The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 (IBC 2016)

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The Codes of India...



The IBC 2016 Applies to.....

Companies

Companies governed by any special Acts

LLPs

Such other body incorporated as notified

Partnerships and Individuals

Code does not apply to..

- Part III of the Code pertaining to insolvency of Individuals and Firms –
 does not apply to State of Jammu and Kashmir
- Part II The Code is not applicable to Financial Service Providers.
- For MFIs, NBFCs and financial service providers the Ministry of Finance has released draft of "The Financial Resolution and Deposit Insurance Bill, 2017" on which it has invited suggestions from all stakeholders.
 Cabinet approves the proposal.
- www.dicgc.org under DICGC act 1961 will become regulator

The IBC 2016 Applies for....

For Company and LLP-

Insolvency Resolution Process

Liquidation Process

Fast Track Insolvency Resolution Process

Voluntary Liquidation Process

The IBC 2016 Applies for....

For Individual & Partnership-

- Fresh Start Process
- Insolvency Resolution Process
- Bankruptcy Order

The IBC 2016 Aims to....

 To promote entrepreneurship; To make credit available; • To balance the interest of all stakeholders by consolidating and amending the existing laws relating to insolvency and bankruptcy; • To reduce the time of resolution for maximizing the value of assets.

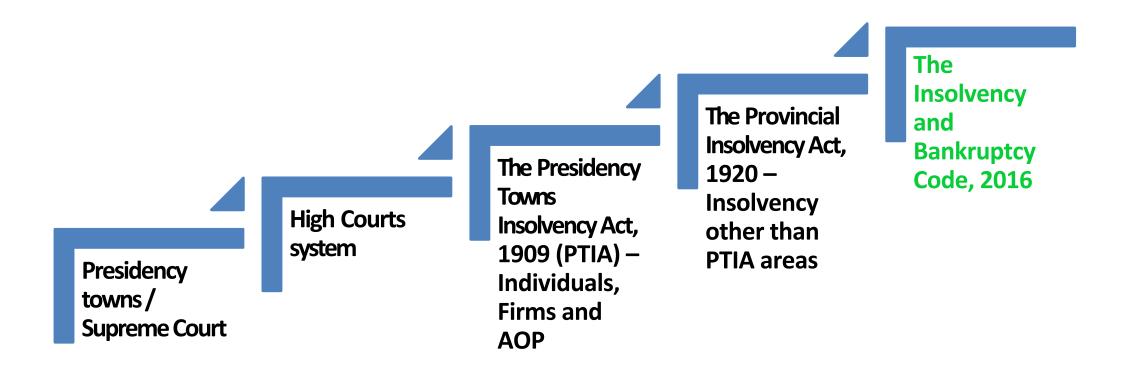
Significant Features of the IBC 2016

- Single insolvency and bankruptcy framework. It replaces/modifies/amends certain existing laws.
- Overriding effect on all other laws relating to Insolvency & Bankruptcy. S 238
- Not applicable to corporate financial service providers like Banks, NBFC, Insurance Co's etc. there will be separate legislation.
- Provides for moratorium period from insolvency commencement date
- ❖ The Code shifts the focus from "Debtors" in possession to "Creditors in Control".
- ❖ The test of insolvency has been shifted from "erosion of net worth" to "payment default".
- Time bound resolution process at each stage

Significant Features of the IBC 2016 Contd...

- Establishment of The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India a regulator as an independent body. Section
 188 it will be a body corporate
- ❖ A clearly defined distribution of recovery proceeds.
- Insolvency Professional to take over management and control of the Corporate Debtor.
- Government dues would rank below the claims of other creditors.-section 53 distribution of assets 53(1)(e) 5th position out of 8 position below financial unsecured creditors
- Have provisions to deal with concealment, fraud and /or manipulation leading to fine and/or imprisonment.
- Provide confidence to Lenders and Investors in the debt market.

Insolvency Resolution Framework for Individuals, Firms and AOI



11Enactments Amended by the IBC 2016 (S 245 to 255) schedules first to eleventh

- The Indian Partnership Act,
 1932
- The Central Excise Act, 1944
- The Income-tax Act, 1961
- The Customs Act, 1962

- The Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993
- The Finance Act, 1994
- The Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002

- The Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Repeal Act, 2003
- The Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007
- The Limited Liability Partnership Act, 2008
- The Companies Act, 2013

Acts Repealed by the Code

Presidency Towns Insolvency Act, 1909 (Sec 243) Provincial Insolvency Act, 1920 (Sec 243)

Impact of the IBC 2016

Rand SICA go off completely;

orporate resolutions come under NCLT;

th timelines under the new law — entire process of resolution to be over in 180 to 270 ys;

ay lead to greater financial discipline;

editors have an upper hand in resolution plans;

pratorium is not indefinite — limited moratorium;

revival does not work out, entity to mandatorily go into liquidation;

Impact of the IBC 2016

Companies and guarantors can be both brought under a common forum – NCLT/DRT;

While borrowers may file resolution applications seeking moratorium, but borrower will have to face the threat of liquidation/bankruptcy;

Can debtors under banker-driven restructuring also go for NCLT/DRT resolution – yes. In view of mandatory timelines, the case may reach bankruptcy stage faster;

Accelerating provisioning – faster transition into a case of loss assets.

The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016

5 Parts- 7 chapters in each Part II,III,IV

255 Sections

11 Schedules (Sections 245 to 255)

IBC, 2016 – Analysing the Parts I to V

Part I

PRELIMINARY - 1 Chapter - Section 1 -3

Part II applies to corporate persons other than financial service providers

Part – III applies to individuals and partnership firms except those located in state of Jammu & Kashmir proviso S1(2)

Section 3 definitions

Part II

INSOLVENCY
RESOLUTION AND
LIQUIDATION FOR
CORPORATE
PERSONS -

7 Chapters - Sections 4 -77

Section 5 definitions

Part III INSOLVENCY RESOLUTION FOR INDIVIDUALS AND PARTNERSHIP FIRMS

- 7 Chapters
- Section 78-187
- Section 79 definitions

Part IV

REGULATION OF INSOLVENCY PROFESSIONALS, AGENCIES AND INFORMATION UTILITIES

- 7 Chapters
- Section 188-223

Part V

MISCELLANEOUS

- Section 224-255
- (Section 245-255 enables amendments in other statutes, 11 legislations)

Journey of the Code

Aug 22, 2014 Bankruptcy Law Reform Com- T.K. Vishwanathan	imittee was set un under the Chairmanship of Mr.
Feb 5, 2015 BLRC submitted it	ss Interim Report to Ministry of Finance
Feb 10, 2015 Ministry of finance invited co	mments on the Interim Report of the BLRC
Nov 4, 2015 Volume I – Report	t of BLRC; Volume II – Draft Code, 2015
Nov 4, 2015 Ministry of Finance invited co	omments on Volume I and II submitted by BLRC
Dec 21, 2015 Bankruptcy C	Code introduced in the Parliament
Dec 23, 2015 Bankruptcy Code referred Chairmanship of Mr. Bhupen	to a Joint Parliamentary Committee under the dra Yadav
Jan 22, 2016 Joint Committee in	vited comments on the Bankruptcy Code
April 28, 2016 Joint Parliamentary Co	ommittee submitted its report on the Code
May 5, 2016 Bankrup	tcy Code passed by Lok Sabha
May 11, 2016 Bankrupt	cy Code passed by Rajya Sabha
2016	ceived president's assent nehal.kamdar@jjkandco.com

Rules relevant to the IBC 2016 (S 239)/CA 2013
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Notification/ Effective Date

2016, except

April, 2017

21st July, 2016

21st July, 2016

29th August, 2016 w.e.f. 29th august 2016

30th November 2016, w.e.f. 1st December, 2016

7th December, 2016, w.e.f. 15th December,

Rule 4 which shall come into effect from 1st

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1. The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Salary, Allowances and other

Terms and Conditions of Service of Chairperson and members) Rules, 2016.

