

# Joint Development Agreement under the Income-tax Act, 1961

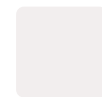
An overview of capital gains tax implications and provisions –

In the hands of land owner



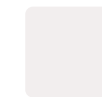


# What is a Joint Development Agreement (JDA)?



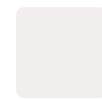
## Agreement

Between landowner and developer for real estate development.



## Landowner Contribution

Landowner contributes land; developer undertakes construction.



## Consideration

Monetary payment, a share of constructed property, or both.

# **Some key issues in taxation under JDA**

- **Year of taxability**
- **How to determine sale consideration – If consideration is in kind**
- **Section 50C**

# Key Sections Governing JDAs

## **Section 2(47)**

Defines "transfer" of a capital asset.

## **Section 45(5A)**

Special provisions for taxation of capital gains.

## **Stamp Duty Valuation**

Determines "full value of consideration."



## Section 45(5A) – Taxation of JDAs (1/2)



### Applicability

- Individuals or HUFs executing JDAs
- Applicable for land or building transfers of capital asset



### Tax payment liability

Tax payment liability arises in the year of issuance of a completion certificate.



### Consideration for Taxation

Stamp duty value of the developed share + any monetary payment.



## Section 45(5A) – Taxation of JDAs (2/2)



### Registered agreement

- Agreement should be registered



### Non transfer of share of property

Share of property should not be transferred before the date of CC



### Consideration for transfer

- Developed share - Mandatory
- There can also be a monetary consideration.

# **Some key issues in taxation under sec 45(5A)**

- **Non-compliance of provision of section 45(5A)**
- **Completion certificate vs occupation certificate**
- **CC for a part of project vs completed project**

# Summary and Conclusion



## Alignment of Interests

JDA's align landowner-developer interests for urban development.



## Deferred Tax Treatment

Section 45(5A) provides deferred tax treatment for landowners.





# Key Aspects of Section 50C



## Full Value of Consideration

Stamp valuation authority determines full value.



## Applicability to JDAs

Landowner transfers land to developer.



## Relevance to Capital Gains

Includes stamp duty value and monetary consideration.

# Issues and Challenges with Section 50C

## 1 Stamp Duty Value vs. Market Value

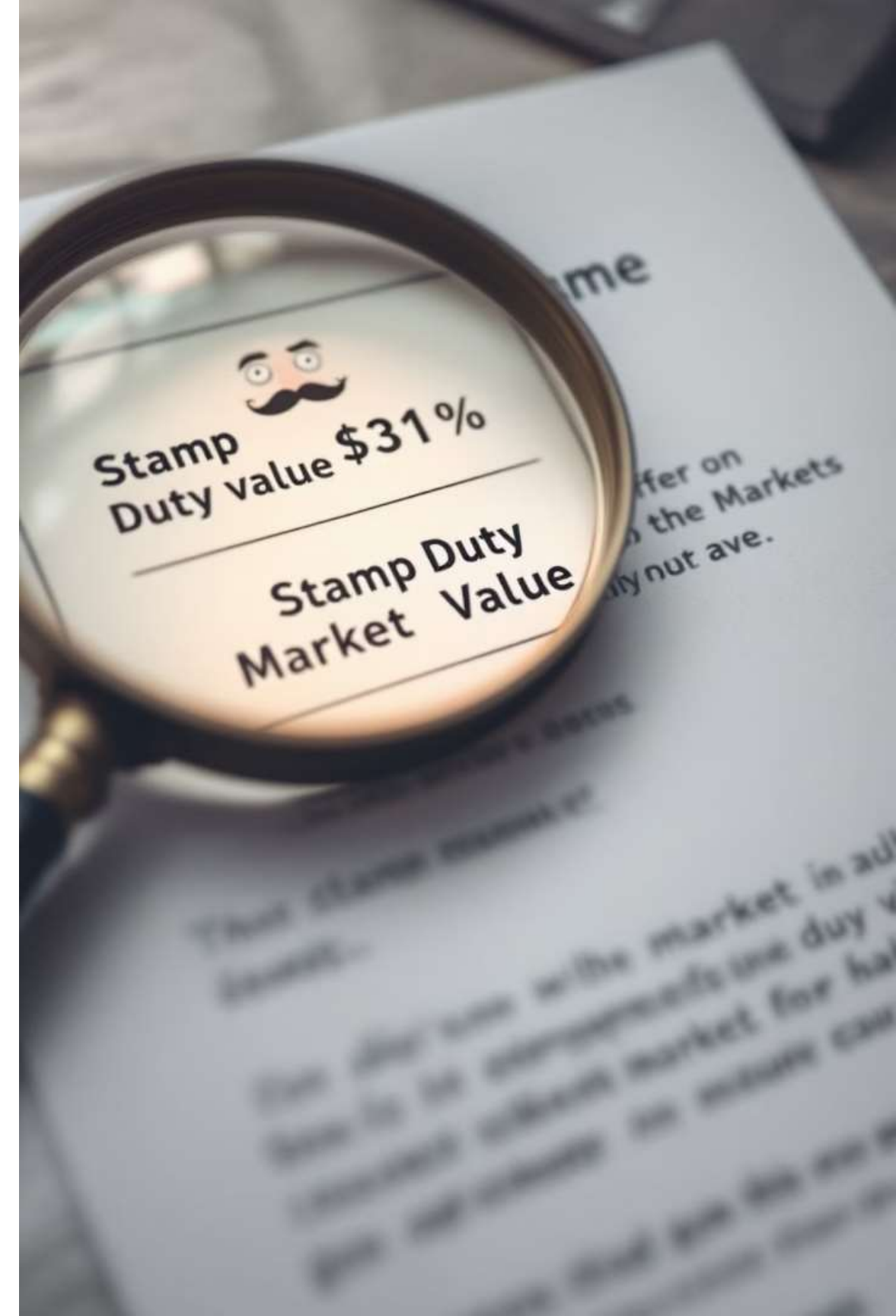
Stamp duty value may not reflect actual market value.

## 2 Inclusion of Consideration

Section 50C only applies to immovable property.

## 3 Multiple Taxable Events

Section 50C could apply again during subsequent sale.



# Summary of Section 50C

## Stamp Duty Value

Ensures stamp duty value is considered for determining full value of consideration.

## Fair Taxation

Ensures fair taxation based on realistic property valuations.

## Taxpayer Considerations

Taxpayers must evaluate implications of stamp duty values and explore relief mechanisms.

# Key Provisions of Section 50D



## Full Value of Consideration

Fair market value (FMV) used when actual consideration is not ascertainable.



## Purpose

Prevents undervaluation of capital assets in transactions like JDAs.



# Relevance of Section 50D to JDAs

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## Unascertainable Consideration

Landowner's consideration often in form of developed property units.

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## Applicability of Section 50D

Section 50D mandates using FMV of landowner's share as full value of consideration.

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## Capital Gains Computation

FMV of developed units deemed full value of consideration for computing capital gains.

# Interplay Between Section 45(5A) and Section 50D

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## Section 45(5A)

Tax liability payment arises in the year of project completion.

Stamp duty value developed property included as consideration.

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## Section 50D

When stamp duty value or monetary consideration is not clearly determinable, FMV is used.

