - Only if rights as a partner in the LLP separately assigned under section 42
 - Accumulated profits or reserves credited to the partners account not eligible as cost ?
- Carry forward MAT credit of company will not transfer to LLP section 115JAA (7)



Violation of condition u/s 47(xiiib) – S.47A(4)

<u>Tax implications – Section 47A(4)</u>

- Conversion into LLP tax exempt if conditions specified under section 47(xiiib) complied
- Two type of conditions
 - Required to be fulfilled at the time of conversion if not fulfilled at the time of conversion itself – non compliant conversion – discussed later
 - Required to be fulfilled till specified period after conversion
 - If violated in year of conversion non-compliant conversion Aravali Polymers LLP – 47 taxmann.com 335 (Kolkata - ITAT)
 - If violated later on within specified period section 47A(4) to apply
- If conditions under section 47(xiiib) violated tax implication two fold
 - Profit & gains not charged as capital gains in hands of company taxable in hands of converted LLP – in year in which condition is violated
 - Profit & gains not charged to tax in hands of shareholder of company taxable in their hands in year in which condition is violated



Non-compliant conversion

For Company:

- Statutory vesting
 - Reliance on Part IX related decisions of statutory vesting not a transfer
 - CIT vs. Texspin Engg. & Mfg. Works (2003) 263 ITR 345 (Bom)
 - Rita Mechanical Works 344 ITR 544 (P&H)
 - Gulabdas Printers 4 ITR (Trib) 264 (Ahd)
 - Well Pack Packaging 78 TTJ 448 (Ahd)
 - CIT vs Umicore Finance Luxemborg 291 CTR 174 (Bom)
- Transfer involves 2 parties ... transferor and transferee
- Good case Still not taxable as capital gains
- However unabsorbed depreciation or unabsorbed loss will lapse



Non-compliant conversion

For Shareholders –

- Whether any CG implications ??
 - Conversion leads to extinguishment of rights in shares ... covered by Grace
 Collis 248 ITR 323 [SC] Hence transfer under section 2(47)
- What is consideration for transfer?
 - Sunil Sidharthbhai 156 ITR 509 (SC) consideration credited to partners capital account is not what finally comes to him
 - However section 50D where consideration "not ascertainable" or "cannot be determined"
 - Take FMV of asset transferred i.e. shares
 - Valuation of shares- Rule 11UA or FMV??
- Hence potential taxation in hands of shareholder



Slump sale

Tax implications

- In the hands of the Transferor company:
 - Specific provisions section 50B
 - Period of holding
 - if undertaking in existence <= 36months STCG</p>
 - if undertaking in existence >36 months LTCG, however, no indexation benefit
 - Cost of acquisition "Net worth" of the undertaking
 - "Net worth" assets less liabilities (values as per books of accounts)
 - Change in value of assets by revaluation to be ignored
- In the hands of the Transferee LLP:
 - Applicability of section 56(2)(x)
 - Should not apply to receipt of business undertaking



Switch on – switch off

New LLP - New Business

- Start business in LLP
- Over period of time discontinue business in the Company
- Itemized transfer of some important assets / labilities
 - No statutory protection
 - Implications under respective acts to be evaluated
 - Simple and easy to implement
 - Significant limitations
 - Dependent on specific facts



Restructuring of LLP

Restructuring of LLP

Regulations

- Section 60 to section 62 of LLP Act provides detailed framework for compromise or arrangements of LLPs
 - similar to Section 391 to Section 394 of Companies Act, 1956 / Section 230 to Section 232 of Companies Act, 2013
- Possible modes of restructuring of LLP:
 - Merger of 2 or more LLPs discussed later
 - Demerger of LLP
 - Compromise or arrangement between LLP and partners
 - Compromise or arrangements with creditors
 - Conversion from / to LLP
 - Merger of LLP into company discussed later



Merger of 2 or more LLPs

Tax Implications

- No specific tax neutral provisions covering such transactions
- In the hands of the amalgamating LLP
 - No specific exemption under section 47
 - To be tested as per normal provisions
 - Possible arguments not taxable
 - Reliance on the decision of CIT vs Texspin Engg. & Mfg. Works (2003) 263 ITR 345 (Bom)
 - Statutory vesting not a transfer
 - No consideration received by the transferor LLP
 - At the time of merger, the transferor LLP ceases for "transfer" of capital asset – there should be existence of party and counter party



Merger of 2 or more LLPs

Tax Implications

- In the hands of the amalgamating LLP
 - Section 62(1)(b)(iii) of the LLP Act Merger order may provide for dissolution, without winding up of any transferor LLP
 - Implications under section 45(4) of the ITA on dissolution of the firm
 applicability?
 - Section 45(4) Distribution of capital assets by the firm to the partners
 - Good argument there is <u>no distribution</u> of capital assets by the amalgamating LLP to partners
 - Reliance on the decision of CIT vs Texspin Engg. & Mfg. Works -(2003) 263 ITR 345 (Bom)

Merger of 2 or more LLPs

Tax Implications

- In the hands of the partners
 - Extinguishment of rights of partner in amalgamating LLP capital asset –
 Grace Collis vs CIT 248 ITR 323 (SC)
 - It amounts to "transfer"
 - Consideration on such transfer interest in the amalgamated LLP
 - Sunil Sidharthbhai 156 ITR 509 (SC) consideration credited to partners capital account is not what finally comes to him
 - Recourse to section 50D since consideration not ascertainable
 - However, difficulty in determining "FMV" of the interest given up
 - Cost of acquisition of interest given up in amalgamating LLP?
 - Can it be initial capital contribution, closing capital balance?
 - Better case closing capital balance
 - Difficulty in determining the cost of interest in amalgamating LLP
 - Can we apply BC Srinivasa Shetty 21 CTR (SC) 138 good arguable case - no capital gains



Merger of LLP into company

Regulations

Merger of LLP into company – whether possible ?

- Amalgamation of company with other company
 - Governed by Companies Act, 2013
- Amalgamation of LLP with other LLP
 - Governed by LLP Act, 2008
- Merger of LLP into company
 - Companies Act, 1956 allowed a <u>body corporate</u> as a transferor entity in scheme of amalgamation
 - Companies Act 2013 and LLP Act, 2008 Neither specifically permitted nor prohibited
 - Companies Act, 2013 Allows merger of <u>foreign body corporate</u> with Indian company and vice versa
- NCLT Chennai in a recent decision¹ approved merger of LLP into company in the context of Companies Act, 2013 – absence of specific provision was considered to be case of 'casus omisus'

1 - CP /123 / CAA / 2018 (TCA/157/CAA/2017)



Merger of LLP into company

Tax implications

- No specific tax neutral provisions covering such transactions
- In the hands of the amalgamating LLP
 - Section 47(xiii) tax neutral transfer succession of LLP into company
 - No tax on transfer of business in the hands of LLP
 - Conditions specified under section 47(xiii) needs to be complied
 - Conditions under section 47(xiii) not complied possible arguments not taxable
 - Reliance on the decision of CIT vs Texspin Engg. & Mfg. Works (2003) 263 ITR 345 (Bom)
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 - Consideration on such transfer shares of the company
 - Fair market value of such shares
 - Valuation of shares- Rule 11UA or FMV ??
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