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INTERIM BUDGET 2019 HIGHLIGHTS (APPLICABLE FOR F.Y. 2019-20)

PERSONAL INCOME TAX	 Increase in rebate u/s 87A from Rs 2,500/- to Rs 12,500/- up to taxable income of Rs 5,00,000/ It may be noted that there is no change in income tax slabs & basic exemption limit. Hence, there is no benefit for individual assessees earning taxable income of more than Rs 5,00,000/
SALARY INCOME	 Increase in standard deduction u/s 16(ia) from Rs 40,000/- to Rs 50,000/
TDS PROVISIONS	 Increase in threshold limit for TDS deduction u/s 194A on interest from banks/post office from Rs 10,000/- to Rs 40,000/ Increase in threshold limit for TDS deduction u/s 194I on rent from Rs 1,80,000/- to Rs 2,40,000/
LONG TERM CAPITAL GAIN EXEMPTION ON SALE OF PROPERTY	 Exemption u/s 54 was available on long term capital gain on sale of residential property by investing in another residential property. The benefit is now extended to investment in two residential properties provided the long term capital gain does not exceed Rs 2 crores. This benefit can be exercised once in the lifetime.
DEEMED LET OUT HOUSE PROPERTY	 In case of two owned-house properties, one was allowed to be treated as self-occupied & tax on notional rent was payable on second house property. Tax on notional rent will not be charged henceforth on the second house property.
REAL ESTATE SECTOR	 Deduction u/s 80IBA is extended to 31.03.2020. Tax on notional rent will now be charged on unsold inventory of two years or more (increased from one year).