

ILLUSTRATION 3

Mr. Manas owns two house properties one at Bombay, wherein his family resides and the other at Delhi, which is unoccupied. He lives in Chandigarh for his employment purposes in a rented house. For acquisition of house property at Bombay, he has taken a loan of ₹ 30 lakh@10% p.a. on 1.4.2018. He has not repaid any amount so far. In respect of house property at Delhi, he has taken a loan of ₹ 5 lakh@11% p.a. on 1.10.2018 towards repairs. Compute the deduction which would be available to him under section 24(b) for A.Y.2020-21 in respect of interest payable on such loan.

SOLUTION

Mr. Manas can claim benefit of Nil Annual Value in respect of his house property at Bombay and Delhi, since no benefit is derived by him from such properties, and he cannot occupy such properties due to reason of his employment at Chandigarh, where he lives in a rented house.

Computation of deduction u/s 24(b) for A.Y.2020-21

Particulars	₹
I Interest on loan taken for acquisition of residential house property at Bombay 30,00,000 x 10% = ₹ 3,00,000 Restricted to ₹ 2,00,000	2,00,000
II Interest on loan taken for repair of residential house property at Delhi ₹ 5,00,000 x 11% = ₹ 55,000 Restricted to ₹ 30,000	30,000
Total interest	2,30,000
Deduction under section 24(b) in respect of (I) and (II) above to be restricted to	2,00,000

- (2) **Certificate to be furnished:** For the purpose of claiming deduction of ₹ 2,00,000 as per (b)(i) in the table given above, the assessee should furnish a certificate from the person to whom any interest is payable on the capital borrowed, specifying the amount of interest payable by

the assessee for the purpose of such acquisition or construction of the property or conversion of the whole or any part of the capital borrowed which remains to be repaid as a new loan.

Important points:

- (1) The ceiling limit would not apply to let-out/ deemed let-out property:**
The ceiling prescribed for self-occupied property as above in respect of interest on loan borrowed does not apply to a let out/ deemed let-out property.
- (2) Interest allowable on accrual basis:** Deduction under section 24(b) for interest is available on accrual basis. Therefore interest accrued but not paid during the year can also be claimed as deduction.
- (3) Unpaid purchase price would be considered as capital borrowed:** Where a buyer enters into an arrangement with a seller to pay the sale price in installments along with interest due thereon, the seller becomes the lender in relation to the unpaid purchase price and the buyer becomes the borrower. In such a case, unpaid purchase price can be treated as capital borrowed for acquiring property and interest paid thereon can be allowed as deduction under section 24.
- (4) Interest on unpaid interest is not deductible.**

(b) Interest on borrowed capital	25,000	1,51,000
Income from house property		2,69,000

(V) DEEMED TO BE LET OUT PROPERTY

Particulars	Amount
Gross Annual Value (GAV)	A
ER is the GAV of house property	
ER = Higher of MV and FR, but restricted to SR	
Less: Municipal taxes (paid by the owner during the previous year)	B
Net Annual Value (NAV) = (A-B)	C
Less: Deductions under section 24	
(a) 30% of NAV	D
(b) Interest on borrowed capital (actual without any ceiling limit)	E
Income from house property (C-F)	G

ILLUSTRATION 8

Ganesh has three houses, all of which are self-occupied. The particulars of the houses for the P.Y. 2019-20 are as under:

Particulars	House I	House II	House III
Municipal valuation p.a.	₹ 3,00,000	₹ 3,60,000	₹ 3,30,000
Fair rent p.a.	₹ 3,75,000	₹ 2,75,000	₹ 3,80,000
Standard rent p.a.	₹ 3,50,000	₹ 3,70,000	₹ 3,75,000
Date of completion/purchase	31.3.1999	31.3.2001	01.4.2014
Municipal taxes paid during the year	12%	8%	6%
Interest on money borrowed for repair of property during the current year	-	55,000	
Interest for current year on money borrowed in July 2013 for purchase of property			1,75,000

Compute Ganesh's income from house property for A.Y.2020-21 and suggest which houses should be opted by Ganesh to be assessed as self-occupied so that his tax liability is minimum.

SOLUTION

Let us first calculate the income from each house property assuming that they are deemed to be let out.

