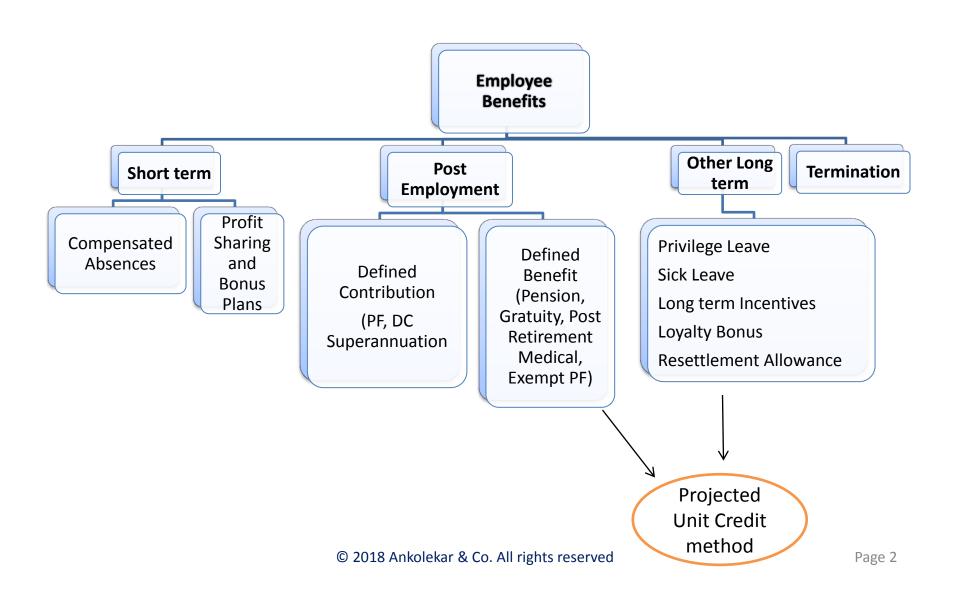


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The classification of employee benefits



Proportionality generally

In line with AS 15 and Ind AS 19: Employee Benefits

Prominent examples:

- Higher disclosure requirements for some benefits (both Ind AS 19 and AS 15)
- Treatment of actuarial gains/ losses to Other Comprehensive Income for some benefits (both Ind AS 19 and AS 15)

Proportional

adj: having a size, number, or amount that is directly related to or appropriate for something

The Webster's 1913 dictionary interprets: *Pro`por´tion*

v: To <u>form</u> with <u>symmetry</u> or <u>suitableness</u> as the <u>parts</u> of the <u>body</u>.

Pro`por`tion`al'i`ty
n: The state of being in proportion

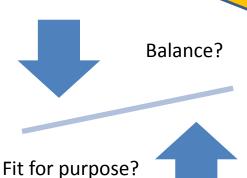
Proportionality in Employee Benefits

- AS requirement
- Frequency of measurement

Measurement

Recognition

Disclosures



- Post-employment v. Other Long-term
- Cash-flow disclosures

Proportionality in AS 15 disclosure: Entity type

AS15 (R) is applicable in its **entirety** to the following enterprises:

- 1. Equity or Debt securities are listed or are in the process of being listed
- 2. Carrying on Insurance business
- 3.Turnover > Rs50 cr
- 4.Borrowings > Rs10 cr at any instance during the year
- 5.Banks (incl. co-operative banks)
- 6. Financial Institutions
- 7. Holding or subsidiary company of any of the above

Companies not falling within clauses 1 to 7 are classified as **Small- and Medium-sized Companies (SMCs)** need to apply the standard restrictively

That is, limited disclosures but value liabilities actuarially.

Proportionality in "Data"

When asset returns have to wait until after EOY



Inevitable for prompt finalization

Dates of secondment are provided

Data extends beyond employee data to asset statements.

Proportionality in "Measurement"

Employee movements change liabilities, so should be forthwith reported



Full measurement every quarter or estimates from the previous quarter?

P&L approach will often do.

Question the "right" assumptions proportionate to nature of benefits

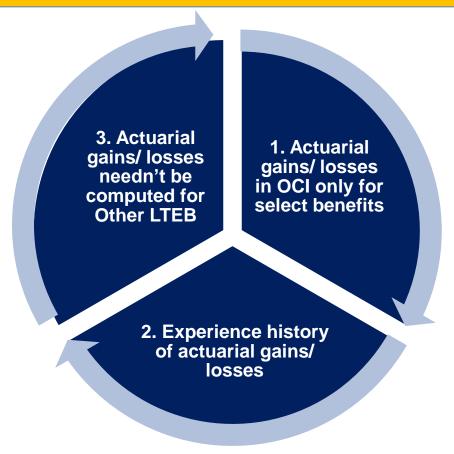
Measurement of employee benefit results is not just a "methodology."

Proportionality in "Recognition"

Short-term

Less volatile

Costly



Post-Employment benefits → YES

Other Long-term benefits → NO

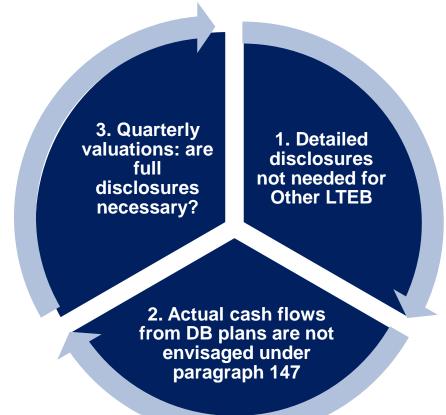
Harbinger of "assumption propriety"

Recognition of employee benefits between P&L and OCI is guided by several factors

Proportionality in "Disclosures"

Full notes to accounts not expected

Cost of compliance should be proportional



Para 158, Ind AS 19: no specific disclosures for Other LTEB

Para 147 requires a) description of funding arrangements, b) expected contributions next year, and c) maturity profile (maturity analysis of benefit payments is optional – guiding word 'MAY')

Disclosures are perhaps the greatest drivers of cost

Summarizing proportionality

Measurement

- Near period-end data acceptable
- Quarterly results from previous estimates?
- Question assumptions relevant to benefits

Recognition

- Actuarial gain/ loss not needed for OLTEB
- Only actuarial gain/ loss on Post-Employment Benefits classify under OCI
- Explore trends in experience gain/ losses

Disclosures

- Full disclosures unnecessary for quarterly results
- Disclosures relevant for Post-Employment Benefits only
- Maturity analysis of benefit payments is optional – guiding word 'MAY'

Questions?

DISCLAIMER

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