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EDITORIAL

DERIVATIVES, FUTURES & OPTIONS – DELIVERING VALUE OR CREATING INFLATIONARY PRESSURE, BETTING AND GAMBLING PLATFORM?



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Derivatives and its accounting implications have recently drawn major controversy. ICAI mandated provisioning of mark to market (M2M) losses on derivatives or as an alternative allowed compliance to AS-30.

The quantum of losses on derivatives is unknown, the participants have limited

knowledge of this financial engineering and the Indian public and institutions have been taken for a ride by Multi National Financial Advisors assuring them fancy returns. In a meeting of Asian Development Bank, P. Chidambaram, Union Minister of Finance, has indicated the government intention to ban derivative trading in food articles. It is being alleged that the recent inflationary tendency in metal, oil, gold and other commodities worldwide are a result of speculative activity in the commodity stock exchanges and would require closer scrutiny. The Indian commodity market is primarily dealing in commodity futures and 99% of the trade is settled without any relationship with delivery of commodities. A section of arbitragers having deep pockets acquire huge quantities of commodities, store them and then sell the same in futures market, creating a pressure on supply. In certain cases, the quantum of positions taken by speculators and market makers in the futures market is huge and is many times as compared to actual supply or production. The Futures Market Commission needs substantial professionalism to improve regulatory practices.



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WORKSHOP ON DIRECT TAX, ACCOUNTING STANDARDS & SERVICE TAX

from concept to practice....

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WORKSHOP SCHEDULE				
WORKSHOP	DATE	TIMING		
Direct Taxes	From 31 st May to 21 st June 2008 (31 st May, 7 th , 13 th , 14 th , 20 th , 21 st June 2008) (Friday and Saturday)	2.00 pm to 8.30 pm		
Accounting Standards	From 31 st May to 21 st June 2008 (31 st May, 7 th , 13 th , 14 th , 20 th , 21 st June 2008) (Friday and Saturday)	9.00 am to 1.00 pm		
Service Tax	From 8 th August to 23 rd August 2008 (8 th , 9 th , 22 nd , 23 rd August 2008) (Friday and Saturday)	2.00 pm to 8.30 pm		
	For Details Please see Page No. 4, 5 & 7			

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LATEST IN FINANCE / DIRECT TAX

LATEST IN FINANCE

1.0 INTEREST SUBVENTION ON EXPORT CREDIT EXTENDED

It has been decided that the interest subvention on export credit be continued for one more year from April 1, 2008 till March 31, 2009 on the terms and conditions as they existed on March 31, 2008. However, while allowing this benefit it is to be ensured that the interest rate after subvention does not fall below 7 % which is the rate applicable to agriculture sector under priority sector lending.

(RBI/2007-2008/298-

BOD.Dir.(Exp).BC.No.73/04.02.01/2007-08)

2.0 BANKS CAN'T TAKE STOCKSAS SECURITY

Reserve Bank of India has told banks that they can no longer consider stocks as collateral for calculating the capital adequacy ratio – the minimum capital they have to set aside to give loans.

3.0 RBI EASES NORMS FOR BANK SUBSIDIARIES/JV

In a move that could significantly ease bank investment in their non-banking activities such as insurance and financial services, the Reserve Bank of India has exempted their joint ventures and overseas subsidiaries from an investment limit on affiliates.

Earlier norms on para-banking activities stated that investment by a bank in a subsidiary company, financial services company, financial institutions and stock and other exchanges could not exceed 10 % of its paid-up share capital and reserves. On a cumulative basis, the limit was fixed at 20 % of the

bank's paid-up capital and reserves.

4.0 FED CUTS RATE 25 BPS

The US Federal Reserve lowered a key interest rate by a modest quarter percentage point in what may be the last of a series of cuts aimed at aiding an economy hit hard by a housing slump and credit market turmoil. The Fed's action takes the bellwether federal funds rate to 2%, the lowest since December 2004. It was the seventh reduction in a campaign that has brought rates down by 3.25 percentage points since mid-September.

5.0 EXTENSION OF TAX HOLIDAY FOR STPs AND EOUs

The tax holiday available under Sections 10 A / 10 B to units in STPI, EHTP, FTZ and EOU's was set to expire on March 31, 2009. The amendment to the Finance Bill, 2008 extends the sunset date of the tax holiday by one year. Consequently, the tax holiday shall now be available to eligible units (which have not completed ten years of their tax holiday period) upto March 31, 2010.

