

Summary of key changes in the Income Tax Bill, 2025

S. No.	Income Ta	ax Act, 1961 (IT Act, 1961)	Income Ta	ax Bill, 2025 (ITB, 2025)	Changes
1	3-"Previous	For the purposes of this Act,	3-Definition of	3(1) For the purposes of this	'Previous year' referred to as tax
	year" defined	"previous year" means the	"tax year"	Act, "tax year" means the	year. Concept of 'assessment
		financial year immediately		twelve months period of the	year' done away with.
		preceding the assessment year		financial year commencing on	
				the 1 st April.	
2	9(1)(vi)(c)-	vi) income by way of royalty	9(6)(a)(iii)-	(6)(a) Income by way of	, ,, ,
	Income	payable by—	Income	royalty payable by—	- income from any source
	deemed to	(a)or	deemed to	(i),	'outside' India appears to have
	accrue or arise	(b) or	accrue or arise	(ii),	been inadvertently stated in the
	in India	(c) a person who is a non-	in India.	(iii) a non-resident, if the	ITB, 2025, as against "in" India.
		resident, where the royalty is		royalty is payable in respect	
		payable in respect of any right,		of any right, property or	
		property or information used or		information used or services	
		services utilised for the purposes		utilised for the purposes of—	
		of a business or profession		(A) a business or profession	
		carried on by such person in		carried on by the non-resident in India; or	
		India or for the purposes of making or earning any income		(B) making or earning any	
		from any source in India		income from any source	
		from any source in findia		outside India, shall be	
				deemed to accrue or arise in	
				India	
3	40(a)(ii)-	(ii) any sum paid on account of) '	Irrespective of any other	The ITB, 2025 clarifies that any
	Amounts not	any rate or tax levied on the	Amounts not	provision of Chapter IV-D,	tax paid on 'income,' including
	deductible	profits or gains of any business	deductible in	the following amounts shall	surcharge or cess on such tax,
		or profession or assessed at a	certain	not be allowed as deduction	cannot be deducted while
		proportion of, or otherwise on	circumstances.	in computing the income	calculating income under the
		the basis of, any such profits or		chargeable under the head	head Profits and Gains of
		gains.		"Profits and gains of business	Business or Profession.
				or profession":— (a) any amount on account of—	
				(i) tax paid on income; or	
				(ii); or	
				(iii); or	
				and shall include any	
				surcharge or cess on such	
				tax, by whatever name	
				called;	
4	44BBD-	Finance Bill 2025 proposed	61- Special	61(2) Table: S.no. 6:-	• The ITB, 2025 introduced
	Presumptive	introduction of a presumptive	provision for	25% of (A+B)	presumptive taxation scheme
	taxation	taxation regime for non-	computation of	Where, -	for non-residents engaged in
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India Solution So		regime for non-residents who are engaged in providing services or technology in India for the setting up an electronics manufacturing facility or in connection with manufacturing or producing electronic goods, article or thing in India India for the setting up an electronics manufacturing facility or in connection with manufacturing in India India for the setting up an electronics manufacturing facility or in connection with manufacturing or producing electronic goods, article or thing in	residents who are engaged in providing services or technology in India to resident companies satisfying certain conditions. The proposal deems 25% of the total amount received/ receivable by, or paid/ payable to, the non-resident, on account of providing services or technology, as profits and gains of such non-resident from this business.	income on presumptive basis in respect of certain business activities of certain non-residents.	25 per cent of (A+B) A = the amount paid/payable to the non-resident assessee or to any person on his behalf on account of providing the services or technology B = the amount received/deemed to be received by the non-resident assessee or on behalf of non-resident assessee on account of providing services or technology	the business of providing services or technology to resident companies engaged in manufacturing of electronics goods, etc. The formula specified in ITB, 2025 could potentially lead to inclusion of the amount twice.
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		carrying on				_



