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Interplay between Section 5, 9(1)(i) and 9(1)(vii) of Income-tax Act, 1961 (the Act)

Royalty – Definition u/s 9(1)(vi) of the Act

Consideration, including lumpsum consideration (other than income chargeable as capital gains) for

Transfer of all or any rights (including the granting of a license) in respect of

Imparting of any information concerning the working of, or the use of

Patent, invention, model, design,
secret formula or process or
trademark or similar property

Use of

Imparting of any information concerning

Technical, industrial, commercial or scientific knowledge, experience or skill

Use or right to use

Any industrial, commercial or scientific equipment (excluding section 44BB)

Transfer of all or any rights (including the granting of a license) in respect of

<u>Copyright</u>, literary, artistic or scientific work (excluding sale, distribution or exhibition of cinematographic films)

Royalty also includes income from rendering of services in connection with above

Royalty u/s 9(1)(vi) of the Act

Royalty deemed to accrue or arise in India when

- Payable by the Government
- Payable by resident to non-resident, except
 - where the royalty is payable in respect of any right, property or information used or services utilized for the purposes of a business or profession carried on by such person (i.e., the payer) outside India
 - for the purpose of making or earning any income from any source outside India
- Payable by non-resident to resident, only if
 - the royalty is payable in respect of any right, property or information used or services utilized for the purposes of a business or profession carried on by such person in India
 - for the purpose of making or earning any income from any source in India

Definition of Royalty u/s 9(1)(vi) of the Act

Retrospective amendments made by Finance Act, 2012 with effect from 1 June, 1976

- Explanation 4
 - Transfer of all or any rights in respect of any right, property or information includes transfer of all or right for use or right to use a computer software (including granting of a license) irrespective of the medium through which the right is transferred

Judgements sought to be overruled by Explanation 4: Ericsson AB (2012), 343 ITR 470 (Delhi), Nokia Networks OY (20120) 25 taxmann.com 225 (Delhi)

Definition of Royalty u/s 9(1)(vi) of the Act

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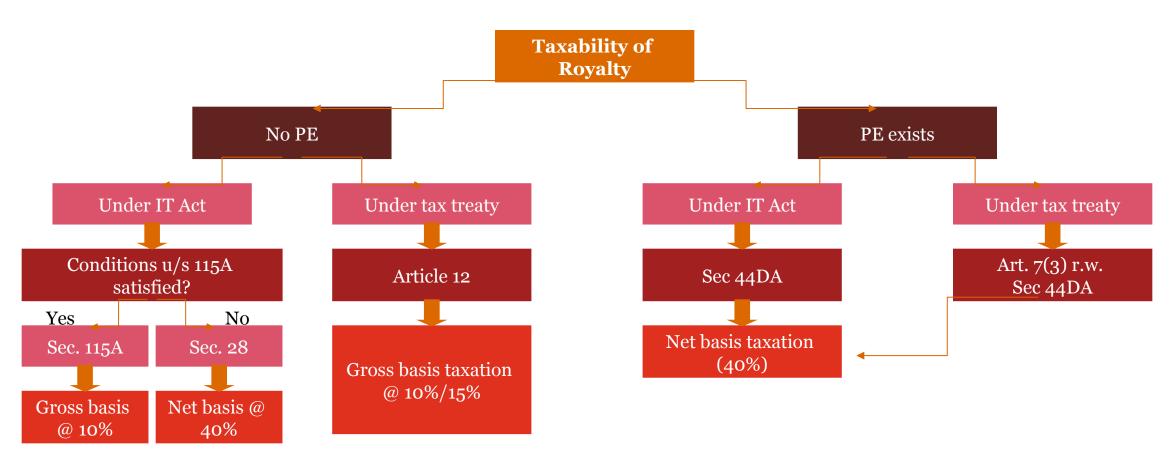
- Explanation 5
 - Royalty includes consideration in respect of any right, property or information, whether or not
 - The possession or control is with the payer;
 - It is used directly by the payer;
 - Location is in India
- Explanation 6
 - "Process" includes transmission by satellite, cable, optic fibre or by any other similar technology, whether or not such process is secret

Judgements sought to be overruled by explanation 5 and 6: Asia Satellite Telecommunications Ltd. (2011) 332 ITR 340 (Delhi), ISRO Satellite Centre (2008) 307 ITR 59 (AAR)

Taxation of Royalty under the Act

- Royalty taxable @ 10% (plus surcharge and education cess) on gross basis u/s 115A if
 - Received by non-resident from a resident; and
 - Non-resident does not have a PE in India
- Royalty taxable @ 40% (plus surcharge and education cess) on net income basis under 44DA of Act if
 - Received by non-resident from government/Indian concern; and
 - Non-resident has a PE in India and the right/property/contract in respect of which Royalty /FTS are paid, is effectively connected with the PE

Current Taxation Regime for Royalty



Royalties and FTS

Royalty under OECD and UN Model Conventions

OECD

The term "royalties" as used in this Article means payments of any kind received as a consideration for the use of, or the right to use, any copyright of literary, artistic or scientific work including cinematograph films, any patent, trade mark, design or model, plan, secret formula or process, or for information concerning industrial, commercial or scientific experience.