6.0 LIMITEDLIABILITYBILLTO BEREPLACED

The Cabinet gave its nod for introduction of a Limited Liability Partnership Bill, 2008 in Parliament by replacing the Limited Liability Partnership Bill, 2006.

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1.0 NO TAX RELIEF ON LOAN FOR BUYING SHARES: ITAT

Investors who buy shares with borrowed money from

institutions cannot claim tax deduction on interest paid on such debt, a tax tribunal has ruled. Giving its ruling in a case where two companies had claimed tax deduction on interest paid over the sum borrowed from Reliance Capital, the Mumbai bench of the Income-Tax Appellate Tribunal has held that "no deduction is allowable to the assessee in respect of interest paid on borrowed funds". Under the Income-tax Act, a firm or an individual can claim a tax deduction on the interest paid in respect of capital borrowed for the purpose of a business or profession while the investment in shares could not be considered a business or profession.

2.0 AMENDMENT IN SCHEME OF DISALLOWANCE FOR WITHHOLDING TAX DEFAULTS

Section 40(a)(ia) of the Act presently provides for a disallowance of an expense if the tax to be withheld on such expense has either not been withheld or is withheld but not deposited (or belatedly deposited) with the Government. The proposed amendment seeks to provide relief from the scheme of disallowance under section 40(a)(ia) in cases of payments relating to the last month (March) of a financial year. Accordingly, in respect of tax to be withheld during the month of march, as long as the tax is deposited on or before the due date of submission of return of income (now September 30 of the immediately following financial

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year), there would be no disallowance. This change is with retrospective effect from April 1, 2004.

For all other payments, there is no change and where tax to be withheld has not been withheld or tax that is withheld has not been deposited into the Government account before the end of the financial year, no deduction shall be allowed and the deduction shall be allowed only in the year in which tax withheld is actually deposited with the Government.

3.0 CABLE OPERATORS LIABLE TO DEDUCT TDS

The Punjab and Haryana High Court has held that a Cable TV operator is liable to deduct tax from the payments made to licensor or distributor of TV Channels, for obtaining TV signals under section 194C of the IT Act.

In the relevant case, the assessee, a cable TV network operator, had entered into contract with licensor or distributor of TV channels for local cable distribution system. It paid airing charges to the licensor or distributor for broadcasting of programs without deducting tax. The assessing officer took the view that assessee was required to deduct tax at source (TDS) under section 194C of the I-T Act.

The high court observed that the definition of 'work' includes broadcasting and telecasting under section 194C of the I-T Act. Further, it was clear from the agreement that the contd. from ... page 1

DERIVATIVES, FUTURES......GAMBLING PLATFORM?

Similarly in the equity derivative, the futures and options have fueled speculative tendency and have increased volatility of the equity market. In the downfall of May 2006 and January, 2008, Lakhs of small investors burned their fingers by incurring substantial losses in the derivative segment. Equity derivative market also has no linkage with the actual delivery of the stocks and shares and all transactions are speculative. The hedging transactions are very limited and most of the derivatives trading is in open positions without any underlying stocks or transactions.

Derivative trading was banned in India in early 60's arising out of large scale manipulations commonly known as Mundra scam. The तेजी-मंदी market has turned into sophisticated futures – option market, but risk and issue are similar. The derivative market has instigated gambling and betting mind set in a large cross section of the society. A large number of large and mid-sized investors are investing their money in वायदा बाजार i.e. derivative market. The government had banned lottery business in most parts of India to save the masses from the betting cult. We, the intellectual organ of the society need to examine this issue very closely and to see whether derivatives are delivering value by really providing hedge mechanism for genuine transactions. Is it an effective mechanism for risk mitigation or management?

The intellectuals need to ponder on this crucial issue of "Is there a case to limit the derivative market only to those who have underlying delivery positions or should the government need to continue to permit open possession, betting and speculation and ultimately leading to gambling tendencies against the interest of the common man and societal values".