	profession or			(c) where during the tax year,	of accounts and undergo
	business.			the assessee, other than the	audits.
				assessee referred to in section	
				61(2) (Table: Sl. No. 6), has	• As per ITB, 2025
				claimed income from	maintenance of books of
				business or profession to be	accounts and audit is
				lower than the deemed profits	mandatory.
				as referred to in section 58(2)	
				or section 61(2);	
6	44BBC-	1) Notwithstanding anything to	61- Special	(3) For the purposes of	• The ITB, 2025 proposes to
	Special	the contrary contained	provision for	(Table: Sl. Nos. 1 to 5) of	give an option to such
	provision for	in sections 28 to 43A, in the	computation of	sub-section (2), the specified	taxpayers to offer income
	computing	case of an assessee, being a non-	income on	assessee may claim that the	lower than the presumptive
	profits and	resident, engaged in the business	presumptive	profits actually earned from	rate, provided they maintain
	gains of	of operation of cruise ships	basis in respect	the specified business are	books of accounts in a
	business of	subject to such conditions as	of certain	lower than the business	prescribed manner and get
	operation of	may be prescribed, a sum equal	business	profits computed under sub-	their accounts audited.
	cruise ships in	to twenty per cent of the	activities of	section (2), if,—	
	case of non-	aggregate of the amounts	certain non-	(a) he keeps and maintains	This option was not available
	residents	specified in sub-section (2) shall	residents.	such books of account and	earlier under ITA, 1961.
		be deemed to be the profits and		other documents as required	
		gains of such business		under section 62; and	
		chargeable to tax under the head		(b) gets his accounts audited	
		"Profits and gains of business or		and furnish a report of such	
		profession"		audit as required under section 63.	
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	Special	the contrary contained	T		
	provision for	in sections 28 to 43A, in the			
	computing	case of an assessee, being a non-			
	profits and	resident, engaged in the business			
	gains of the	of operation of aircraft, a sum			
	business of	equal to five per cent of the			
	operation of	aggregate of the amounts			
	aircraft in the	specified in sub-section (2) shall			
	case of non-	be deemed to be the profits and			
	residents	gains of such business			
	1351451115	chargeable to tax under the head			
		"Profits and gains of business or			
		profession".			
7	44BBB-	(3) Notwithstanding anything	61- Special	(4) Any loss, allowance or	• The ITA, 1961 prohibits the
	Special	contained in sub-section (2) of	provision for	deduction allowable under	set-off of unabsorbed
	provision for	section 32 and sub-section (1) of	computation of	the provisions of this Act	depreciation and brought
	computing	section 72, where an assessee	income on	shall not be allowed against	forward business losses.
	profits and	declares profits and gains of	presumptive	the income computed in the	



	gains of foreign companies engaged in the business of civil construction, etc., in certain turnkey power projects	business for any previous year in accordance with the provisions of sub-section (1), no set off of unabsorbed depreciation and brought forward loss shall be allowed to the assessee for such previous year.	basis in respect of certain business activities of certain non- residents	manner specified in subsection (2).	• However, ITB, 2025 prohibits the set-off of any loss and the claiming of any deduction or allowance (e.g., section 80G of the Income Tax Act, 1961) against deemed profits.
	44BB- Special provision for computing profits and gains in connection with the business of exploration, etc., of mineral oils.	(4) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (2) of section 32 and sub-section (1) of section 72, where an assessee declares profits and gains of business for any previous year in accordance with the provisions of sub-section (1), no set off of unabsorbed depreciation and brought forward loss shall be allowed to the assessee for such previous year.			
8	54EC- Capital gain not to be charged on investment in certain bonds	(1) Where the capital gain arises from the transfer of a long-term capital asset, being land or building or both, (the capital asset so transferred being hereafter in this section referred to as the original asset) and the assessee has, at any time within a period of six months after the date of such transfer, invested the whole or any part of capital gains in the long-term specified asset, the capital gain shall be dealt with in accordance with the following provisions of this section		(1) Where an assessee has— (a) long-term capital gains arising from the transfer of land or building, or both, (original asset); and (b) within six months after the date of such transfer, invested whole or part of the capital gains in a long-term specified asset (new asset), then, the capital gains shall be dealt with as follows	 The language in section 85 is changed from "Where the capital gain arises from the transfer of a long-term capital asset" to "long-term capital gains arising from the transfer of land or building." This can potentially impact availability of exemption under section 85 in respect of short-term capital gain arising from transfer of a depreciable asset, which is otherwise a long-term capital asset. Similar change is not affected in corresponding section 86 (existing section 54F) where the language remains as capital gains



