Latest Critical issues in

Companies Act including Deposits



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FINE REPLACED WITH PENALTY

- × 16 cases
- Fine by NCLT, Penalty by RoC
 - 1. S. 53(3) Prohibition on issue of shares at discount
 - 2. S. 64(2) Notice to be given to Registrar for alteration of share capital
 - **3.** S. 92(5) Annual Return
 - 4. S. 102(5) Statement to be annexed to Notice
 - 5. S. 105 Proxies
 - 6. S. 117(2) Resolutions and Agreements to be filed
 - 7. S. 121(3) -Report on annual general meeting

FINE REPLACED WITH PENALTY

- 8. S. 137(3) Copy of financial statement to be filed with Registrar
- S. 140(3) Removal, resignation of auditor and giving of special notice
- 10. S. 157(2) Company to inform DIN to Registrar
- 11. S. 159 Punishment for Contravention in respect of DIN
- 12. S. 165(6) Number of Directorships
- 13. S. 191(5) Payment to Director for Loss of Office
- 14. S. 197(15) Overall maximum managerial remuneration and managerial remuneration in case of absence or inadequacy of profits
- **15.** S. 203(5) Appointment of KMP
- 16. S. 238(3) Registration of the offer of scheme involving transfer of shares

COMMENCEMENT OF BUSINESS

- S. 10A introduced reintroduction
- Earlier removed by amending s. 11 through Companies (Amendment) Act 2015.
- Any company incorporated on or after 2nd November 2018, shall not commence business or exercise any borrowing powers, unless:
 - + It files a declaration in Form INC 20A within 180 days of incorporation, confirming that every subscriber to the Memorandum has paid the value of shares agreed to be taken by him, AND
 - Files a verification of its registered office address with the RoC within 30 days of incorporation.

COMMENCEMENT OF BUSINESS

- In case of default penalty:
 - Company Rs. 50K
 - + OID Rs. 1000/- per day subject to maximum Rs. 1 Lakh.
- Failure in filing and Registrar has reasonable cause to believe that company not carrying on any business may initiate action for removal of name from Register of Companies u/s 248
- S. 248 also amended consequently.

S. 92 ANNUAL RETURN

- ★ If filed within 60 days in MGT 7 normal fee
- Upto 30.6.2018 additional fee till 300 days
- W.e.f. 1.7.2018 additional fee Rs. 100/- pd
- After that penalty (earlier fine w.e.f. 2nd November 2018):
 - +On Company and Officer in default
 - ×minimum 50K
 - ×Rs. 100/- per day on continuous default.
 - ×maximum 500K
 - + Imprisonment on OID upto 6 mnths omitted

S. 137 FILING OF FS

- Form AOC -4 within 30 days of AGM
- Upto 30.6.2018 additional fee till 300 days
- W.e.f. 1.7.2018 additional fee Rs. 100/- pd
- × Penalty on
 - +Company 1k p. d > 10 L;
 - +MD, etc in charge by Board- if no one all directors
 - ×Penalty Min 1 L
 - ×Rs. 100/- per day if continuous default
 - ×Maximum 5 L

S. 117 FILING OF RESOLUTIONS

- Earlier for default fine:
 - + Company:
 - × Min. Rs. 1 Lakh; Max. Rs. 25 L
 - +OID:
 - Min. Rs. 50K; Max. Rs. 5 L
- Now penalty:
 - + Company:
 - × Min. Rs. 1 Lakh, continuing Rs. 500/- p.d.
 - × Max. Rs. 25 L
 - + OID including liquidator:
 - × Min. Rs. 50K, continuing Rs. 500/- p.d.
 - × Max. Rs. 5 L

S. 140 AUDITOR RESIGNATION

- Earlier for default fine:
 - + Min. Rs. 50K or remuneration of auditor whichever is less
 - + Max. Rs. 5 L
- Now penalty:
 - + Min. Rs. 50K or remuneration of auditor whichever is less;
 - + Continuing default Rs. 500/- p.d.
 - + Max. Rs. 5 L

- Company Law Fresh Start Scheme
- No additional fees for late filing of Forms during moratorium period from 1st April to 30th September 2020, irrespective of its due date
- Only Normal Fee to be paid
- If appeal filed against penalty has to withdraw

- Scheme applicable to all Forms, except:
 - +Increase in Authorised Capital (SH-7)
 - +Charge related:
 - ×CHG-1
 - ×CHG-4
 - ×CHG-8
 - ×CHG-9