The complex issue of derivative in foreign exchange market requires a separate debate to bring in more regulatory checks and balances by insisting on transparency in OTC transactions. The derivative market in foreign exchange is limited only to underlying actual positions by Reserve Bank of India. RBI as a regulator has played an important role in keeping the devil of derivative under control in India. The fall of World Com, Enron and several giants in US and now a complete disaster in the US economy contributed by the sub-prime are indications of the risk created by derivative. Most of the large financial services Companies including JP Morgan, Goldman Sach, Merrill Lynch, ICICI Bank, Citibank, Barclays, Lehman and various other leaders of the financial services sector have burned millions of dollars in the sub-prime derivatives. It is reported that due to its complex nature, Indian public sector banks could not understand the product too well; and their purchasing of derivative products from smart foreign banks without understanding underlying risks have jeopardized the public money. As per a recent estimate, corporate India may be sitting on a \$3 billion to \$5 billion (Rs 12,000 crore - Rs 20,000 crore) notional loss on its exposure to foreign exchange derivatives, alone. Is India ready to face such a huge crisis, if it happens here? Or we need to bring risk management practices or controls to obviate major financial losses to the common man endangering the economy?

A public debate is needed.





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$DAY 1 - 31^{ST} MAY 2008 (SATURDAY)$

Registration & Lunch (1.00 p.m. to 2.00 p.m.) Opening Session (2.00 p.m. to 2.15 p.m)

Session-I

2.15 pm to 3.30 pm

Capital and Revenue Receipt

- · Compensation received on Death.
- Forfeiture of advances
- Accidental claim
- · Amount received to forgo a claim

Session-IV 7.00 pm to 8.30 pm

• If paid salary directly by Indian Company.

Foreigners employed by Indian company, working

Session-II

Session-III

5.30 pm to 7.00 pm

Succession & Tax Planning through creation of private trust.

- Basic concepts and issues involving: Indian working Abroad · Indian returning from abroad
- · Person going abroad on student visa
- · Foreigner working in India on a tourist/business visa

Foreigner working in India on secondment:

· If not paid any salary but Only given TA /DA.

- If employed by company abroad and Indian company reimbursing the Foreign company as FTS.

abroad in a branch/PE of Indian company.

Formation & Tax planning through HUF.

- · How to create a HUF?
- Who are entitled to HUF?
- Whether it can be formed with daughter who is coparcener?
- Whether a member can receive money during subsistence?
- Whether HUF can give a gift?
- · Partition and Distribution of assets of HUF?
- If Karta dies and there is no male member or there is a minor male member?
- Status of married female members in HUF vis a vis Hindu succession Act.

DAY 2 - 7TH JUNE (SATURDAY)

Session-V

2.15 pm to 3.15 pm

Taxation issues on Salary & House property · Deductions for interest on Housing Loan.

- Payment of Rent to spouse vis a vis HRA exemption.
- Claiming of interestOn self occupied/let out property.

Allowability as Business expenditure Session-VI 3.15 pm to 5.15 pm

- · Director, relative employees going abroad for higher education & Studies.
- · Whether software License fees, ERP Package, Derivative provisioning.
- · Whether training/information Expense is revenue.
- · Increase in authorized capital Fee.
- Preliminary & PreoperativeExpense, special reference to New Retail outlets, Expenses up to commencement of
- Provisioning of Employee Benefit (AS 15), Impairment (AS 28), ESOP Expense, Warranties etc.

- Expired products, short expiry products, returned or rejected goods
- Advertisement Expense related to product launch. ongoing advertisement, corporate Image building activities.
- · Forfeiture of advance givenfor acquisition of assets, supply of goods, raw material or services.
- · Expenses on hedging,

Session-VII 5.45 pm to 8.30 pm **Depreciation Issues**

Expenses on Research & Development. Allocation of common expenses between exempted & non exempted units. Expenses disallowable against Exempted

Income

DAY $3 - 13^{TH}$ JUNE 2008 (FRIDAY)

Session-VIII 2.15 pm to 3.45 pm

Charitable Trust

- · Constitution, meaning of Charitable purpose, Changes in latest Finance Act
- · Procedure to seek registrationand appeal in case of rejection and remedy thereof
- · Taxability of Income from house property, business, capital gain,
- · Application of Income donation and other sources
- · Restrictions on Investments and related party transactions
- · Filing of Return & Penalty In case of delay.
- · Content of Audit Report

Session-X

5.45 pm to 7.15 pm

Capital Gains

- · Basic Concepts and issues
- · Collaboration Contracts between land owner/developer/
- · Indexation of Cost & holding Period in case of gift/ When transfer takes place? What is sale considerationin the hands Inheritance in the hand of Successor. of owner of Land. When he gets share in developed
- Sale of Agriculture Land as defined u/s 2(14)
- Set off of LTC Loss(STT paid)With Long term Capital Gain.
- Capital gains implication in respect of change in constitution of Partnership, Prop to partnership or vice versa.