UN

The term "royalties" as used in this Article means payments of any kind received as a consideration for the use of, or the right to use, any copyright of literary, artistic or scientific work including cinematograph films or films or tapes used for radio or television broadcasting, any patent, trade mark, design or model, plan, secret formula or process, or for the use of, or the right to use, industrial, commercial or scientific equipment or for information concerning industrial, commercial or scientific experience.

Royalty under OECD and UN Model Conventions

Royalties arising in a Contracting State beneficially owned by a resident of the other Contracting State shall be taxable only in that other State. However, such royalties may also be taxed in the Contracting State in which they arise and according to the laws of that State – but if the beneficial owner of the royalties is a resident of the other Contracting State the tax so charged shall not exceed X per cent (the percentage is to be established through bilateral negotiations) of the gross amount of the royalties

Residence based taxation

Source based taxation

Royalties and FTS

Royalty under US Model

- The term "royalties" as used in this Convention means:
 - Any consideration for the **use of, or the right to use**, any copyright of literary, artistic, scientific or other work (including computer software, cinematographic films, audio or video tapes or disks, and other means of image or sound reproduction), any patent, trademark, design or model, plan, secret formula or process, or any other like right or property, or for information concerning industrial, commercial, or scientific experience; and
 - gain derived from the alienation of any property described in subparagraph (a), provided that such gain is contingent on the productivity, use or disposition of the property

Words in red are deleted from the 2016 US model

Royalty under Indian tax treaties

Royalty clauses based on UN Model generally except in case of US/OECD countries

Country	Definition	
Singapore	Includes gains from alienation of right, property or information	
USA	Includes gains derived from the alienation of right or property which are contingent on the productivity, use, etc.	
Singapore, USA and Canada	Rental of Ships or Aircrafts / Containers incidental to any activity directly connected with operation of ships / aircrafts in international traffic specifically excluded from Royalty	
Australia	Specific inclusion of Fees for Included Services	
Morocco, Namibia, Russia, Trinidad & Tobago, Turkmenistan, Kazakstan and Kyrgyz Republic	Specific inclusion of software	
Libya	Rental and other income from cinematograph films considered as business profits and not Royalties	
Greece, Israel, Sweden	Does not include 'Equipment Royalty'	
Belgium, France, Kazakhstan, Netherlands and Spain	Does not include 'Equipment Royalty' – MFN clause	

Typical structure of Royalty article under Indian tax treaties

- Article 12(1) State of residence to have right to tax royalty
- Article 12(2) State of source also to have right to tax royalty, however ceiling of tax rate by the state of source subject to Beneficial Ownership
- Article 12(3) Meaning of the term 'Royalty'
- Article 12(4) Taxation of Royalty if effectively connected with PE / Fixed Base of Non-Residents in the State of Source
- Article 12(5) Arising of Royalty in the State of Source
 - Where payer is Resident; and / or
 - If the Payer has a PE / Fixed Base in the State of Source and the Royalty is connected and borne by such PE / Fixed Base
- Article 12(6) Adjustments for related party transactions
 - Excess over Arm's-length price to be taxable as per domestic provisions

Beneficial ownership

- OECD
 - Term not to be used in a narrow or technical sense but object and purpose of tax conventions
- IBFD
 - common law term developed by the Courts and is distinct from 'Legal Owner'
- US Model Technical Explanation
 - Not defined in the convention to be interpreted as per domestic law of source state
- Indian context
 - CBDT Circular 789 dt .3 April 2000 Tax Residency Certificates issued by Mauritius Tax Authorities sufficient evidence of residence status as well as Beneficial ownership
 - Whether the circular can be applied in case of royalty also?
 - TRC was held to be sufficient evidence for beneficial ownership Universal International Music B.V (45 SOT 219) (Mumbai); appeal not admitted by Bombay High Court (214 Taxman 19)