2. The Insolvency and Bankruptcy (Application to Adjudicating Authority)

3. The Companies (Transfer of Pending Proceedings) Rules, 2016

4. The National Company Law Tribunal Rules, 2016

5. The National Company Law Appellate Tribunal Rules,

Events

Rules, 2016.

2016.

Regulations under the IBC 2016(S 240)

Notification/ Effective Date	
21 st November, 2016 w.e.f. 22 nd November, 2016	
21 st November, 2016 w.e.f. 22 nd November, 2016	
23 rd November, 2016, w.e.f. 29 th November, 2016	
30 th November, 2016, w.e.f. 1 st December, 2016	
15 th December, 2016	

6.The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Advisory Committee) Regulations, 2017	30 th January, 2017 w.e.f. 31 st January, 2017
7. The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Engagement of Research Associates and Consultants) Regulations, 2017	30 th January, 2017 w.e.f. 31 st January, 2017
8. The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Procedure for Governing Board Meetings) Regulations, 2017	30 th January, 2017 w.e.f. 31 st January, 2017
9.The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Information Utilities) Regulations, 2017	30 th March 2017 w.e.f 1 st April 2017
10.Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Voluntary Liquidation) Regulations, 2017	30 th March 2017 w.e.f 1 st April 2017
11. The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Inspection and Investigation) Regulations, 2017	12 th June, 2017
12. The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Fast Track Insolvency Resolution Process for Corporate	14 th June, 2017

Persons) Regulations, 2017

S. No.	Aspects	The IBBI (Liquidation Process) Regulations, 2016	The IBBI (Voluntary Liquidation) Regulations, 2017
1.	Regulations	46	40
2.	Chapter	7	7
3.	Schedules	3	2
4.	When does it apply?	Under Part II - Chapter III on Liquidation Process — Where time exceeds as per sec 12 or sec 56 or the plan is rejected by the adjudicating authority (AA) then the AA shall pass an order for insolvency resolution under Chapter III of part II the IBC 2016	
5.	Who is the AA?	NCLT kamdar@jjkandco.com	NCLT (sec 59 is notified w.e.f 1 st April 2017)

The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Inspection and Investigation) Regulations, 2017- notified on 12th June, 2017

Inspection & Investigation- Part-IV, Chapter VI, S 217 to 220

- 5 Chapters, 14 Regulations & FORM A (submission of claims)
- The IBBI announced the regulations in exercise of its powers conferred by sections 196, 217, 218, 219, 220 read with section 240 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016.
- These regulations provide the power to conduct inspections of records of service provider, procedure of inspection, investigation of a service provider, procedure for conducting the investigation, submission of an interim and final investigation report, issuance of a show-cause notice and the requirements for a valid show-cause notice.

Understanding terminologies-

- Insolvency inability to pay debts different from solvency
- Liquidation process of selling assets and paying creditors used only for corporate persons
- Winding up larger term includes liquidation & removal of names used only for corporate persons
- Removal of name like death certificate for individuals
- Bankruptcy like liquidation and insolvency for corporate persons

Section 3(37) IBC 2016 residuary definitions

As defined in these legislations

- The Indian contract Act, 1872
- The Indian Partnership Act, 1932
- The Securities Contract (Regulation) Act, 1956
- The Securities Exchange Board of India Act, 1992
- The Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993
- The Limited Liability Partnership Act, 2008
- The Companies Act, 2013

Time Limit for Completion of Insolvency Resolution **Process**

Time Limit Sec 12 of the IBC 2016 – 180 days may be extended by further period not exceeding 90 days

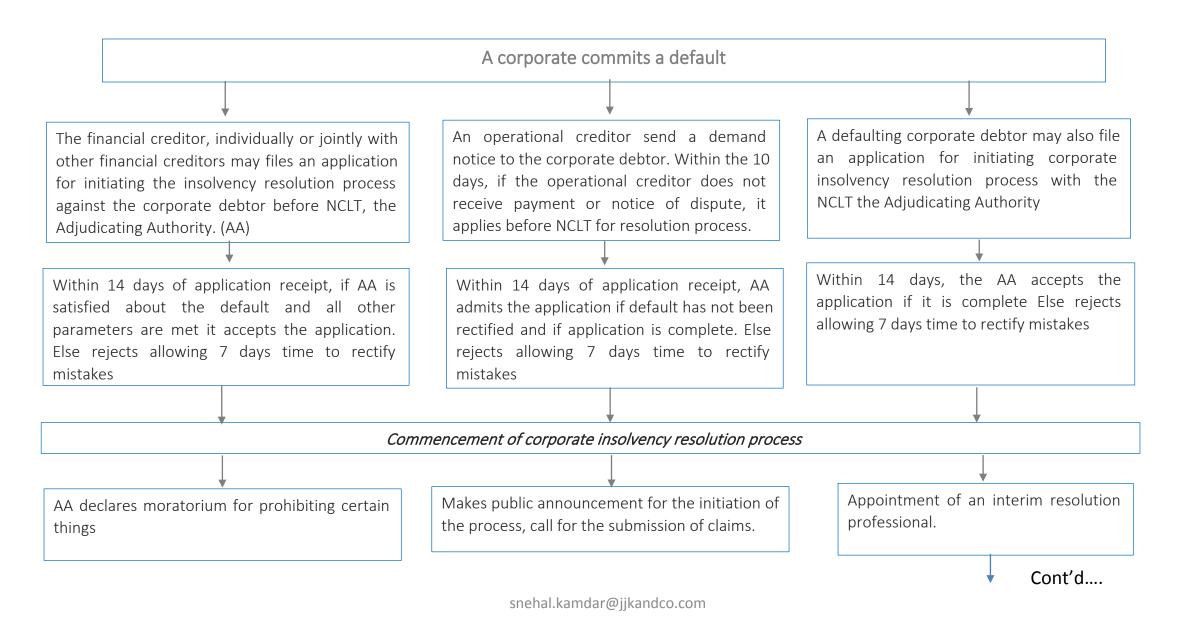
> Sec 56 of IBC – fast track 90 days may be extended by 45 days only once, initiated by a creditor or a corporate debtor

Part II of IBC 2016 (S 4 to 77)

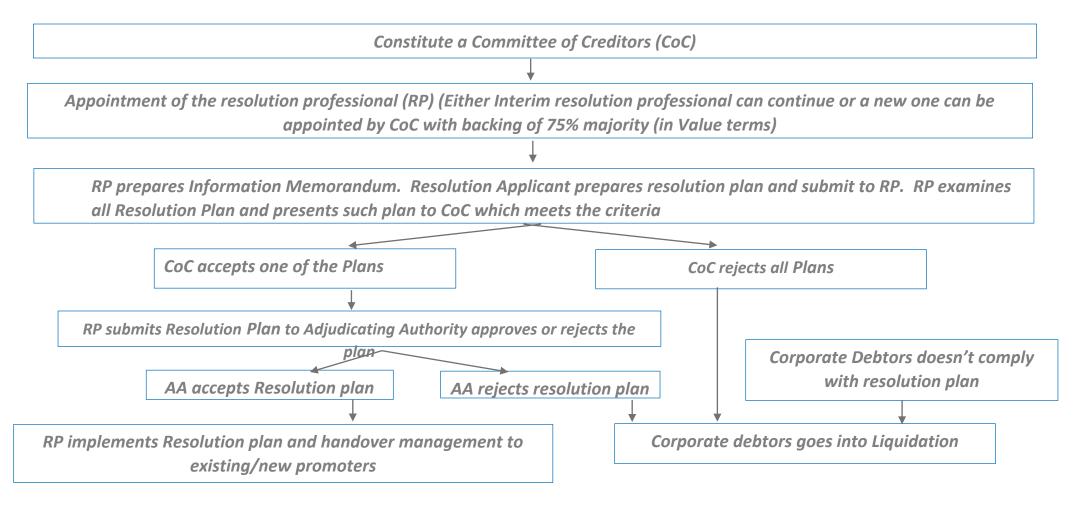
CORPORATE INSOLVENCY RESOLUTION PROCESS AND LIQUIDATION FOR CORPORATE PERSONS

- ➤ C I Preliminary S 4 & 5
- > C II Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process S 6 to 32
- ➤ C III Liquidation Process S 33 to 54
- > C IV Fast Track Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process S 55 to 58
- > C V Voluntary Liquidation of Corporate Persons S 59
- C VI Adjudicating Authority for Corporate Persons S 60 to 67
- > C VII Offences and Penalties S 68 to 77