Fringe Benefit Taxation

Concepts, Interpretation and Planning

· Cancellation of registration

Session-IX 3.45 pm to 5.15 pm Revenue Recognition for Real estate, AMC, construction contracts.

Session-XI

7.15 pm to 8.15 pm

DAY $4 - 14^{TH}$ JUNE 2008 (SATURDAY) Concepts, Issues and Specific complex Case studies on Session-XII Withholding tax issues 2.15 pm to 8.00 pm · Double taxation avoidance agreements, · Business connection · PE issues. Transfer Pricing $\overline{DAY 5 - 20^{TH}JUNE 2008 (FRIDAY)}$ Session-XIII Tax Deduction at Source · Discount on air tickets or prepaid calling cards issued • TDS on payment for printing of Labels, boxes, packaging by telecom companies · TDS on Deemed Dividend Royalty and Know how • Service Tax portion of payment Session-XIV **Topic :-Mat & Books Profits** Commission/Discount 5.30 pm to 6.15 pm Lease of car · Whether qualification by Auditors can be used • Tax on interest portion in an EMI, hiring charges foradjusting the Book Profit • Division / Sharing of expense. Treatment of FBT/STT/CTT · Treatment of profits of exempted undertaking Reimbursement of Expense. Tax Planning · Hiring of exhibition Space in hotels & exhibition ground • Charging of interest under 234A, 234 B and 234 C Hiring of hotels Room resulting in Payment of Rs 120000/ Session-XV Penalties and prosecutions including - Or more. • Payment for leasedlink /data link / VPN 6.15 pm to 8.30 pm · Late/Non Filing of return Repair & maintenance Of Plant & Machinery Whether 194 Concealment of Income • Failure to deduct/pay TDS C or 194J. • Infringement of Sec.269 SS,269 T DAY 6- 21STJUNE 2008 (SATURDAY) Session-XVI Assessment • Mock Search operation 2.15 pm to 4.30 pm · Practical Aspect of handling assessment, Reassessment • Rights and Duties of assessee, I T Officials and CAs preparation of replies, responding to queries, matters to Practical Tips of Handling Search, Seizure and post be recorded, submission of documents etc. search proceeding. · Preparation of appeal to CIT and ITAT & handling Session-XVIII Mock Tribunal Proceedings 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm

SPEAKERS

Experts invited to address the participants at the workshop are:

• CA Anil Chopra

Session-XVII

5.00 pm to 6.30 pm

- CA Ajay Wadhwa, Ajay Wadhwa & Associates
- CA Deepak Dhanak, Price Waterhouse Coopers*
- Dr. Girish Ahuja, Lecturer
- CA Gokul Chaudhri, BMR Advisors*
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- CA Prashant Kapoor
- CA Pradeep Dinodia, S.R. Dinodia & Co.*
 Dr. Rakesh Gupta, Rakesh Raj & Associates*
- Sh. Rupesh Jain, Vaish Associates
- Sh. S.D. Kapila, Former Chief Commissioner of Income Tax

Session-XIX

- CA Sanjiv Chaudhary
 Chaudhary
- Sh. Subhash Lakhotia
- CA Saurav Bhattacharya, Pricewaterhouse
- CA Rohit Jain, Vaish Associates
- Sh. S.P. Singh, Former Director International Taxation, Income Tax Department
- CA Vikas Vassal, KPMG
 CA Ved Jain, ICAI*

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- Sh. VP Gupta, Advocate
 - * Speakers are being confirmed.

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- Alternative participants permitted
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- Participation fees covers background material to the participants, lunch and high tea
- A voluntary Appraisal Questionnaire to judge the understanding of the workshop is proposed
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DIRECT TAX / CAPITAL MARKET

assessee obtained 'broadcasting and telecasting' rights of TV channels and thereafter it distributed amongst ultimate customer. Therefore, what assessee transacted for with the licensor and distributor certainly includes within its ambit broadcasting and telecasting facility. So, it was liable to deduct TDS on the payments.

4.0 MAT DEPRECIATION AS PER I-T RULES DEDUCTIBLE

In a recent ruling, the Supreme Court has said that while calculating book profits under MAT provisions, no adjustment can be made to the depreciation provided in the books of accounts as per the rates provided under the income-tax rules, even if these rates are higher than those prescribed under the company law.