Royalties – Key issues



Common Types of IPRs

Legislations **Meaning Few Examples** Chemical / Rights granted in relation to an invention to protect its Patents Act, Pharmaceutical Patent commercial exploitation by others 1970 products A painting, book, Indian Exclusive right with respect to literary, artistic, Copyright piece of music, Copyright etc. work film Act, 1957 Logos of Distinctive sign that identifies goods / services of Trade Marks Trade mark McDonalds, an enterprise Act, 1999 Coco Cola Drawings of Designs Act, Features of shape, pattern, etc. – includes element of Design cartoon industrial production 2000 characters

Royalties and FTS

Royalties – Product v. IPR

Product	IPR	Licensee of IPR gets	Purchaser of product gets
T.V. shows	Right to Telecast	Right to telecast	Entertainment
Medicines	Patent	License to manufacture and sell medicines	Ownership of medicine
Books	Copyright	License to publish i.e make copies and sell	Ownership of book
Packaged food	Trademark	Franchisee gets right to manufacture and sell under trademark	Ownership of product
High Definition TVs	Patent, Design	License to manufacture and sell	Ownership of product

Royalty
Taxed on gross
basis; on net basis if
effectively connected
with PE

Business income Taxed on net basis if PE/business connection

Shrink wrapped Software – Arguments against Royalty

- For captive use
- No right to reproduce / distribute/ resell, etc.
- May be in the form of a network/site license
- For multiple users of the tax payer organisation
- No commercial exploitation of Intellectual Property by licensee
- Software supplied in CD is 'goods'- TCS (271 ITR 401)(SC)
- Use of 'copyrighted article' (software) and not 'copyright' in software
 - Para 12.2 of OECD commentary
 - Reliance Inds. (43 SOT 506)(Mum.)
 - TII team Telecom (140 TTJ 649)(Mum.)
 - -Samsung Technologies (94 ITD 91) (Bang. ITAT) and other decisions

Issue pending for adjudication before Supreme Court

Embedded Software

Typical Facts

- Supply of integrated equipment comprising hardware and software
- Supply of Software is inextricably linked to supply of the hardware and, both
- do not have independent existence / use
- Example Telecom equipment's in fixed and mobile networks

Key Aspects

- Payment made for supply of 'goods' and not for use of software
- Contract cannot be separated in two components i.e. Hardware and Software
- Amendment in domestic law not to impact tax treaty interpretation
 - Distinction between copyright and copyrighted article still relevant under tax treaties

Legal principles continue to be applicable post retro amendments

Imparting of information concerning technical, industrial, commercial or scientific knowledge, experience or skill

- Every information concerning the industries or commercial ventures does not qualify as royalty. Some sort of expertise or skill is required. Some sort of confidentiality/secrecy & exclusivity is required. It should not be something readily available in the market.
 - HEG Ltd. (263 ITR 230) (MP)
- Allowing access and downloading business information reports, which is a compilation of publicly available commercial information is not royalty.
 - Dun & Bradstreet Espana SA (272 ITR 99) (AAR)
- Royalty signifies an extended or perpetual use for the payee, where as FTS are relevant for one time job and useful for which they are rendered. Similar interpretation should also apply to information concerning 'industrial experience'.
 - Kirloskar Oil Ltd. (83 ITD 436) (Pune)

Engineering Drawings / designs / technical documentation

- Supply of machine design to enable buyer to operate it without transfer of license of patent/copyright, thereby not allowing buyer to manufacture machine itself, cannot be regarded as Royalty. [Neyveli Lignite Corporation Ltd. (243 ITR 459) (Mad) & Mitsui Engg. & ship Blg. Co. Ltd (259 ITR 248 (Del)]
- Supply of technical documentations like designs, process, specification etc. before commencement of production is not royalty [Nisshinbo Ind. Inc. vs. ACIT (83 ITD 748)(Chennai)]
- Consideration for outright purchase of drawings and designs (i.e. transfer of ownership per se) is not royalty [CIT v
 Davy Ashmore India Ltd. 190 ITR 626 (Cal), Leonhardt Andra Und Partner, Gmbh v. CIT (2001) 249 ITR 418 (Cal),
 Swadesh Polytex (38 ITD 326)]
- Engineering drawings & designs supplied to an Indian Co. for lump sum consideration for setting up plant for its own client with the right to use, sell or transfer it is not alienation of right/property contingent upon productivity/use or disposition but an 'out and out' sale of property. [Pro-quip Corporation (AAR) (255 ITR 354)]

