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To,

Mr. Nitin Gupta (IRS)

Chairman

Central Board of Direct Taxes North Block, Vijay Chowk

New Delhi – 110001.

Sub: CREDAI-MCHI's Suggestions to amend income tax rule in order to get relaxation to the

real estate sector from application of Rule 37BA(3)(i) of the Income Tax Rules 1962.

Ref: Credit for TDS deducted for the purpose of section 199 read with rule 37BA in case of real

estate builders and developers.

Respected Sir,

CREDAI-MCHI would like to submit our humble suggestion with regard to CBDT department for duly consideration.

Issue:

As per section 199 read with rule 37BA(3)(i) of the Income tax act and rules, a person can avail credit of TDS in the year in which the corresponding income is offered to tax. Thus, it is clear from the mandate of Rule 37BA(3)(i) of the Income Tax Rules that benefit of TDS credit should be given to the taxpayer in the year in which the corresponding income is assessable in the hands of the taxpayer and not in the year of deposit of TDS.

In case of real estate developers and builders who are following project completion method, their revenue is recognised in the books of accounts only when the project gets completed and Occupancy certificate is received i.e say after 3 or 4 years from the date of commencement of construction. On other hand, TDS get deducted as and when the payment is made by the customers as per section 194IA.

Indian real estate sector has been long grappling with multiple issues / challenges and COVID-19 pandemic has led to massive slow down in the sector. Further, real estate builders who are following project completion method may face inconvenience and genuine hardship in getting TDS credit in the year in which TDS is deducted and deposited by the customers. This will result into huge blockage of funds and shall impact its cash flow / working capital which will adversely impact the real estate sector.

Suggestion:

It is suggested that the Income tax rules should be suitably amended to provide relaxation to the real estate sector from application of Rule 37BA(3)(i) of the Income Tax Rules 1962 in the cases where they have adopted project completion method. The Claim of TDS credit should be allowed in the year in which TDS is deducted and deposited by the customer. This amendment will boost real estate sector which in turn will help in growth of Indian economy and generation of employment.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully, For CREDAI-MCHI

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