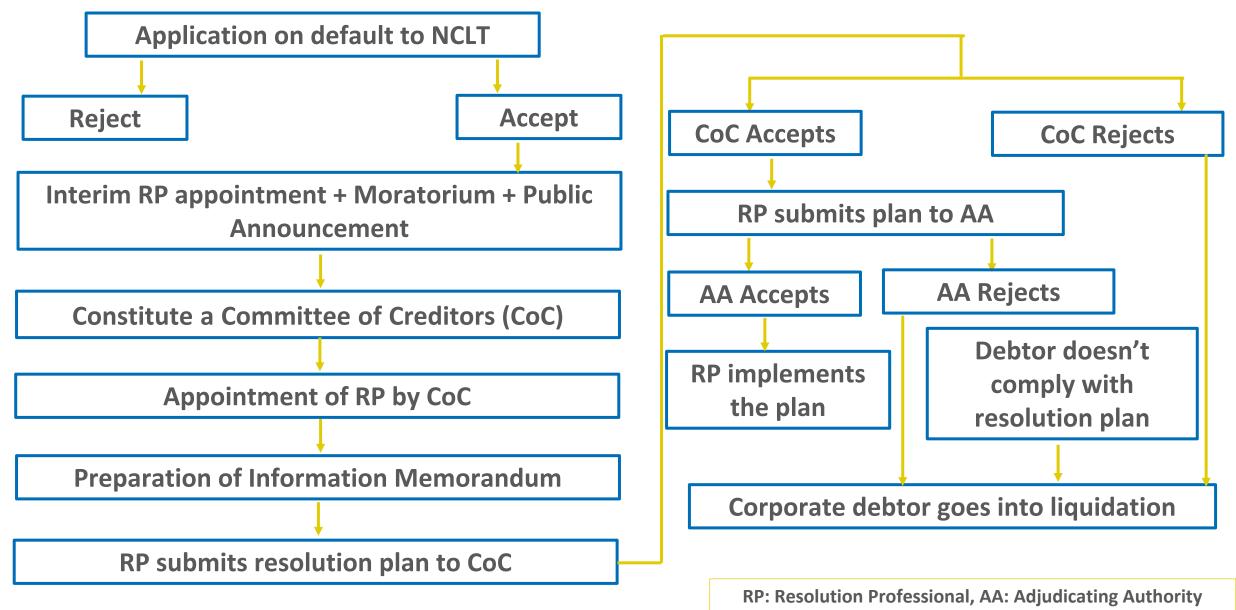
Insolvency resolution process for corporate



Insolvency Resolution Process for Corporates

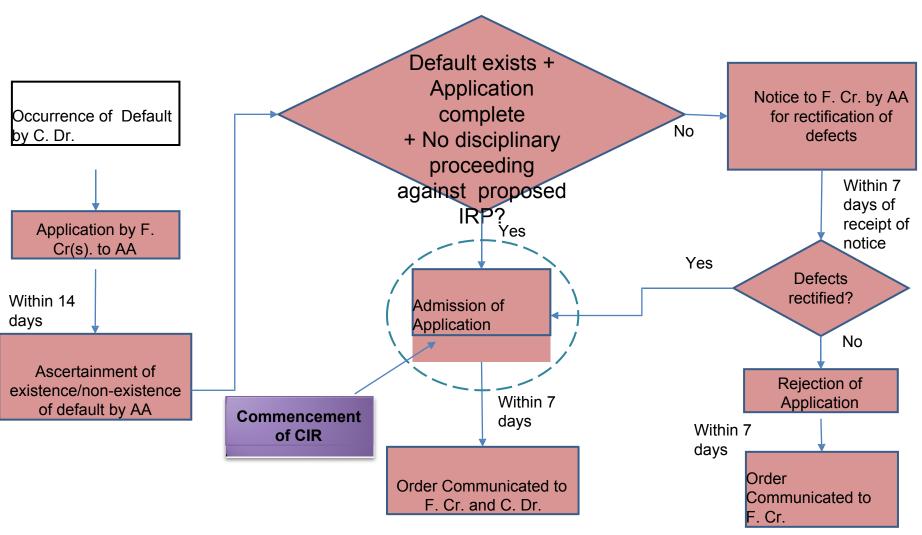


Summary of insolvency resolution process for corporate

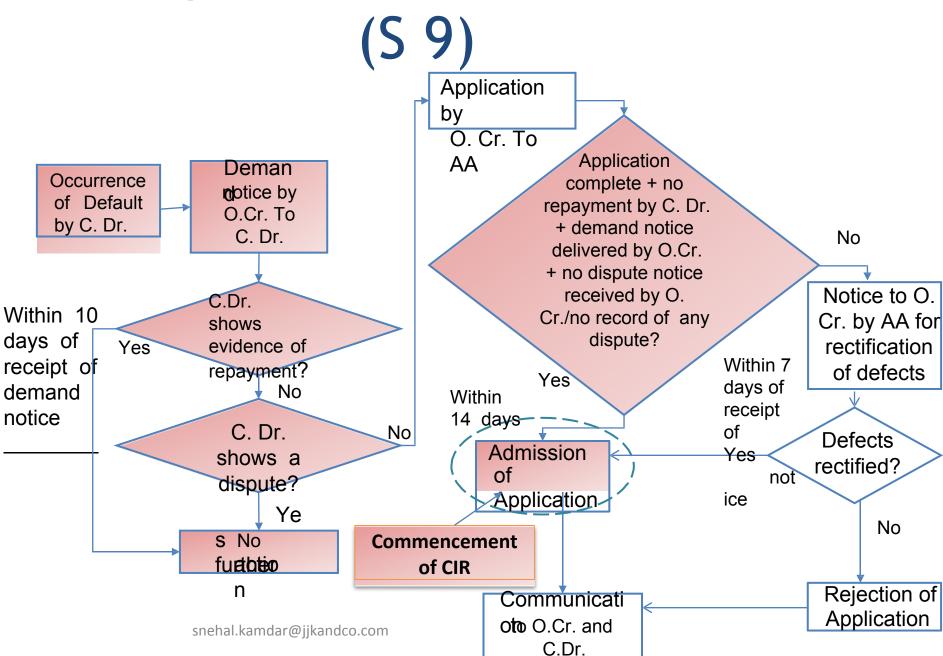


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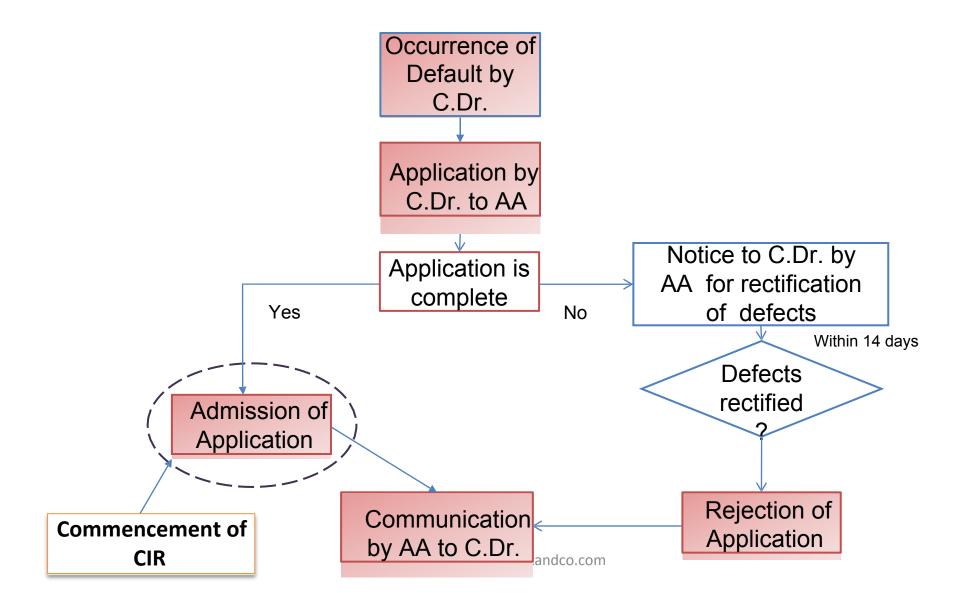
Creditor (S 7)