Royalties – Other points

- Payments made for transfer of full ownership would not be taxable as Royalty but would be taxable as capital gains
 - HCL Ltd. (372 ITR 441) (Delhi HC)
- Term "industrial, commercial or scientific equipment" includes Ship
 - Poompuhar Shipping Corporation Ltd (360 ITR 257) (Madras HC)
- Wet lease/time charter payments constitute Royalties
 - Poompuhar Shipping Corporation Ltd (360 ITR 257) (Madras HC)

Satellite / Transponder Payments

Mechanism

- Process of transmission of TV programme starts with TV channels uplinking the signals containing TV programme
- Satellite receives signals; Post amplification and changing frequency, it relays down in India where cable operators catch them and distribute to public

Position after Retro Amendment

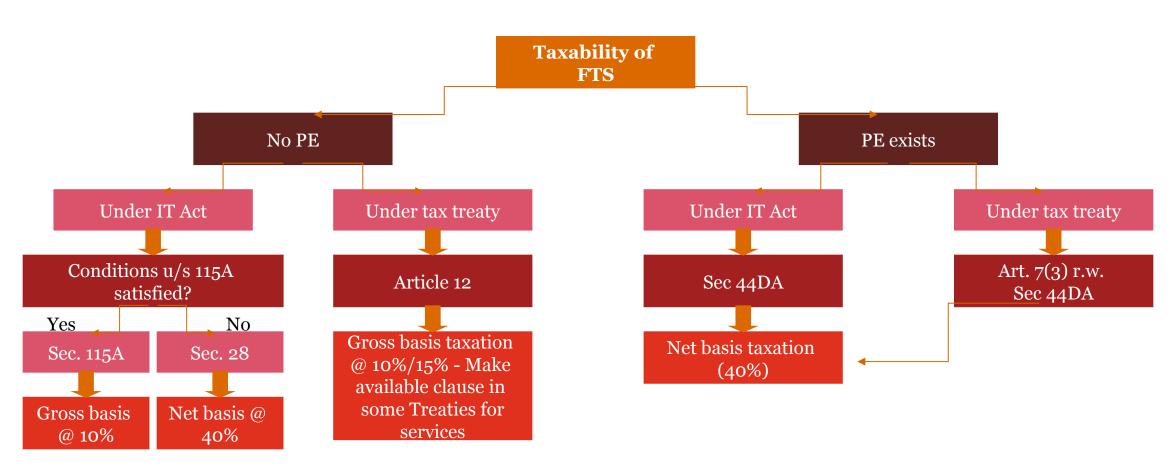
- Royalty under domestic law? [Refer Explanation 5 and 6]
- Under tax treaty scenario Beneficial provisions would prevail New Skies Satellite (382 ITR 114) (Delhi HC)
- Revenue's appeal against above High Court Order admitted in Supreme Court (73 taxmann.com 38)

Impact of amendment by Finance Act, 2017 in Section 90 – Explanation 4 which provides that any term not defined in the tax treaty but defined under the Act, will have the same meaning assigned under the Act and explanation, if any given by the government

Fees for Technical Services (FTS)



Current Taxation Regime for FTS



Royalties and FTS

FTS under the Act

- FTS means
 - any consideration (including any lump sum consideration) for the rendering of any **managerial**, **technical** or **consultancy** services
 - including the **provision of services** of **technical or other personnel**
 - but does not include
 - consideration for any construction, assembly, mining or like project undertaken by the recipient; or
 - consideration which would be income of the recipient chargeable under the head" Salaries

FTS under the Act

- FTS is deemed to accrue or arise in India when
 - Paid by government
 - Paid by resident except where
 - Services are utilized in business or profession carried outside India;
 - Services are rendered for earning income from any source outside India
 - Paid by non-resident where
 - Services are utilized in business or profession carried in India;
 - Services are rendered for earning income from any source in India

FTS under Indian tax treaties

- FTS generally defined to mean:
 - payments of any amount in consideration for the rendering of managerial, technical or consultancy services
 - including the **provision of services** of **technical or other personnel**
 - but does not include
 - payments for services mentioned in Independent / Dependent Personal Services
 - services that are ancillary and subsidiary to the rental of ships, aircraft, containers or other equipment
- Few treaties have narrow scope in form of "make available" clauses to cover only those services
 - which make available technical knowledge, experience, skill know-how or processes; or
 - Consist of the **development** and **transfer** of a **technical plan** or **technical design**

FTS under the Indian tax treaties – Make available clauses

- India-USA tax treaty
 - "fees for included services" means payments of any kind to any person in consideration for the rendering of any technical or consultancy services (including through the provision of services of technical or other personnel) if such services:
 - (a) are ancillary and subsidiary to the application or enjoyment of the right, property or information for which a payment described in paragraph 3 is received; or
 - (b) make available technical knowledge, experience, skill, know-how, or processes, or consist of the development and transfer of a technical plan or technical design."

