#### **COMPANIES ACT, 2013**

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REVIVAL AND REHABILITATION OF SICK COMPANY

# Jurisdiction with NCLT instead of BIFAR

- Any kind of company can be declared as sick, not only industrial undertaking.
- Not on the basis of erosion of networth.
- If company fails to pay 50% or more of outstanding of secured creditors within 30 days from the service of notice of demand.
- Such creditors can apply to Tribunal.
- Company can also apply for sickness.

- Such creditors or company can apply to Tribunal
  - for stay of any proceeding of the winding up <u>OR</u>
  - for execution against any property and assets of the company OR
  - For the appointment of receiver.
  - No suit for recovery of any money or for the enforcement of any security against the company shall lie or be processed with.

- When any application is pending for declaration of sickness
  - Company shall not dispose off any property / asset
  - Company shall not take any action likely to prejudice the interest of the creditors.

Tribunal shall give <u>notice</u> to company for not less than <u>30 days</u> to represent.

\*The Tribunal shall <u>order</u> on the application within <u>60 days</u> whether company is sick or not.

# Revival & Rehabilitation (Section 254)

- Application for revival by company / creditor within 60 days from the date of order of determination of sickness.
- \* Reference to tribunal **shall abate** if secured creditors (3/4<sup>th</sup> in value) have taken measure to recover secured debts against the company u/s 13(4) of the SERFASI Act.
- No reference will be made if secured creditors (3/4<sup>th</sup> in value) have taken measures for recovery of debts against the company u/s 13(4) of the SERFASI Act.

# Revival & Rehabilitation (Section 254)

- If financial assets have been acquired by a scrutinization company under SARFAESI Act, consent of such agency shall be attached with Application.
- Application shall be supported by:
  - Audited financial statement.
  - Scheme for revival and rehabilitation.

Declaration for no scheme (if no scheme is prepared).

#### **Appointment of Interim Administrator (Section 256)**

- Tribunal shall fix date of hearing within 7 days from the receipt of application.
- The date of hearing shall not be later than 90 days from the date of receipt of application
- On first date of hearing Tribunal may appoint interim Administrator to:
  - To hold meetings of creditors within 45 days from the date of appointment.
  - To consider whether it is possible to revive or rehabilitate the sick company?
  - To submit his report to Tribunal within 60 days from the date of order.
- In case no scheme is filed by company, Tribunal may direct the Interim Administrator to takeover the management of the company.
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#### **Committee of Creditors (Section 257)**

- Interim Administrator shall appoint a committee of creditors (not more than 7 in number).
- Representatives of each class of creditors should be represented.
- Interim Administrator shall decide the procedure to be followed for meetings.
- Interim Administrator may direct any Promoter, Director, KMPs to attend any meeting and to furnish all the information, as required.

#### **ORDER OF TRIBUNAL (Section 258)**

#### Order of Tribunal on the date of hearing fixed

- On the basis of report of Interim Administrator, Tribunal shall order for
  - Proceedings for winding up of company be initiated or
  - Shall appoint Company Administrator for the company to prepare scheme of Revival & Rehabilitation.
- Tribunal may direct the company administrator to take over the assets and management of the company.
- Administrator may with the approval of Tribunal take services of experts.

# Powers & Duties of Company Administrator (Section 260)

- To prepare:
  - Inventory of assets / liabilities.
  - Inventory of books and accounts and other records.
  - List of shareholders, secured / unsecured creditors.
  - Valuation Report for shares / assets of the company.
  - Provisional accounts if upto date audit is not done.
  - List of workmen with dues.

#### Scheme of Revival & Rehabilitation (Section 261)

- Company administrator shall prepare scheme of Revival and Rehabilitation considering the scheme filed by company (in existing act operating agency)
- Scheme shall provide following:
  - Financial restructuring of sick company.
  - Change in management or taking over of Management of sick co.
  - Amalgamation of sick company with any other company or any other company with sick company.
  - Takeover of sick company by solvent company.
  - Sale or lease of part or whole of Assets or business of sick co.
  - Rationalization of Managerial Personnel, supervisor, staff, workmen in accordance with law.
  - Repayment and rescheduling or restructuring of debts and obligation of sick co. to any of its creditors or class of creditors.

#### **Approval of Scheme (Section 262)**

- The revival and rehabilitation scheme, prepared by company administration shall be approved atleast by:
  - 3/4<sup>th</sup> of secured creditors and
  - 1/4<sup>th</sup> of unsecured creditors
- If scheme involves amalgamation of sick company with other company, approval in General Meeting of both the companies also required.
- If approved:
  - the scheme shall be submitted to Tribunal within 60 days from the appointment (extendable to 120 days).
  - Tribunal shall send scheme to company, company administrator, other company (in case of amalgamation).

#### **Approval of Scheme (Section 262)**

- \* Tribunal may direct to publish draft scheme in newspaper for suggestion / objection within such period as Tribunal may specify.
- Complete draft scheme shall be kept at registered office.
- Tribunal shall pass the order after considering the suggestion, within 60 days from the receipt of suggestions.
- Copy of sanctioned scheme shall be filed with ROC within 30 days from the date of receipt of copy of order.
- The sanctioned scheme shall be final and binding on company, employees, creditors, shareholders and guarantors and transferee company (if any).

#### **Approval of Scheme (Section 262)**

If scheme is not approved Company Administrator shall report to Tribunal within 15 days and Tribunal shall pass the order for winding up.

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