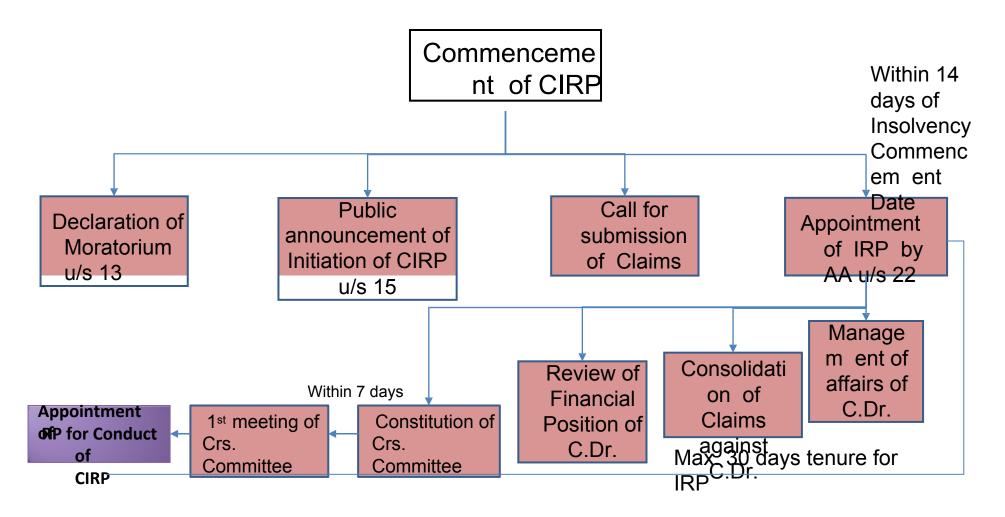
Operational Creditor



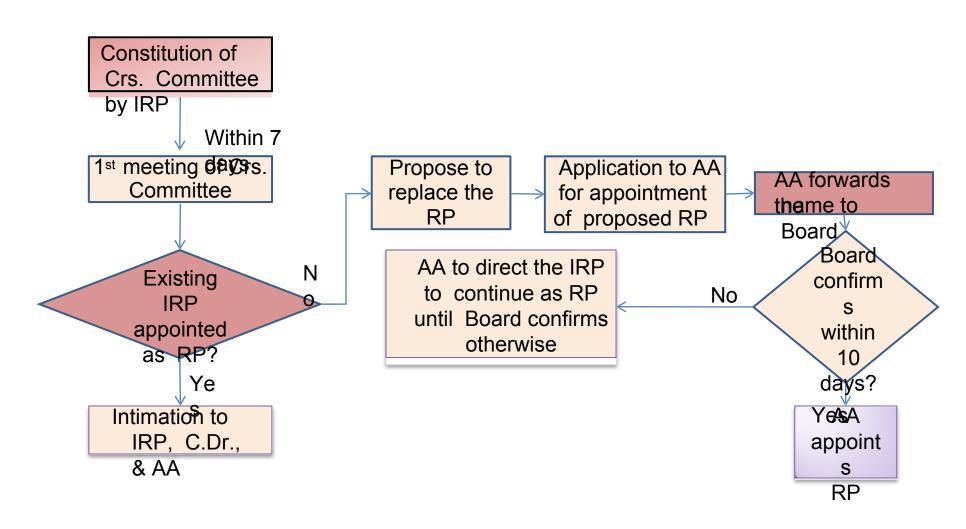
Applicant



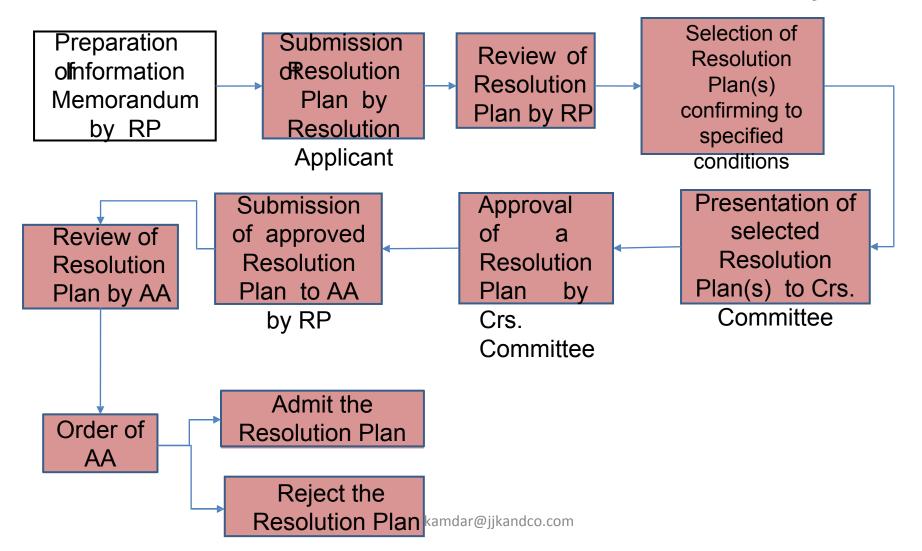
Once CIRP commences . . .



Appointment of resolution professional



Conduct of CIRP by RP



3 Stages of Corporate Insolvency Resolution

- Insolvency application accepted, plan not yet sanctioned
- Moratorium of SARFAESI action, any other action
- Resolution plan sanctioned
- Creditor action will depend on the resolution plan; resolution plan mandatory on all
- Liquidation proceedings
- Secured creditor staying in liquidation process
 Security interest relinquished, secured creditor cannot take enforcement action
- Secured creditor stays out of liquidation
 Security interest enforcement/SARFAESI permitted

Effect of Moratorium Order

 AA shall declare moratorium order on the insolvency commencement date prohibiting –

institution of suits or continuation or pending suits or proceedings against the C.Dr.

court of or disposing of assets or its law, antiqued, antiqued the period of the perio

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- Moratorium shall have effect till the completion of the CIR process or liquidation order

Effect of Moratorium order on SARFAESI Proceedings

- Code prohibits SARFAESI proceedings during moratorium period.
- Following circumstances might arise –
- Moratorium starts before sending notice under section 13(2)
 Notice shall be served after completion of 180 days (or 270 days, if an extension is granted)
- Moratorium starts after sending notice under section 13(2) to the borrower
 - ©Fresh notice under section 13 (2) shall be served after completion of 180 days or 270 days, as the case may be.
- Moratorium starts after sending notice under section 13(2) to the

borrower + repossessing the asset

- Repossessed asset shall be sold only after completion of 180 days or 270 days, as the case may be.
- Moratorium starts after sending notice under section 13(2) to the borrower + repossessing the asset + sale of repossessed asset
 Such secured creditor shall rank 5th in the waterfall priority to the extent of unsecured portion

Implementation of the Resolution Plan

- There is nothing in the Code for implementation
- Unlike non-corporate resolution, where implementation of repayment plan is under the aegis of the resolution professional
- Resolution plan is binding [Sec 31 (1)]
- On debtor
- Employees
- Members
- Creditors
- Guarantors
- Other stakeholders
- What is the effect of non adherence?
- In case of non corporate persons, failure to implements leads to bankruptcy

Appointment of Resolution Professional

- An insolvency professional shall be eligible to be appointed as a resolution
- professional -
- If he, and all partners and directors of the insolvency professional entity of which he is a partner or director, are independent of the corporate debtor
- Independent of the corporate debtor shall mean —
- Eligible to be appointed as an independent director on the board of the corporate debtor under Section 149 of the Companies Act, 2013
- Is not a related party of the corporate debtor; or
- Is not an employee or proprietor or a partner, in the last 3 FY of:
- A firm of auditors or PCS or cost auditors of the corporate debtor; or
- A legal or a consulting firm, that has or had any transaction with the corporate debtor amounting to 10% or more of the gross turnover of such firm.
- Whether an insolvency professional needs to be independent of the creditor(s)

filing an application against the corporate debtor?