FTS under the Indian tax treaties – Make available clauses

- India-Singapore tax treaty
 - The term "fees for technical services" as used in this Article means payments of any kind to any person in consideration for services of a managerial, technical or consultancy nature (including the provision of such services through technical or other personnel) if such services:
 - (a) are ancillary and subsidiary to the application or enjoyment of the right, property or information for which a payment described in paragraph 3 is received; or
 - (b) make available technical knowledge, experience, skill, know-how or processes, which enables the person acquiring the services to apply the technology contained therein; or
 - (c) consist of the development and transfer of a technical plan or technical design, **but excludes any service** that does not enable the person acquiring the service to apply the technology contained therein.

FTS under Indian tax treaties – Make available meaning

- MoU to India-US tax treaty:
 - Person acquiring the service is enabled to apply the technology
 - Mere requirement of technical input by a person providing services does not necessarily mean that technical knowledge is "made available"
 - Use of a product which embodies technology cannot be considered to make technology available
- Factors held to be making available technical knowledge etc as per judicial precedents
 - Make use without recourse to the performer of the services in future
 - Should remain with the person even after the services comes to an end
 - There should be transmission from the person rendering the services to the person utilizing the same
 - Durability

FTS - Key Issues



FTS - Place of Accrual

- FTS is deemed to accrue at the place where the source of payment i.e payer is located
 - Supreme Court in GVK Industries Ltd (371 ITR 453) (SC)
 - On a studied scrutiny of said clause (Section 9(1)(vii)(b)), it becomes clear that it lays down the principle what is basically known as the "source rule", that is, income of the recipient to be charged or chargeable in the country where the source of payment is located, to clarify, where the payer is located.

Scope of FTS – Managerial, Technical or Consultancy services

• Managerial, Technical or Consultancy services

- "Managerial, Technical or Consultancy services have not been defined in the Act, and, therefore, it is obligatory on our part to examine how the said expressions are used and understood by the persons engaged in business. The general and common usage of the said words has to be understood at common parlance" GVK Industries Ltd (371 ITR 453) (SC)
- "Managerial and consultancy services" and, therefore, necessarily "technical services", would obviously involve services rendered by human efforts. This has been the consistent view taken by the courts including this Court in Bharti Cellular Ltd. (supra). However, it cannot be lost sight of that modern day scientific and technological developments may tend to blur the specific human element in an otherwise fully automated process by which such services may be provided. The search for a more effective basis, therefore, must be made."- Kotak Securities (383 ITR 1) (SC)

Scope of Managerial, Technical or Consultancy services evolving

Scope of FTS – Managerial, Technical or Consultancy services

Managerial Services

"The words "person concerned in the management of the business" mean a person not only directly participates or engages in the management of the business but also one who indirectly controls its management through the managerial staff, from behind the scenes. Management includes the act of managing by direction, or regulation or administration or control or superintendence of the business."

R. Dalmia (106 ITR 895) (SC)

Scope of FTS – Technical Services

- Technical" has to be construed as involving direct human involvement without that, technical services cannot be held to be made available
 - Bharti Cellular ltd (319 ITR 139)(Delhi) and Supreme Court in (330 ITR 239)
 - Skycell Communications Ltd. (251 ITR 53) (Madras)
- Supreme Court in Kotak Securities Ltd held that for a service to qualify as a technical service, following elements are necessary:
 - Service must be customized to cater to specific needs of service recipient;
 - Service must not be a common facility that is available for use of every customer of service provider
 - In the absence of the above distinguishing features, service, though rendered, would be mere in the nature of a facility offered or available which would not be covered as technical service
- However Supreme Court also noted "However, it cannot be lost sight of that modern day scientific and technological developments may tend to blur the specific human element in an otherwise fully automated process by which such services may be provided. The search for a more effective basis, therefore, must be made"

Scope of FTS – Consultancy services

- Supreme Court in GVK Industries Ltd (371 ITR 453) (SC)
 - "By consultancy services, we mean in this context advisory services. The category of technical and consultancy services are to some extent overlapping because a consultancy service could also be technical service.
 - However, the category of consultancy services also includes an advisory service, whether or not expertise in technology is required to perform it. The word "consultancy" has been defined in the Dictionary as "the work or position of a consultant; a department of consultants." "Consultant" itself has been defined, inter alia, as "a person who gives professional advice or services in a specialized field." It is obvious that the word "consultant" is a derivative of the word "consult" which entails deliberations, consideration, conferring with someone, conferring about or upon a matter"