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					arises from the transfer of
					any <u>long-term capital asset.</u>
9	74- Losses	(1) Where in respect of any	536(2)- Repeal	(n) any amount of loss under	• The provision relating to set
	under the head	assessment year, the net result of	and savings	the head capital gains,	off of Long-Term Capital
	"Capital	the computation under the head	una savings	whether related to a long-	Loss (LTCL) against Long-
	gains"	"Capital gains" is a loss to the		term capital asset or a short	Term Capital Gains (LTCG)
	gams	assessee, the whole loss shall,		term capital asset, referred	remains unchanged under the
		subject to the other provisions of		to in section 74 of the	ITB, 2025.
		this Chapter, be carried		repealed Income-tax Act,	11B, 2023.
		forward to the following		brought forward from the tax	
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		assessment year, and—		year beginning before the 1st	in ITB, 2025 allows taxpayers
		(a);		April, 2026 had the Income-	to carry forward and set off
		(b) in so far as such loss relates		tax Act, 1961 not been	LTCL incurred up to March
		to a long-term capital asset, it		repealed, shall be set off and	31, 2026, against all future
		shall be set off against income,		carried forward against the	capital gains, including Short-
		if any, under the head		income under the head	Term Capital Gains (STCG),
		"Capital gains" assessable for		"Capital gains" computed	starting from the tax year
		that assessment year in respect		under this Act for any tax	2026-27.
		of any other capital asset not		year beginning on or after	
		being a short-term capital		the 1st April, 2026 upto eight	
		asset		financial years immediately	
				succeeding the financial year	
				in which such loss was first	
				computed under the repealed	
				Income-tax Act	
10	90- Agreement	(3) Any term used but not		(7) Where, any—	The ITB, 2025 proposes that if a
	with foreign	defined in this Act or in the	Agreement	(a); or	term is not defined in the tax
	countries or	agreement referred to in sub-	with foreign	(<i>b</i>); or	treaty, ITB, 2025, or any
	specified	section (1) shall, unless the	countries or	(c) term is used in any	Notification issued by the
	territories	context otherwise requires, and	-	agreement entered into under	Central Government, then
		is not inconsistent with the		sub-section (1) or (2) , and not	
		provisions of this Act or the	adoption by	defined under the said	requires, the term shall have the
		agreement, have the same	Central	agreement or this Act, or in	same meaning as it has under
		meaning as assigned to it in	Government of	any notification issued under	any Act of the Central
		the notification issued by the	agreement	clause (b), then, unless the	Government dealing with taxes.
	4. 7. 1.	Central Government in the	between	context otherwise requires, it	If no such definition exists, the
		Official Gazette in this behalf.	specified	shall have the same meaning	term may be interpreted based
			associations	as assigned to it—	on its meaning in any other Act
			for double	(i) in any Act of the Central	of the Central Government.
			taxation relief.	Government related to	
				taxes; and	
				(ii) in any other case, in any	
				other law of the Central	
				Government,	
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11	79(1)- Carry	(1) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Chapter, where	119(3)- Carry	and shall be deemed to have effect from the date on which the said agreement came into force. (3) In case of change in shareholding of a company	• Under ITA, 1961, there was
	forward and set off of losses in case of certain companies	contained in this Chapter, where a change in shareholding has taken place during the previous year in the case of a company, not being a company in which the public are substantially interested, no loss incurred in any year prior to the previous year shall be carried forward and set off against the income of the previous year, unless on the last day of the previous year, the shares of the company carrying not less than fifty-one per cent of the voting power were beneficially held by persons who beneficially held shares of the company carrying not less than fifty-one per cent of the voting power on the last day of the year or years in which the loss was incurred	forward and set off of losses not permissible in certain cases.	shareholding of a company, not being a company in which public are substantially interested, during any tax year, loss brought forward from any preceding tax year shall not be allowed to be set off against the income of the said tax year and subsequent tax years unless the following conditions are satisfied: — (a) if the beneficial owners of shares of the company carrying at least 51% of voting power, as on the last day of tax year in which loss was incurred, shall continue to be the beneficial owner of shares carrying at least 51% of voting power, as on the last day of the tax year in which such change in shareholding takes place; or	ambiguity regarding whether companies could benefit from the set-off and carry forward of losses if the 49% shareholding threshold was maintained in the year of incurrence and the year of set-off, but not in the intervening period. • The ITB, 2025 appears to provide that once the shareholding changes beyond 49% from the year of incurrence of the loss, the right to set off the loss is lost, even if the shareholding is restored in subsequent years.
12	112- Tax on long-term capital gains	(1)(c) in the case of a non-resident (not being a company) or a foreign company,— (i); and (ii); and (iii) the amount of income-tax on long-term capital gains arising from the transfer of a capital asset, being unlisted securities or shares of a company not being a company in which the public are substantially interested, as computed without giving effect to the first and second provisos	197- Tax on long-term capital gains.	(1) Where the total income of an assessee includes any income arising from the transfer of a long-term capital asset which is chargeable under the head "Capital gains", the tax payable by the assessee on the total income, subject to sub-sections (2) and (3), shall be the aggregate of— (a) income-tax payable on the total income as reduced by such long-term capital gains, had the total income, as so	 Under ITA, 1961 LTCG for non-residents from the transfer of shares in an Indian company are taxed at 12.5% without considering foreign exchange fluctuation. The ITB, 2025 provides the foreign exchange fluctuation benefit to non-residents on LTCG from transfer of unlisted shares or unlisted securities of an Indian company.