Duties of Resolution Professional

- Make disclosure of independence at the time of appointment (Reg 3
 (2))
- Make a public announcement (in form A) on appointment as an IRP
- Within 3 days from the date of appointment
- File a report certifying constitution of the committee to the Adjudicating Authority
- Within 30 days from the date of appointment
- Circulate the minutes of the meeting to all participants by electronic means
- Within 48 hours of the said meeting
- A record of the summary of the decision taken on a relevant agenda item shall be circulated
- Within 24 hours of the conclusion of the voting
- Appoint 2 registered valuers to determine the liquidation value of the corporate debtor
- Within 7 days from the date of appointment

Duties of Resolution Professional

- Submit an information memorandum in electronic form
- To each member of the committee and any potential resolution applicant (upon submission of an undertaking)

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Before 1st meeting – matters listed in paragraphs (a) to (i) of Reg. 36 (2)
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- Within 14 days of the 1st meeting matters listed in paragraphs (j) to (l) of Reg. 36 (2)
- Submit the resolution plan approved by the committee to the AA with the certification that -
- the contents of the resolution plan meet all the requirements of the Code and the Regulations; and
- the resolution plan has been approved by the committee

Registered valuer under The Draft Companies (Registered Valuers and Valuation) Rules, 2017

- Registered Valuer- Section 247 under chapter XVII of the Companies Act, 2013
- 5 Chapters, 20 Rules and 3 Schedules
- Deals with eligibility, qualifications and registration of valuers, recognition of valuation professional organizations, valuation standards, disciplinary proceedings.
- Valuation examination has to be passed to become a registered valuer

Committee of Creditors

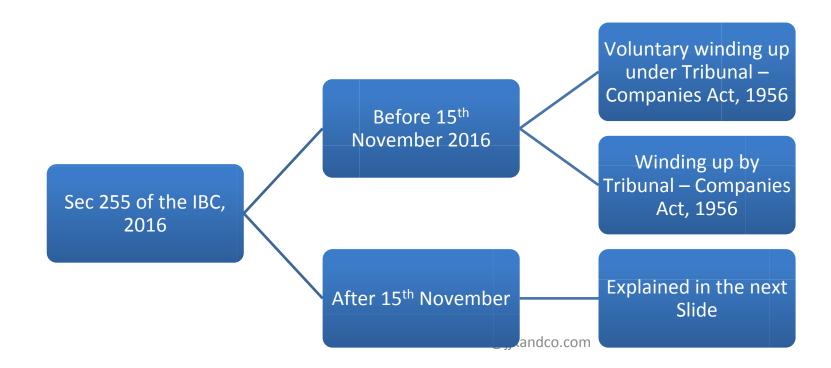
- Committee of creditors shall be formed with financial creditors only.
- Financial creditors which are related parties of the corporate debtor shall not form part of committee
- What if the corporate debtor has no financial creditor?
- Where all financial creditors are related parties of the corporate debtor?
- Committee shall be formed with 18 largest O.Cr. By value
 If the number of O.Cr. is less than 18 then all the O.Cr. shall be included
- 1 representative elected by all workmen
 Other than those included in 18 members
- 1 representative elected by all employees
 Other than those included in 18 members

cost?

- Expenses of public announcement
- Shall be borne by applicant which may be reimbursed by the Committee to the extent ratified
- Cost of proving the debt
- Shall be borne by respective creditors
- Cost of IRP/ RP
- Any expenses to be incurred or payment to be made to IP applicant shall borne the expense
- As soon as the committee meets proposal shall be laid before the committee and committee shall either ratify the expenses or reject the proposal
 - If committee ratifies the proposal expenses shall be borne by the committee to the extent they agree to ratify
 - If committee rejects the proposal expenses shall be borne by the applicant
- Once the resolution plan is approved the expenses shall be borne by the corporate debtor and shall rank first as far as priority is concerned (Ref. Reg. 38 of IRP for CP)
- If the resolution plan is rejected -- the expenses shall be borne by the corporate debtor and shall rank first as far as priority is concerned (Ref. section 53 of the Code)

Amendments to the Companies Act, 2013 under IBC

- Section 255 of the Code notified on 15th November, 2016 brought about a number of amendments to the Companies Act, 2013 under Eleventh Schedule
- MCA through its notification dated 07 th December, 2016 has notified the provisions of Chapter XX of the Companies Act, 2013 w.e.f. 15 th December, 2016



Post Notification of Sec 255 (15th Nov, 16)

Section 2(94A) of the Companies Act, 2013 has been amended to define "Winding Up" as "winding up under this Act or liquidation under Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016"

Winding up on Inability to Pay Debts

Winding up on grounds other than Inability to pay debts

Voluntary Winding up

Winding Up on Inability to Pay Debts

- Section 271(1)(a) of the Companies Act, 2013 omitted by Section 255 of the Code
- Section 271(1)(a) deals with Winding up by Tribunal on account of Inability to Pay Debts
- Section 7 to 9 of the Code now deals with it
- Application to AA for initiation of Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process can be made where there is a 'default'
- 'Default' defined in the Code to mean non-repayment of a debt, whether in whole or in part, has become due and payable by a corporate person
- Which means under the Code insolvency resolution can be initiated even against financially solvent company that has defaulted payment
- Once the resolution process is accepted by the Tribunal, Insolvency Professional is appointed to conduct the Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process
- The process to be completed within 180days from the date of admission of the application by the Tribunal
- On failure of which the Tribunal will order for Liquidation of the Corporate Person

Winding up on grounds other than inability to pay debts

- Section 271 of the Companies Act, 2013 deals with the following 271(a)Passing of special resolution to that effect
 - 271(b)Acting against Sovereignty and Integrity of India, security of state
 - 271(c)Conducting affairs in a fraudulent manner
 - 271(d)Default in filing of financial statements or annual returns with the registrar
 - 271(e)On just and equitable ground in the opinion of the Tribunal
- These provisions are notified under Chapter XX w.e.f .15th
 December 2016, therefore winding up application for the above
 grounds shall be made to the Tribunal
- Provisions of Companies Act, 2013 shall apply.

Fast Track IRP

• Sections 55 to 58 under chapter IV of Part II (w.e.f. 14th June, 2017)

Applicable to the following categories of corporate debtors:

- -a small company, or
- -a startup (other than the partnership firm), or
- -an unlisted company with total assets, not exceeding Rs.1 crore.
- Default completion time is 90 days from the insolvency commencement date as against 180 days in other cases.
- One-time extension of a maximum of 45 days permissible
- Necessity of extension to be determined by AA

The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Fast Track Insolvency Resolution Process for Corporate Persons) Regulations, 2017

- W.e.f 14th June 2017
- The IBBI announced the regulations in exercise of its powers conferred by sections 58, 196 and 208 read with section 240 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016.
- 10 Chapters, 39 Regulations and Schedules
- Various forms are prescribed under Schedule (Form A to E)
- These regulations provide the process for initiation of insolvency resolution of eligible corporate debtors, conduct of the Fast Track Process, proof of claims, approval of the resolution plan by the Adjudicating Authority.