In this case, the assessee prepared profit and loss account by debiting depreciation at the rates prescribed by the I-T rules. The assessing officer was of the view that while calculating book profit under MAT provision, assessee is obliged to work out profit after charging depreciation as per schedules of Companies Act and is not allowed to debit depreciation as per the I-T Rules.

The Supreme Court applied the ratio laid down in judgment of Apollo Tyres, wherein it was held that the AO does not have the jurisdiction to go behind the net profit shown in the profit and loss account except to the extent provided in the explanation to Section 115-J. On this ground, it allowed the assessee's claim to deduct depreciation as per IT Rules while computing book profit for MAT.

5.0 NO TAX IN INDIA ON SALE ABROAD : AAR

In a recent ruling, the Authority for Advanced Ruling (AAR), clarified that tax is not liable to be deducted from the payments made to a non-resident, if the transaction is a sale of equipment and repairs that took place outside India.

6.0 TRACK I-T REFUNDS ONLINE

To check the status of their refund, taxpayers can now log in at https:/tin.tin.nsdl.com/oltas/refundstatuslogin.html. If there is a problem, they can contact the assessing officer or the refund banker, the State Bank of India.In case of any grievance, taxpayers can also contact the additional commissioner in charge of the range or the income tax ombudsman.

This facility is not for companies and trusts.

7.0 TDS ON RENTAL INCOMES AFTER EXCLUDING SERVICE TAX, SAY CBDT

Taxpayers can now deduct tax at source on rents after reducing the service tax component on the rentals for commercial space. Service Tax paid by the tenant does not partake the nature of income of the landlord. The landlord only acts as a collecting agency for Government for collection of service tax. Therefore, it has

been decided that Tax Deduction at Source (TDS) under Section 194-I of Income Tax Act would be required to be made on the amount of rent paid / payable without including the service tax, as clarified by the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT).

8.0 INCOME TAX SUNSET CLAUSE EXTENDED FOR REFINERIES

In the Budget 2008-09, the finance ministry had proposed to withdraw the tax holiday for all refineries that begin operations after April, 2009. The finance ministry ruled out introduction of Advance Pricing Agreement (APA) programme for deciding tax liability of companies. An APA is a binding contract between a taxpayer and the tax authority under which the two parties agree on the transfer pricing policy for some transactions of the taxpayers over a period of

CAPITAL MARKET

1.0 NSE LAUNCHES VOLATILITY INDEX

The National Stock Exchange has launched a volatility index reflecting the market's expectation of volatility over the near term, which is the next 30 day period'.

2.0 OVERSEAS INVESTMENTS BY MUTUAL FUNDS

In consultation with Govt. of India and RBI, it has now been decided by SEBI to enhance the aggregate ceiling for overseas investment by Mutual Funds to US\$7 bn.1