		to section 48, calculated on such long-term capital gains,— (A) at the rate of ten per cent for any transfer which takes place before the 23rd day of July, 2024; and (B) at the rate of twelve and one-half per cent for any transfer which takes place on or after the 23rd day of July, 2024;		reduced, been his total income; and (b) income-tax calculated on such long-term capital gains at the rate of 12.5%.	
13	139- Return of income	No related provisions	263(1)(a)(ix)- Return of income	(1)(a) The following persons shall furnish a return of income for the tax year under this Act, on or before the due date:- (ix) a person who intends to make a claim of refund under Chapter XX;	The ITB, 2025 specifically provides that claim of refund can only be made by filing income tax return before the original due date.
14	115BAB- Tax on income of certain domestic companies	(2) For the purposes of subsection (1), the total income of the company shall be computed (i) without any deduction under the provisions of section 10AA or clause (iia) of subsection (1) of section 32 or section 32AD or section 33AB or section 33ABA or sub-clause (ii) or sub-clause (iii) of sub-section (1) or sub-section (2AA) or subsection (2AB) of section 35 or section 35AD or section 35CCC or section 35CCD or under any provisions of Chapter VI-A other than the provisions of section 80JJAA or section 80M	200- Tax on income of certain domestic companies	(1) Irrespective of anything contained in this Act but subject to the provisions of Parts A, B and this Part, other than sections 199 and 201, the income-tax payable for a tax year shall be at the rate of 22%, at the option of a person being a domestic company, in respect of the total income of such person computed in the following manner: — (a) without any deduction under— (i) sections 45(2)(c) and 47(1)(b); or (ii) Chapter VIII other than the provisions of section 146; or (iii) sections specified in section 205(1)(a) to (g);	 Earlier, deduction on inter corporate dividends under section 80M (new section 148) was available where company opts tax rate of 22% concessional tax regime u/s 115BAB (new section 200). Under ITB, 2025 the deduction is not available where a company opts for tax rate of 22 percent, but available where company opts for concessional tax rate of 15% (new section 201, earlier section 115BAB).
15	144C(6)- Reference to dispute resolution panel	(6) The Dispute Resolution Panel shall issue the directions referred to in sub-section (5), after considering the following, namely:—	275(6)- Reference to Dispute Resolution Panel	(6) The Dispute Resolution Panel shall issue the directions as referred to in sub-section (5), in writing, stating the points of	The ITB, 2025 requires the DRP to issue a reasoned order, but the requirement to consider taxpayer evidence or remand reports has been removed.



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		(a) draft order;		determination, the decision	
		(b) objections filed by the		thereon and the reason for	
		assessee;		such decision.	
		(c) evidence furnished by the			
		assessee;			
		(d) report, if any, of the			
		Assessing Officer, Valuation			
		Officer or Transfer Pricing			
		Officer or any other authority;			
		(e) records relating to the draft			
		order;			
		(f) evidence collected by, or			
		caused to be collected by, it; and			
		(g) result of any enquiry made			
		by, or caused to be made by, it.			
		by, or caused to be made by, it.			
16	197-	(1) Subject to rules made under	395-	(1) Where tax is required to be	Nil rate for lower deduction
10	Certificate for		Certificates	deducted on any income or	
		sub-section (2A), where, in the	Certificates		certificates (LDC) not
	deduction at	case of any income of any		sum under this Chapter, then	included under section 395.
	lower rate	person or sum payable to any		subject to the rules made	
		person, income-tax is required		under this Act, —	• Scope broadened to cover all
		to be deducted at the time of		(a) the payee may make an	type of income / expense
		credit or, as the case may be, at		application before the	which are subject TDS and
		the time of payment at the rates		Assessing Officer for	TCS provisions.
		in force under the provisions		deduction of tax at a lower	
		of sections 192, 193, 194, 194A,		rate	• Further, assessing officer has
		194C, 194D, 194G, 194H, 194			been explicitly given the
		I, 194J, 194K, 194LA, 11[194L 🎙		(5) The assessing officer	power to cancel the certificate
		BA,] 194LBB, 194LBC, 194M,		may cancel the certificate	after giving reasonable
		194O 12[,194Q] and 195, the		granted under sub-section (1)	opportunity to the applicant.
		Assessing Officer is satisfied		or (3) after giving reasonable	
		that the total income of the		opportunity to the applicant.	
		recipient justifies the			
		deduction of income-tax at			
		any lower rates or no			
		deduction of income-tax, as the			
		case may be, the Assessing			
		Officer shall, on an application			
		made by the assessee in this			
	X	behalf, give to him such			
		certificate as may be			
		appropriate.			
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