CLFSS 2020 - IMMUNITY

- Immunity from penal proceedings, including for late submissions & prosecutions
- Immunity only against delayed filings and not against any substantive violation of law. For e.g. S. 42 utilization of money.
- ★ For immunity Form CLFSS-2020 to be filed after 30th September 2020 and DA take it on record but not after 6 months from end of scheme Nil Fee

- Immunity not applicable:
 - +Any matter pending before any court of law
 - +Court has ordered any conviction
 - +Penalty order has been passed by adjudicating authority and no appeal is preferred
- Where order u/s 454(6) falls between
 1.3.2020 to 31.5.2020 additional 120 days allowed to file appeal no prosecution

- Following cannot avail of this scheme:
 - +Cos. against which action for final notice of strike down has been initiated by ROC
 - +Companies have themselves filed application for strike-off
 - +Companies which have amalgamated
 - +Where applications have been filed for Dormant status
 - +Vanishing Companies

- DINs marked as 'Deactivated' due to nonfiling of DIR-3KYC!
- Companies whose compliance status has been marked as "ACTIVE non-compliant" due to non-filing of ACTIVE e-form!
- Can file between 1st April 2020 to 30th September 2020 without any filing fee of Rs. 5000/10000 respectively.

CLFSS 2020 - INACTIVE

Apply to get themselves declared as dormant company u/s 455 by filing eform MSC-1 at a normal fee on said form;

×OR

Apply for striking off the name of the company by filing e-Form STK-2 by paying fee payable on form STK-2

LLPSS 2020

- Similar Scheme (though brought earlier).. But only for Forms due till 31.08.2020:
 - +Form 11
 - +Form 8
 - +Form 3
 - +Form 4
- Not applicable for LLP who have applied for strike-off u/s 24
- Immunity from prosecution if go for LLPSS 2020





DEPOSITS

- Following may invite, accept or renew deposits:
 - +Banking companies (RBI);
 - **+NBFC** (RBI);
 - +Notified companies;
 - +Public company having net worth > 100 Cr or turnover > 500 Cr (Rules)

DPT-3

- **★** To be filed annually by 30th June and furnish information as on 31st March of that year duly audited by auditor of the company.
- × Was to be filed only by cos. accepting deposits
- Later companies accepting deposits from shareholders also covered w.e.f. 19th
 September 2017
- ★ Insertions made to Rule 16 and 16A of the Deposit Rules vide notification dated 22nd

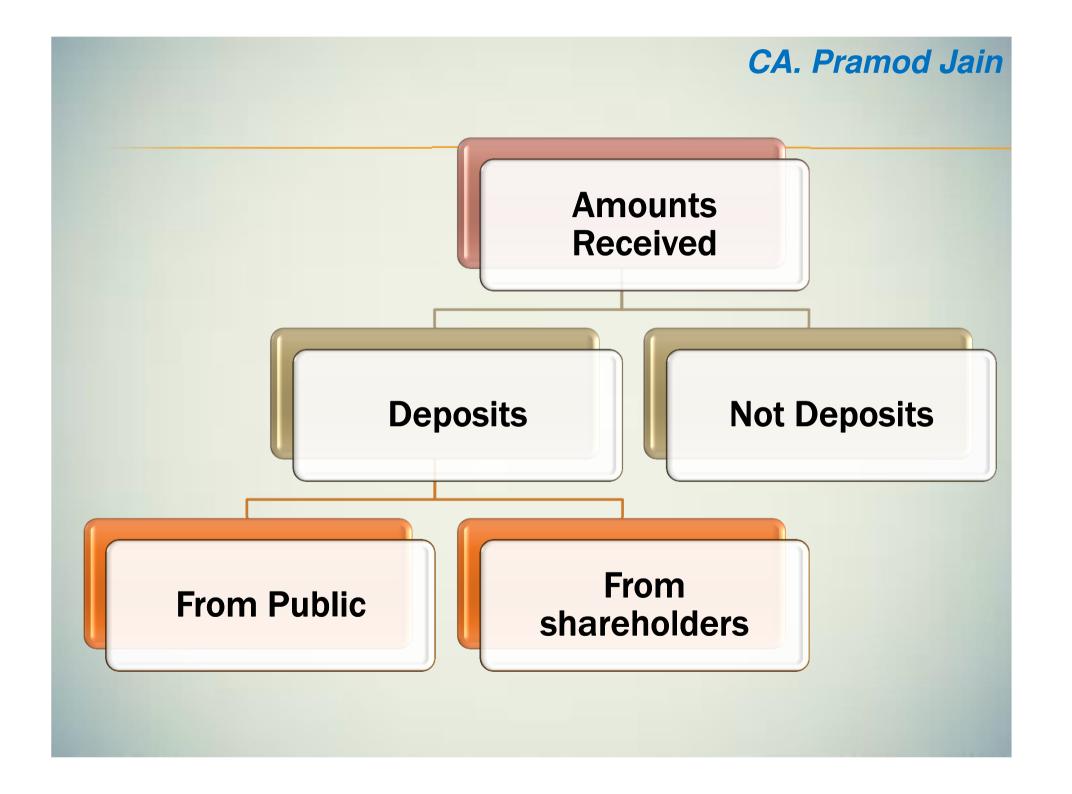
 January 2019
- Form DPT-3 also amended.