Make Available – Judicial view

- · Karnataka High Court decision in case of India-Netherlands Treaty De Beers India Minerals (346 ITR 467)(Kar.)
 - Service provider should "make available" technical knowledge, skill, experience so that service recipient acquires the same
 - Once technology "made available", taxation not dependent on use by the recipient
 - Relevant Criterion Whether service recipient enabled to use the technology after rendering of technical services by service provider

No FTS Article – Key Aspects

- · No Separate FTS Article in some Indian Treaties Brazil, UAE, Greece, Mauritius, Saudi Arabia, Indonesia, etc.
- Characterization of FTS income
- <u>View 1</u> FTS income taxable in India only if non-resident payee has PE in India
 [View supported by various judicial decisions*]
- <u>View 2</u> Income covered under "Other Income" Article vis-à-vis Business Profits [Lanka Hydraulic Institute Limited (337 ITR 47)(AAR)]
- <u>View 3</u> Income to be taxed in accordance with domestic law [DCIT vs. TVS Electronics Ltd (TS-421-ITAT-2012-CHNY]
- FTS income may also get covered under IPS Article (Article 15)

Judicial view seems to be divided

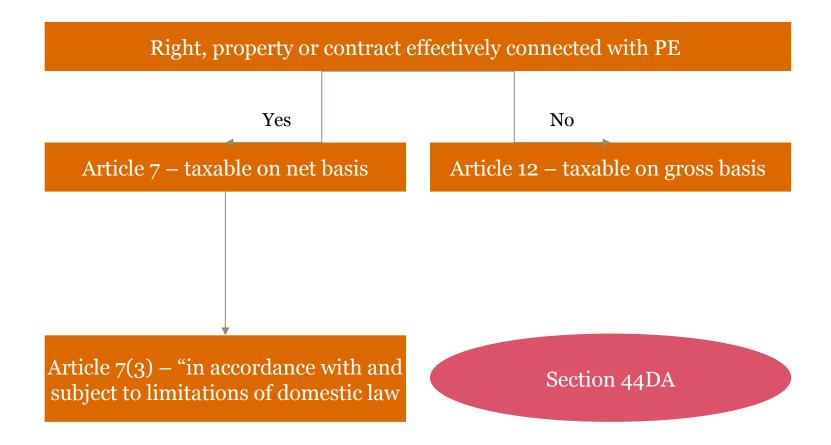
Nature of services, business of service provider – Key Aspects!

^{*} McKinsey & Company vs. DDIT [TS-332-ITAT-2013-Mum], ACIT vs. Viceroy Hotels Ltd (46 SOT 4)(Hyd), Tekniskil (Seniderian) Berhard vs.CIT (222 ITR 551)(AAR)

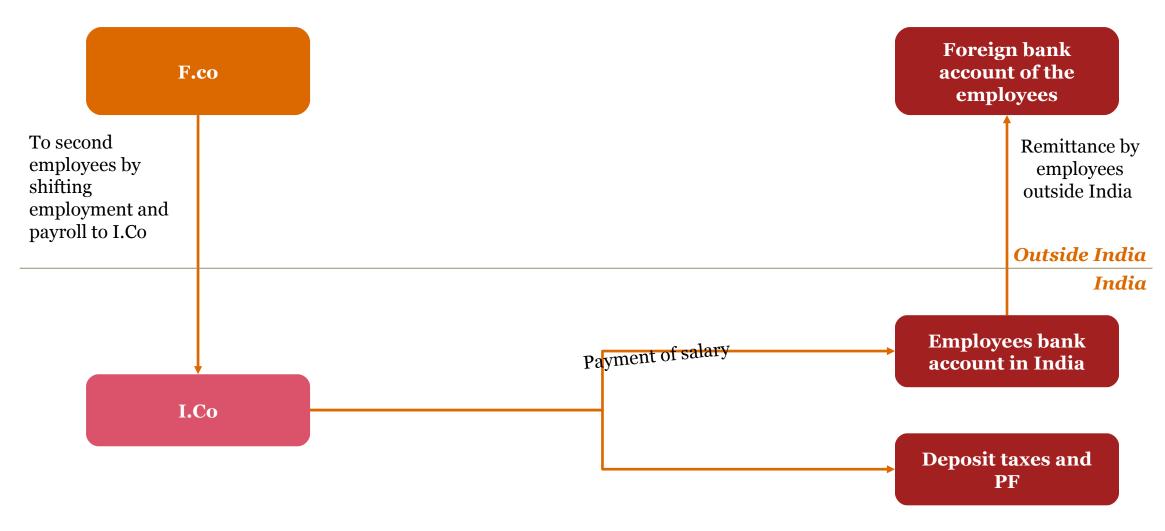
Most Favoured Nation (MFN) clause under the Tax Treaties