Voluntary Liquidation

Sec 255 of IBC, 2016 repeals part II of chapter XX -sections 304 to 323 on Voluntary winding up under Companies Act, 2013

Sec 59 of IBC, 2016 (on Voluntary winding up applicable w.e.f 1st April 2017). The IBBI (Voluntary Liquidation Process) Regulations, 2017 comes into force w.e.f 1st April 2017

As per Sec 468(3) of the Companies Act, 2013, the 1956 Act does not apply anymore given Sec 59 of the IBC, 2016 is notified.

Voluntary Liquidation

Time limit- 12 months from the voluntary liquidation commencement date.

- Steps involved-
- Step 1: Filing of application
- Step 2: Commencement of voluntary liquidation
- Step 3: Appointment of Liquidator and Public Announcement
- Step 4: Submission of Preliminary Report and Completion of Books of Account
- Step 5: Appointment of Professionals

- Step 6 Consultation with Stakeholders
- Step 7: Claims by creditors
- Step 8: Determination and Verification of Claims
- Step 9 Preparation of List of Stakeholders
- Step 10: Realisation and Distribution
- Step 11: Submission of Final Report
- Step -12: Dissolution

Formats Prescribed under IBBI (Voluntary Liquidation Process) Regulations, 2017

Form Name	Particulars
Form A	Public Announcement
Form B	Proof of claim by Operational creditors except by workmen & employees
Form C	Proof of claim by financial creditors
Form D	Proof of claim by workmen & employees
Form E	Proof of claim by authorised representative of workmen & employees
Form F	Proof of claim by any other stakeholder

<u>List of Books to be maintained by a Liquidator – Schedule - II</u>

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Documents Register;

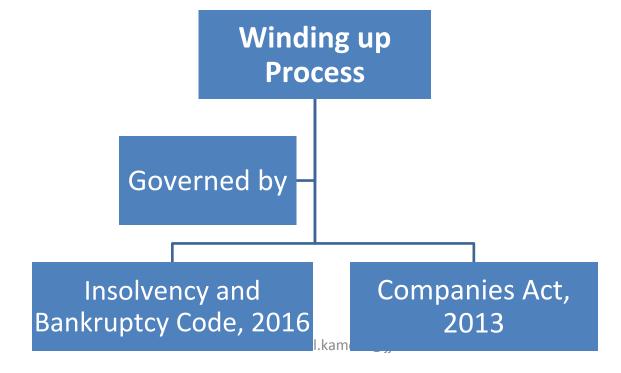
Books Register;

Register of unclaimed dividends & undistributed properties deposited in accordance with Regulation 39;

Such other books or registers as may be necessary to account for transactions entered into by him in relation to the corporate debtor;

Winding up, liquidation & dissolution

- Sec 2(94A) of the Companies Act, 2013 defines "winding up"- introduced by Sec 255 the Eleventh Schedule of the IBC 2016
- "Winding Up" 'winding up under this Act or under Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016'



Winding up and Applicable Provisions

CORPORATE INSOLVENCY RESOLUTION PROCESS (INABILITY TO PAY)

- IBC, 2016
- IBBI (Insolvency Resolution Process for Corporate Persons) Regulations, 2016

WINDING UP ON GROUNDS OTHER THAN INABILITY TO PAY

- Companies Act, 2013
- Companies Court Rules, 1959

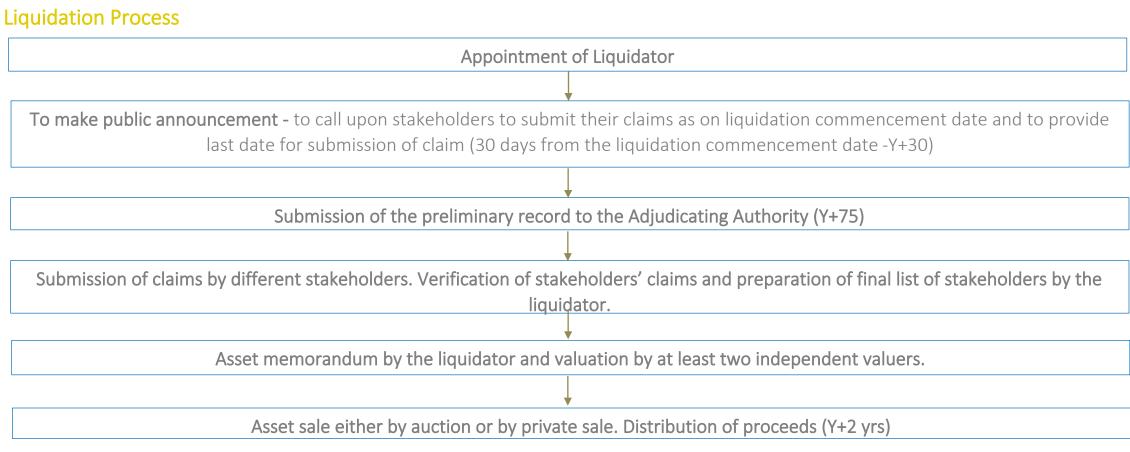
VOLUNTARY WINDING UP

- Section 59 of the IBC, 2016
- The IBBI (Voluntary Liquidation Process). Regulation, 2017
- (Both w.e.f 1st April 2017)

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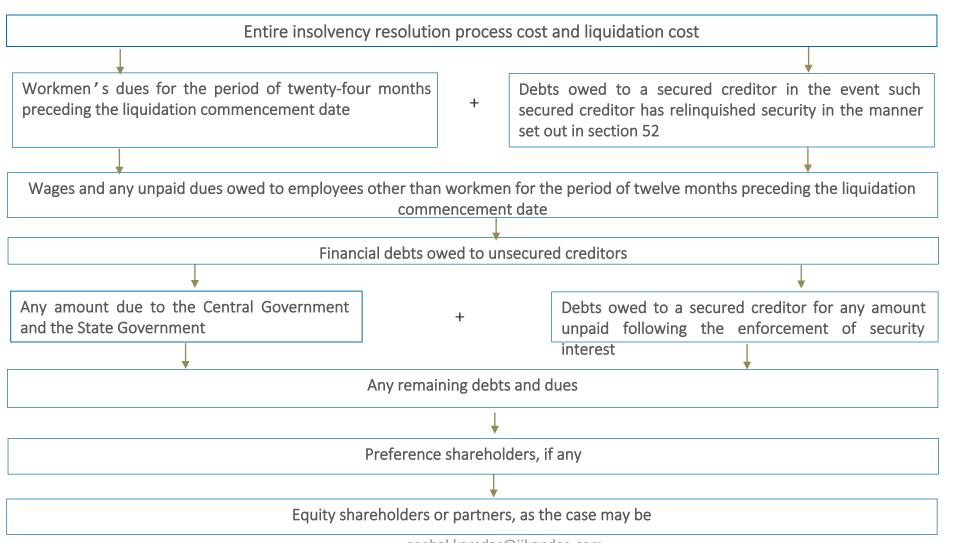
Liquidation and distribution of recovery proceeds

The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India has framed new regulations under 'Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Liquidation Process) Regulations, 2016 [the regulation]' to deal with liquidation process



Liquidation waterfall

Section 53 of the Code deals with distribution of assets sale proceeds along with liquidation waterfall.