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	$DAY 1 - 31^{ST} MAY$	2008 (SATURDAY	<i>Y</i>)
Session-I 9.15 am to 10.15 am Session-II 10.15 am to 11.00 am	Registration (8.00 a.m. to 9.00 a.m.) Inaugural Session (9.00 a.m. to 9.15 a.m) Overview of Accounting Standards Framework of AS Sec.211 and its impact. Applicability of Accounting Standards (AS) to different Entities/Companies Comparison between AS issued by ICAI and Companies AS Rules 2006 and further harmonization by ICAI. Accounting standard Interpretations – Applicability & Impact. Controversies and issues. AS – 1 Disclosures of Accounting Policies- Basic	Session-III 11.30 am to 12.30 Pm Session-IV 12.30 pm to 1.00 Pm	Principles & their impact. Accounting Policies necessitating mandatory disclosure? AS – 2 (Valuation of Inventories) Are all kinds of inventories covered? Valuation technique in respect of slow moving and obsolete inventories Analysis of AS–2 with Accounting Standards under section 145A of the Income Tax Act Relevant Accounting Standard Interpretation (ASI) of ICAI on AS – 2 AS – 6 (Depreciation Accounting)Special reference to disclosure requirement for non corporate entities
	$DAY 2 - 7^{TH} JUN$	E (SATURDAY)	
Session-V 9.00 am to 10.30 am	 AS – 9 (Revenue Recognition) with special reference to AS – 7 (Construction Contracts) Recognition of Revenue by Real Estate Developers Whether specific standard for Real Estate Developers required? ASI – 14 (Disclosure of Revenue from Sales transactions) ASI – 29 (Turnover in case of contractors) Guidance Note on Recognition of revenue by Real Estate Developer 	Session-VI 11.00 am to 12.30 pm Session-VII 12.30 pm to 1.00 pm	 AS – 11 (Accounting for changes in Foreign Exchange Rates) Impact of AS-16 para 4(e) and Accounting Standard Interpretations. Controversial Issues. AS-19 Leases.
	DAY 3 – 13 TH JUNI	E 2008 (FRIDAY)	
Session-VIII 9.00 am to 10.30 am	AS – 15 (Employee Benefits) Practical issues relevant to actuary valuations, information, disclosure from actuary report, Treatment of Leave Encashment, medical, concessional loans, ESOP/ Sweat Equity etc. especially ESOP given by parent company to the employees of subsidiary company.	Session-IX 11.00 am to 1.00 pm	 Impact of Guidance Note on Accounting for Employee Share based Payment. AS - 26 (Intangible Assets) Whether share issue expenses are covered by AS-26. AS - 29 (Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets) Difference between a provision and liability
	DAY $4 - 14^{TH}$ JUNE 2	008 (SATURDAY	<i>Y</i>)
Session-X 9.00 am to 9.30 am Session-X 9.30 am to 11.00 am	 AS – 20 (Earning Per Share) Whether all companies are required to disclose Diluted and Basic EPS? AS-21 Consolidated Financial Statements AS-23 Accounting for Investment in Associates. 	Session-XII 11.30 am to 1.00 pm	 AS-27 Financial Reporting of Interests in Joint Ventures. Introduction of AS 30 (Financial Instruments: Recognition & Measurement), AS 31 (Financial Instruments: Presentation), AS 32 (Financial Instruments: Disclosures).
	DAY $5 - 20^{TH}$ JUNE	2008 (FRIDAY)	
Session-XIII 9.00 am to 10.00 am Session-XIV 10.00 am to 11.00 am	 AS – 22 (Accounting for Taxes on Income) Whether creation of Deferred Tax Liability is mandatory in every case Creation of Deferred Tax Asset/Liability in case of entities/companies enjoying tax holiday period. AS – 17 (Segment Reporting) 	Session-XV 11.30 am to 12.15 pm Session-XVI 12.15 pm to 1.00 pm	 AS – 28 (Impairment of Assets) AS – 18 (Related Party Disclosures.) Whether Related Party definition needs more elaboration/clarification Controversies, issues and practical aspects
	SPECIAL MODULE FOR DAY 6	– 21 TH JUNE 2008	(SATURDAY)
Session-XVII 9.00 am to 12.30 pm	 Deliberations on AS 30 (Financial Instruments:Recognition & Measurement) AS 31 (Financial Instruments Presentation) AS 32 (Financial Instruments: Disclosures). 	Session-XVIII 12.30 pm to 1.30 pm	 Introduction to IFRS. Compatibility of IFRS to AS of ICAI. Compatibility of IFRS and Schedule VI (Fair Value Vs. Historical Cost) (For speakers & fee details see page 8)

FEE STRUCTURE FOR DIRECT TAX, ACCOUNTING STANDARDS & SERVICE TAX WORKSHOP				
Category of Participants	Direct Tax Workshop	Service Tax Workshop	Accounting Stamdards Workshop	Total
Non CAs/Corporate	Rs. 5500/-	Rs. 4000/-	Rs. 3500/-	Rs. 13000/-
CAs/CA Firm	Rs. 5000/-	Rs. 3700/-	Rs. 3300/-	Rs. 12000/-
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INDIRECT TAX

1.0 NEW NORMS FOR SERVICE TAX REFUND TIME FRAME

Exporters can now expect to get service tax refunds well in time as the Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBEC) issued instructions to field formations to ensure timely and expeditious payment of refunds. A monitoring system has also been put in place. Any claim not finalized within 30 days from the date of filing will have to be reported by the concerned commissioner to chief commissioner. Also, any refund claim not finalized within 45 days has to be reported to CBEC. A special proforma has been given with the instructions for reporting any delay to the Chief Commissioner or the member (service tax) of CBEC. The board has also instructed field officers to make efforts to dispose of refund claims of small and medium exporters on a priority basis.

2.0 CST TO COME DOWN TO 2%

Official sources pointed out that the Budget had made it clear that the new CST rate of 2 per cent would be notified only after an agreement was reached between the Centre and the States on the compensation issue. Trade and industry is awaiting the notification of the CST ceiling rate cut.

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