DPT-3 - ANNUALLY

- Explanation to Rule 16 added to clarify that DPT-3 is to be filed annually by every company other than Government company for :
 - +Deposit or
 - +Particulars of transaction not considered as deposit or
 - +Both
- Auditor's Report / Certificate

DPT-3 - ONE TIME

- Sub-rule (3) added to Rule 16A:
 - + Every company other than Government company shall file a 1 time return of
 - +outstanding receipt of money or loan by a company but not considered as deposits, in terms of rule 2(1)(c)
 - +from 1st April, 2014 to 31.3.2019,
 - +within 90 days from 1st April 2019 (29.6.2019)
 - +along with fee.



- * Amount received from CG, SG, L Auth., Stat. Auth.
- Amount from Foreign Govt, Bank, etc as per FEMA
- **×** Amount received from Banks, PFIs, CPs
- × ICD
- From director out of his own funds to report in D.R.
 w.e.f. 15.9.15 FS 29.6.16
- From relative of director for Pvt. Co. out of his own funds
 to report in D.R. w.e.f. 15.9.15 FS 29.6.16
- Convertible bond / debenture shares within 5 years 10 from 29.6.16. & Listed unsecured NCD
- Interest free security deposit employee 1 yr salary

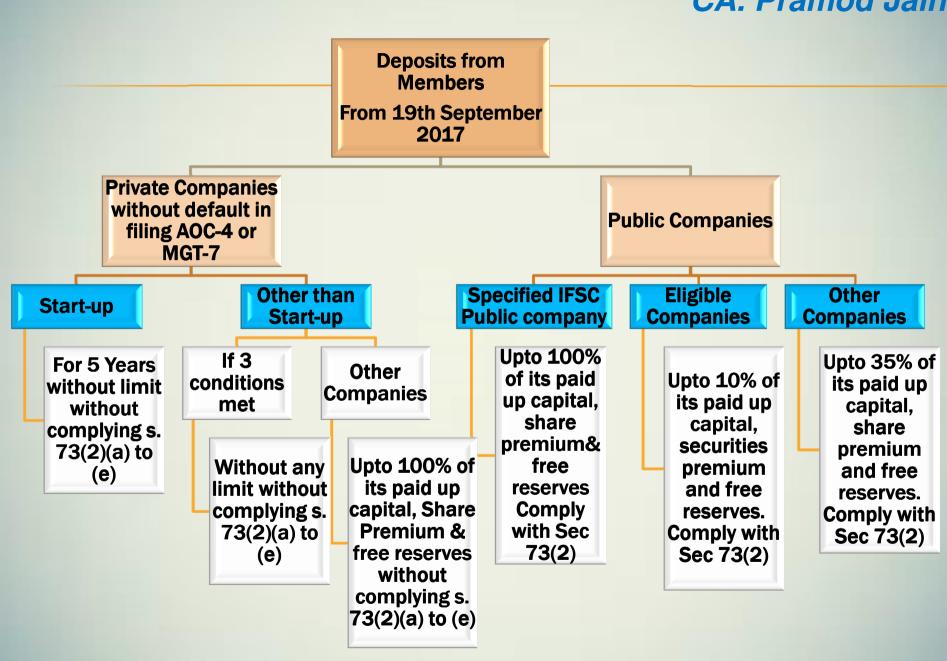
- Share appl. money, except not allotted / refunded
- Non-Interest bearing amt received & held in Trust
- **×** Business advances:
 - +Supply of goods / services within 365 days
 - +Against Immovable property if adjusted as per agreement
 - +Security deposit for performance of contract for supply of goods or provision of services
 - + Under long term project-supply of capital goods