Part III (\$78-187)

INSOLVENCY RESOLUTION AND BANKRUPTCY FOR INDIVIDUAL AND PARTNERSHIP FIRMS

- C I Preliminary S 78 & 79
- CII Fresh Start Process S 80 to 93
- C III Insolvency Resolution Process S 94 to 120
- C IV Bankruptcy Order for Individuals and Partnership Firms S 121 to 148
- C V Administration and Distribution of the Estate of the Bankrupt S 149 to
 178
- C VI Adjudicating Authority for Individuals and Partnership Firms S 179 to
 183
- C VII Offences and Penalties S 184 to 187

Fresh Start: Eligibility Conditions

Maximum Gross Annual Income of Rs. 60000 Maximum aggregate value of assets Rs. 20000

Maximum aggregate value of qualifying debts Rs. 35000

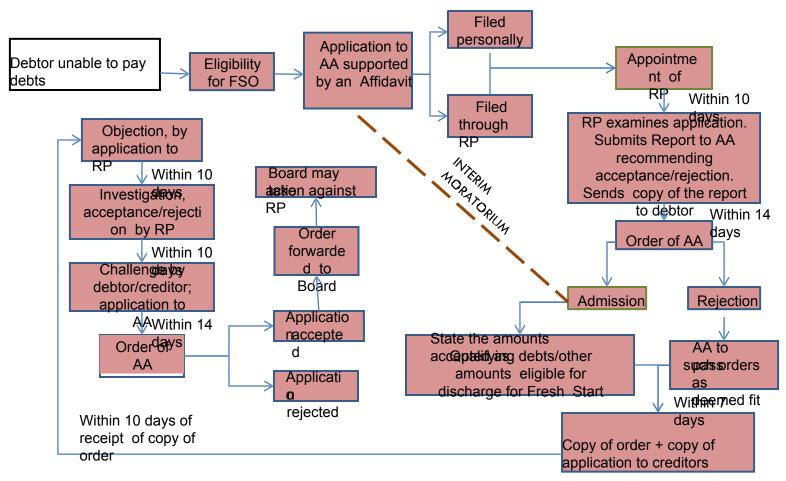
No dwelling unit

Not an undischarged bankrupt

No Fresh Start Process/Insolvency Process/Bankruptcy process subsisting

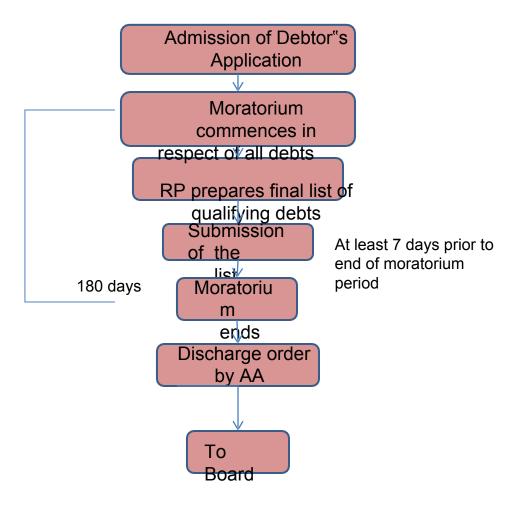
No Fresh Start Order in the last 12 months prior to the date of application

Fresh Start Process [Phase I: Admission of Debtor's Application]



Fresh Start Process

[Phase II: Discharge Order]



Insolvency Resolution Process

- Application to AA
- By debtor committing the default

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    Personally or through RP
    In respect of a partnership firm, all or majority of the partners shall jointly apply; single partner is not eligible.
    Only in respect of debts which are not excluded debts.
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An undischarged bankrupt, or a debtor already undergoing FSP, IRP or Bankruptcy order not eligible to apply.

Also, if there is an existing IRP, admitted during 12 months preceding the date of submission of application.

By creditor

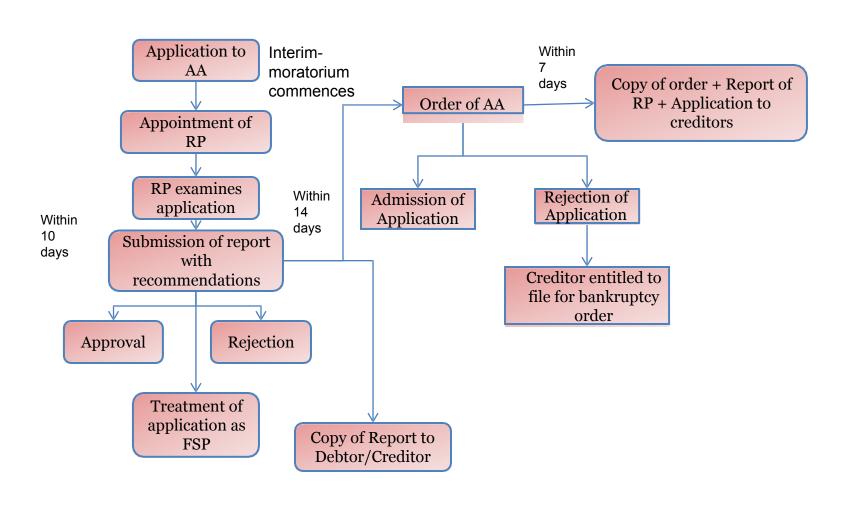
© Personally, or jointly with other creditors, or through RP.

Against the firm or any one or more partners of the firm.

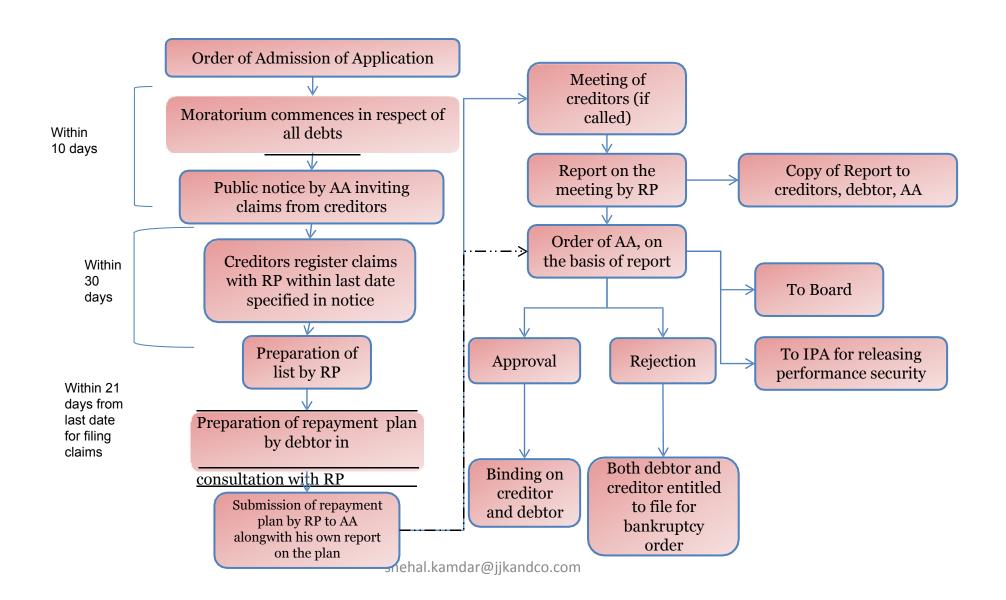
©Copy of application to the debtor.