Computation of income from house property of Ganesh for the A.Y. 2020-21

Particulars	Amount in ₹		
	House I	House II	House III
Gross Annual Value (GAV) ER is the GAV of house property ER = Higher of MV and FR, but restricted to SR			
	3,50,000	3,60,000	3,75,000
Less: Municipal taxes (paid by the owner during the previous year)	36,000	28,800	19,800
Net Annual Value (NAV)	3,14,000	3,31,200	3,55,200
Less: Deductions under section 24			
(a) 30% of NAV	94,200	99,360	1,06,560
(b) Interest on borrowed capital	-	55,000	1,75,000
Income from house property	2,19,800	1,76,840	73,640

Ganesh can opt to treat any two of the above house properties as self-occupied .

OPTION 1 (House I and II– self-occupied and House III – deemed to be let out)

If House I and II are opted to be self-occupied, the income from house property shall be –

Particulars	Amount in ₹
House I (Self-occupied)	Nil
House II (Self-occupied) (interest deduction restricted to ₹ 30,000)	(30,000)
House III (Deemed to be let-out)	73,640
Income from house property	43,640

OPTION 2 (House I and III – self-occupied and House II – deemed to be let out)

If House I and III are opted to be self-occupied, the income from house property shall be –

Particulars	Amount in ₹
House I (Self-occupied)	Nil
House II (Deemed to be let-out)	1,76,840
House III (Self-occupied)	(1,75,000)
Income from house property	1,840

OPTION 3 (House II and III – self-occupied and House I – deemed to be let out)

If House II and III are opted to be self-occupied, the income from house property shall be –

Particulars	Amount in ₹
House I (Deemed to be let-out)	2,19,800
House II (Self-occupied) (interest deduction restricted to ₹ 30,000)	(30,000)
House III (Self-occupied)	(1,75,000)
(Total interest deduction restricted to ₹ 2,00,000)	(2,00,000)
Income from house property	19,800

Since Option 2 is most beneficial, Ganesh should opt to treat House I and III as self-occupied and House II as deemed to be let out. His income from house property would be ₹ 1,840 for the A.Y. 2020-21.

(VI) HOUSE PROPERTY, A PORTION LET OUT AND A PORTION SELF-OCCUPIED**ILLUSTRATION 9**

Prem owns a house in Madras. During the previous year 2019-20, $\frac{2}{3}^{\text{rd}}$ portion of the house was self-occupied and $\frac{1}{3}^{\text{rd}}$ portion was let out for residential purposes at a rent of ₹ 8,000 p.m. Municipal value of the property is ₹ 3,00,000 p.a., fair rent is ₹ 2,70,000 p.a. and standard rent is ₹ 3,30,000 p.a. He paid municipal taxes @10% of municipal value during the year. A loan of ₹ 25,00,000 was taken by him during the year 2015 for acquiring the property. Interest on loan paid during the previous year 2019-20 was ₹ 1,20,000. Compute Prem's income from house property for the A.Y. 2020-21.

other self-occupied property cannot exceed ₹ 30,000/ ₹ 2,00,000, as the case may be.	
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ILLUSTRATION 11

Ms. Aparna co-owns a residential house property in Calcutta along with her sister Ms. Dimple, where her sister's family resides. Both of them have equal share in the property and the same is used by them for self-occupation. Interest is payable in respect of loan of ₹ 50,00,000@10% taken on 1.4.2018 for acquisition of such property. In addition, Ms. Aparna owns a flat in Pune in which she and her parents reside. She has taken a loan of ₹ 3,00,000@12% on 1.10.2018 for repairs of this flat. Compute the deduction which would be available to Ms. Aparna and Ms. Dimple under section 24(b) for A.Y.2020-21.

SOLUTION**Computation of deduction u/s 24(b) available to Ms. Aparna for A.Y.2020-21**

Particulars	₹
I Interest on loan taken for acquisition of residential house property at Calcutta ₹ 50,00,000 x 10% = ₹ 5,00,000 Ms. Aparna's share = 50% of ₹ 5,00,000 = ₹ 2,50,000 Restricted to ₹ 2,00,000	2,00,000
II Interest on loan taken for repair of flat at Pune ₹ 3,00,000 x 12% = ₹ 36,000 Restricted to ₹ 30,000	30,000
Total interest	2,30,000
Deduction under section 24(b) in respect of (I) and (II) above to be restricted to	2,00,000

Computation of deduction u/s 24(b) available to Ms. Dimple for A.Y.2020-21

Particulars	₹
Interest on loan taken for acquisition of residential house property at Calcutta ₹ 50,00,000 x 10% = ₹ 5,00,000 Ms. Dimple's share = 50% of ₹ 5,00,000 = ₹ 2,50,000 Restricted to ₹ 2,00,000	2,00,000
Deduction under section 24(b)	2,00,000