- Advance for providing future services in form of warranty or maintenance contract (written) upto 5 years - 29.6.2016
- Advance received and as allowed by sectoral regulator as per CG or SG – 29.6.2016
- Advance for subscription towards publication –
 29.6.2016
- If Co. accepting money does not have necessary permission or approval to deal in goods or properties or services -Deposit
- Subscription to chit under Chit Fund Act 29.6.16

- Rs. 25 Lakh or more by start up company in single tranche by convertible note (in equity or repayable within 5 years) 29.6.16
- × Promoters stipulation of any FI or a banks:-
 - + Loan is brought in pursuance of stipulation imposed by lending institutions on promoters to contribute such finance; and
 - Loan is provided by the promoters themselves and/or by their relatives.
 - + Exemption available only till loans are repaid

- Amount received by the company under any collective investment scheme in compliance with regulations framed by SEBI;(29.6.2016)
- * Amount received by a company from Alternate Investment Funds, Domestic Venture Capital Funds, and Mutual Funds registered with the SEBI (29.6.16).
 - + Infrastructure Investment Trusts (11.5.2017)
 - + Real Estate Investment Trusts (22.01.2019)

- *** Amt. received by Nidhi companies**
- Specified IFSC Public company can accept from its members monies not exceeding 100% of aggregate of the paid up share capital, free reserves and securities premium account and such company shall file the details of monies so accepted to the Registrar in Form DPT-3 (w.e.f. 19.9.2017)
 - However, they have to comply with provisions of Section 73(2) of Companies Act 2013 and Companies (Acceptance of Deposit) Rules 2014



DEPOSITS FROM MEMBERS

- In the previous chart in case Private Company is in default in filing AOC-4 or MGT-7, then the limits for start-up and other than start-up companies remains same
- However, they would have to comply with conditions of S. 73(2) on or after 19th September 2017

PURPOSE OF FORM – PARA 4

- Onetime Return for disclosure of details of outstanding money or loan received by a company but not considered as deposits in terms of rule 2(1)(c) of Companies (Acceptance of Deposits) Rules
- 2. Return of Deposit
- Particulars of transactions by a company not considered as deposit as per rule 2 (1) (c) of Companies (Acceptance of Deposit) Rules
- 4. Return of Deposit & Particulars of transactions by a company not considered as deposit

- Bank CC / OD balances??
 - +Balance as per books Rs. 1800000/-
 - +Balance as per bank statement Rs. 1500000/-
 - +Which amount to be disclosed in DPT-3?

×DPT-3 - 18 L

×Auditor Certificate (when required) - mention both

Unsecured Loan from Director??

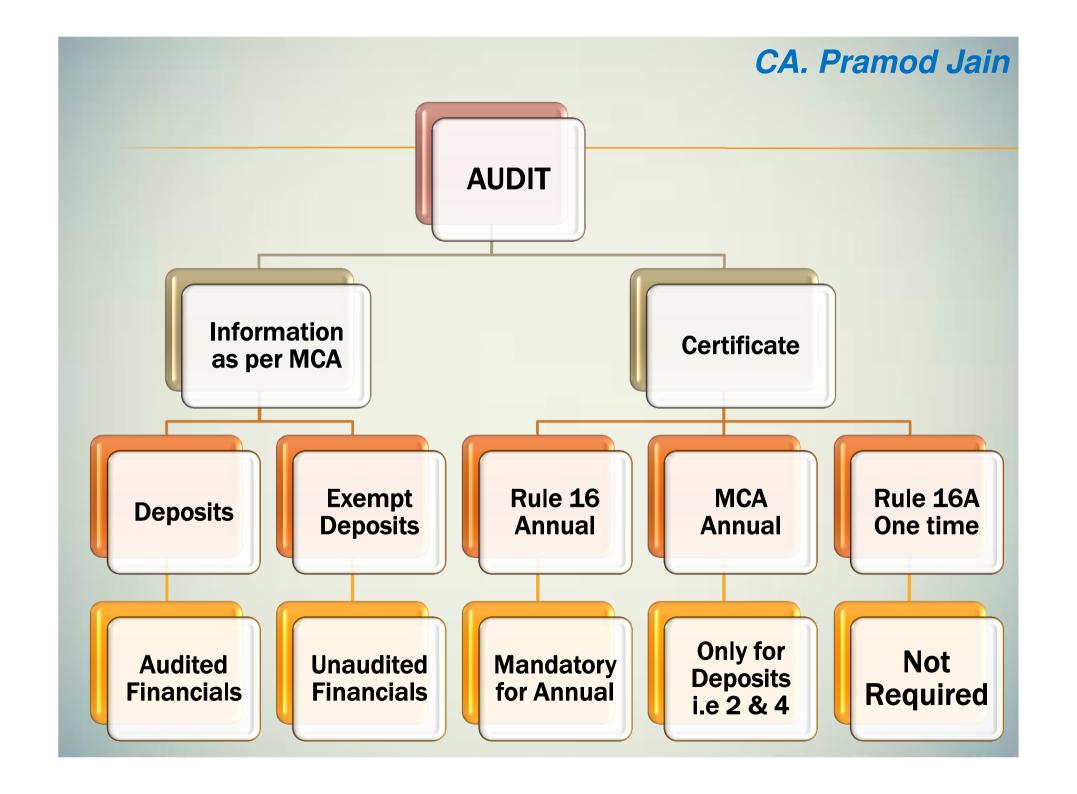
- + Loan Taken on 1.4.2012 Rs. 1000000/-
- + Loan Repaid on 1.4.2016 Rs. 500000/-
- + Interest (Net of TDS) as on 31.3.2020 Rs. 100000/-
- Outstanding balance as on 31.3.2020 Rs.
 600000/-
 - × DPT 3 Rs. 600000/-
 - Auditor Certificate (if required) Outstanding amount includes interest provided less TDS