- More favorable tax treaty terms granted to other countries extended to existing treaty countries by source Country
 - Lower tax rate or narrowing the scope of income liable to tax
- Generally MFN status is contained in the protocol/ exchange of notes MFN Clause is generally only prospective
- Application is automatically or by negotiation and then notification
- Examples -
 - India Netherlands tax treaty
 - India Belgium tax treaty
 - India France tax treaty
 - India Sweden tax treaty
 - India Switzerland tax treaty (to be negotiated)
 - India Spain tax treaty

Interplay between Royalty/FTS and PE Articles of Tax Treaties



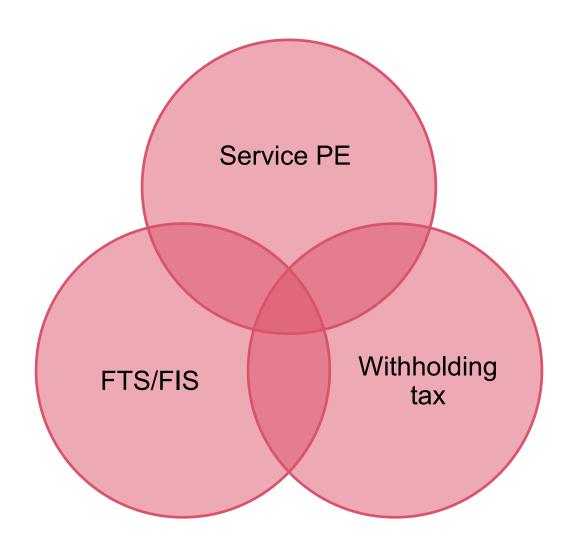
Global mobility services – typical structure



Royalties and FTS

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Global mobility arrangements – tax issues



Global mobility arrangements – tax issues

- Whether reimbursement of payroll costs constitutes FTS?
 - Delhi High Court in Centrica India Offshore Private Limited (364 ITR 336) held reimbursement of payroll costs of seconded employees to be FTS:
 - Seconded employees made available their technical expertise and know-how to regular employees.
 Accordingly, reimbursement of salary cost to overseas entities under secondment agreement is FTS
 - Supreme Court has dismissed the SLP simpliciter i.e. without giving any reason.
 - Dismissal of SLP simpliciter is not law of the land under Article 141 of the Constitution of India SC
 Employee Welfare Association v UOI & Anr (1990)
 - Supreme Court in A.P. Moller Maersk A S (392 ITR 186) held that reimbursements of costs cannot be regarded as FTS/cannot be brought to tax where there was no profit element involved
- Whether deputation of employees leads to service PE?
 - Conclusion based on facts of each case
 - Delhi High Court held in Centrica India Offshore Private Limited (364 ITR 336) that seconded employees constitute service PE under India-UK tax treaty

Case Studies



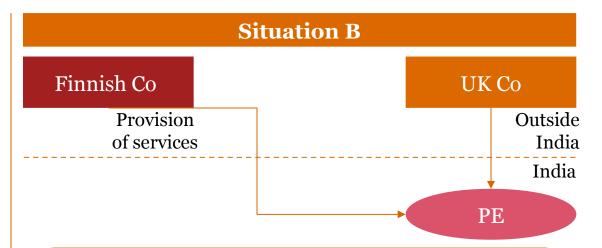
Case study 1: India-Finland Treaty

Finnish Co Provision of services Service fee payment I.Co

• Finnish Co rendering services to I. Co

Taxability of FTS income in India

- <u>Scenario 1</u> If services are performed in India
- <u>Scenario 2</u> If services are performed in Finland



- · UK Co has PE in India
- · Indian PE bears FTS paid to Finnish Co

Taxability of FTS income in India

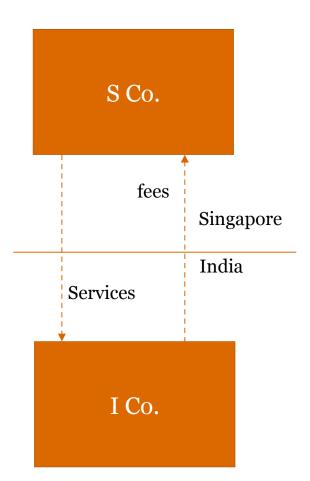
- · <u>Scenario 1</u> If services are performed in India
- <u>Scenario 2</u> If services are performed in Finland

Case study 2: Payment of fees towards attending overseas conference – Is it subject to TDS as 'royalties'?