- Unsecured Loan from Director's HUF
- How to disclose in DPT-3?
 - One Time Not allowed
 - × Annual mention in outstanding from director's relatives
 - Auditor Certificate (when required) Outstanding amount from director's relative includes outstanding loan from director's HUF including interest provided less TDS

- Loan received from shareholder on 1.4.2012 Rs. 200000/-
- No further amount received
- What to disclose in one time and annual return
 - × DPT-3 Nil
 - × Auditor Certificate (when required) mention received from shareholders prior to 1.4.2014

DPT-3 - SUMMARY

- NIL DPT-3 Not required
- Every company receiving monies and having outstanding as on year end to file DPT-3:
 - + One time Return by 29th June 2019
 - Outstanding amounts as on 31.3.2019 for NOT DEPOSITS AND which are received after 1.4.2014
 - + Annually by 30th June every year
 - ×Outstanding amounts as on 31.3.2020 which are deposits or not deposits.. Irrespective of date of receipt
- Non- Comp. Fine-5K-continuing Rs. 500 pd R. 21

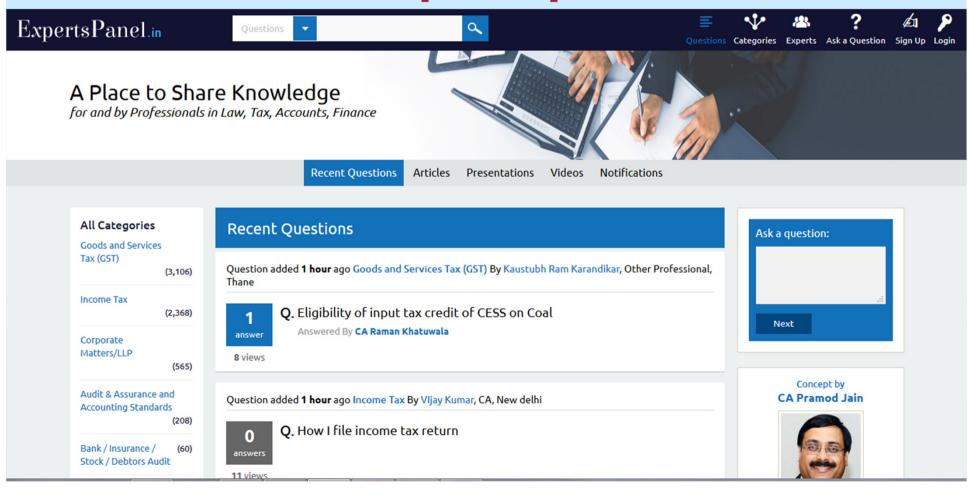


INFORMATION CA. Pramod Jain

- Date of last closing of accounts as on last year end i.e 31st March 2019
- Latest audited financials 31st March 2018
- Net Worth as per latest audited balance sheet preceding the date of the return March 2018

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