- Clause (iv) of Explanation 2 to section 9(1)(vi):
 - "Explanation 2.- For the purposes of this clause, "royalty" means consideration (including any lump sum consideration but excluding any consideration which would be the income of the recipient chargeable under the head "capital gains") for the imparting of any information concerning technical, industrial, commercial or scientific knowledge, experience or skill;"

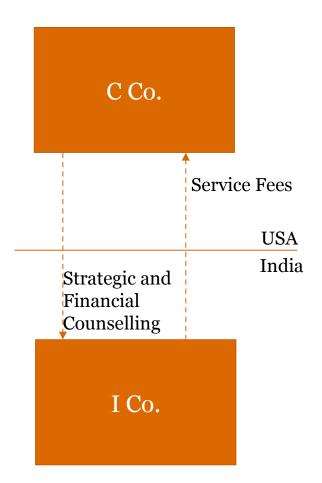
Case study 3: Fees paid for creation of an video advertisement – Is it subject to TDS as FTS?

- I Co. has appointed S Co. for creation of an video advertisement for their product.
- Scope of service of S Co. as per the agreement signed:
 - Analyse I Co's problems related to advertising and marketing
 - Evaluate all advertising media
 - Formulate, develop and submit to I Co. for approval, marketing and advertising ideas, programs and campaigns together with estimate of the cost of executing such recommendations; and
 - Engage the best suppliers and/or media at the most cost effective quotes to advertise I Co's products within agreed deadlines.
- The product for which advertisement is being done is sold in India and hence the advertisement would be utilized for business carried out in India.
- Actual work done by S Co. is restricted to creating one ad-video and not developing a detailed advertisement strategy for I Co.



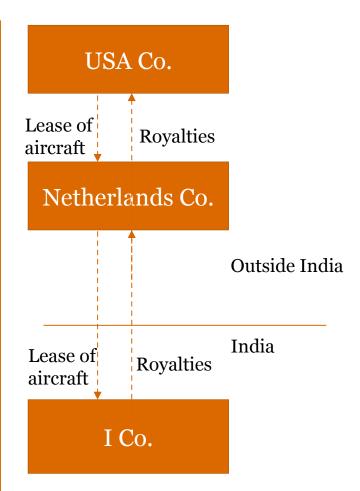
Case study 4: Provision of Strategic and Financial Counselling services-royalties?

- I Co. has made a payment to a US based entity C.Co as professional fee for global biopharmaceutical strategic counselling and advisory services
 - Marketing
 - Business promotion
 - Publicity
 - Financial advisory
- I Co. did not deduct TDS from the payment on the ground that the income was not taxable in India in view of the provisions of India USA tax treaty
- Tax officer held that the payment was in nature of royalty since the C.Co provided these services on the basis of its experience in the biopharmaceutical space.
- Is the payment in nature of royalty?



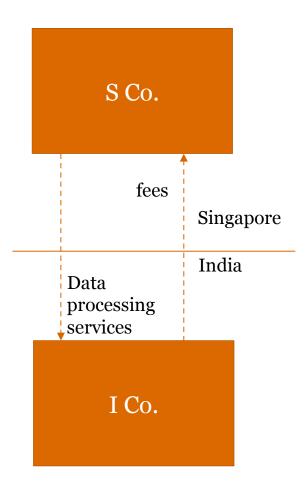
Case study 5: Taxability of royalties paid by a resident to non-resident and non-resident to another non-resident?

- I Co. has taken an aircraft on lease from Netherlands Co. which in turn has taken the aforesaid aircraft on lease from an USA Co.
- Lease payment made by I.Co to Netherlands Co. is not taxable in India under India-Netherlands tax treaty.
- Is the lease payment made by Netherlands Co. to USA Co. taxable in India?



Case study 6: Taxability of data processing services?

- I Co. is availing data processing services from Hong Kong company
- Hong Kong Company used dedicated computer servers meant for providing services exclusively to the I.Co
- Are the payments made by the I.Co to the Hong Kong company taxable as royalties under the Act?
- Section 9(1)(vi) whether explanation 4 applied to explanation 2 (iva)?



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