- Manner of appointment of RP
- Same as that in FSP
- Effect of filing application
- Commencement of interim-moratorium
- ☐ To end on admission of such application

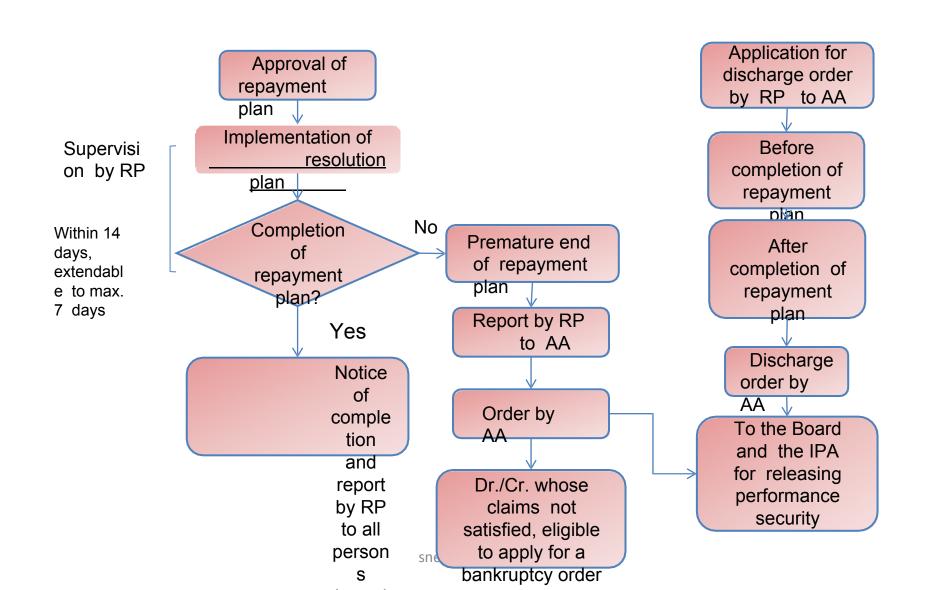
Insolvency Resolution Process: Phase I



Insolvency Resolution Process: Phase II



Insolvency Resolution Process: Phase III



Application for bankruptcy order

- To AA
- By a creditor, individually or jointly with other creditors
- By debtor
- In case of a firm, application may be filed by any of its partners
- Within 3 months of the order passed by AA under Section 100(4), or 115(2), or 118(3), as the case may be (refer succeeding slide)
- Applicant may propose an insolvency professional to act as

bankruptcy trustee

- Application shall not be withdrawn without the leave of AA
- Interim moratorium commences once application is filed
- Terminates on bankruptcy commencement date
- Such interim-moratorium provisions not to apply to transactions notified by the Central Government in consultation with any financial sector regulator

Bankruptcy Order - When can be applied for?

Creditor entitled to file application

Application for IRP is rejected by AA under Section 100(4)

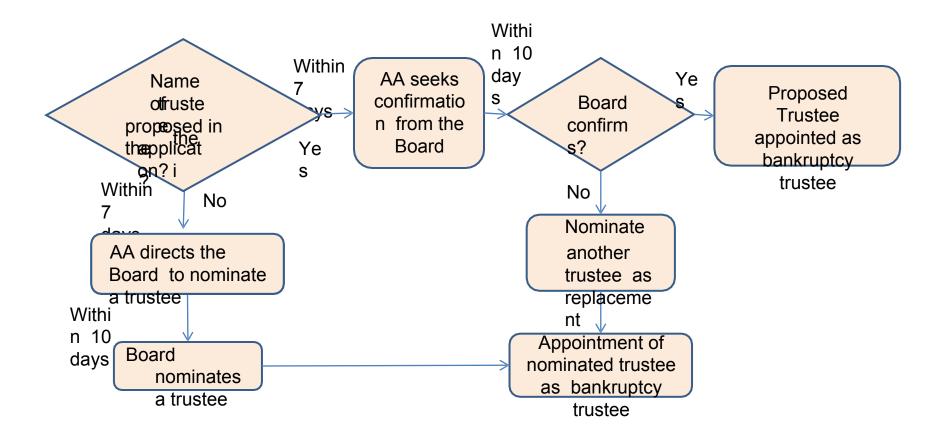
Order by AA recording rejection of repayment plan by meeting of creditors (Section 115(2))

Both debtor and creditor entitled to apply

Order of AA on premature ending of the repayment plan under Section 118(3)

Bankruptcy Order by AA The debtor or the creditor, whose claims have not been fully satisfied entitled to apply

Appointment of bankruptcy trustee



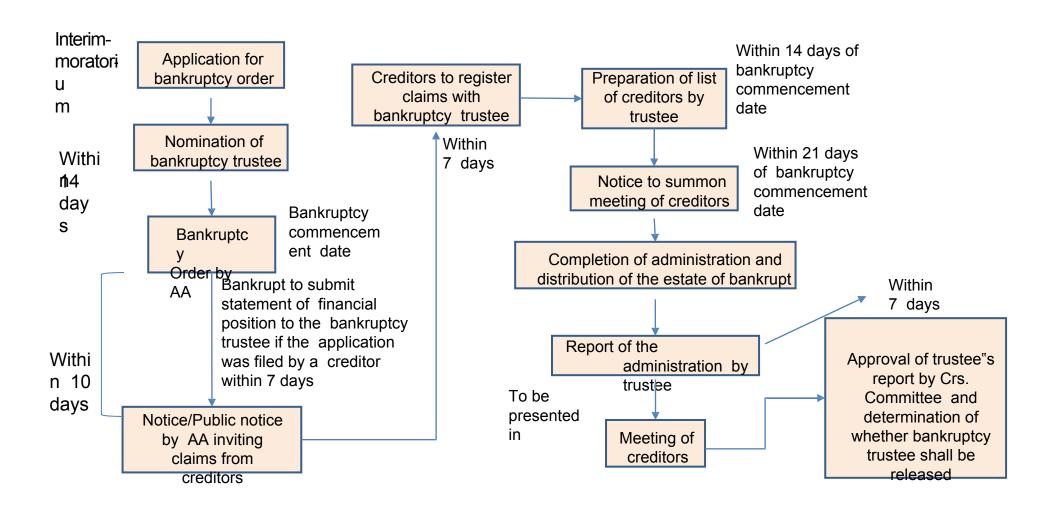
Bankruptcy Order

- By AA, within 14 days of nomination of bankruptcy trustee
- Effective till discharge of the bankrupt
- Effects
- the estate of the bankrupt to vest in the bankruptcy trustee
- the estate of the bankrupt to be divided among his creditors
- bar on a creditor to commence proceedings in respect of a debt claimed as bankruptcy debt
- right of a secured creditor to realize or otherwise deal with his

security interest not affected

Mo entitlement to any interest in respect of debt after the bankruptcy commencement date if no steps are taken to realise the security within 30 days from the said date

Bankruptcy Order



The Estate of the Bankrupt

- Vesting
- In the bankruptcy trustee immediately from the date of his appointment
- Effective without any conveyance, assignment or transfer
- Inclusions in the estate
- All property belonging to or vested in the bankrupt at the bankruptcy commencement

date

- Capacity to exercise powers over such property (or capacity to initiate proceedings for exercising such powers) existing at the bankruptcy commencement date or before the date of discharge order
- Property, which by virtue of this law, is comprised in the estate
- Exclusions from the estate
- Excluded assets
- Property held on trust
- Assets as notified by the Central Government in consultation with financial regulator

Discharge order

- Application by bankruptcy trustee to AA
- Earlier of –
- Expiry of 1 year from the bankruptcy commencement date
- Within 7 days of the approval of the committee of creditors of the completion of administration of estate of the bankrupt, if the said approval is accorded before the expiry of 1 year from the bankruptcy commencement date
- Effects
- Bankrupt is released from all bankruptcy debts
- In case the application for discharge is filed within 7 days of the creditors' approval,

the discharge does not affect

s functions of the bankruptcy trustee

sthe operation of the provisions of Chapters IV and V of Part III

- These remain unaffected
- Right of the secured creditor to enforce his security for the payment of a debt from

which the bankrupt is discharged

- Bankrupt is not released in respect of debts incurred by means of fraud or breach of trust to which he was a party
- Bankrupt is not released from any excluded debt

Proof of debt

- Bankruptcy trustee to give notice to every creditor
- Within 14 days from days of preparing list of creditors
- Copy of decree valid proof
- Interest on debt provable as part of the debt
- Except in so far as owed in respect of period after bankruptcy commencement date
- Proof of debt by secured creditors-
- Realises his security, produce proof of the balance due to him;
- Surrenders security to the bankruptcy trustee for the general benefit of the creditors
- May produce proof of his whole claim

Priority of payment

□The costs and expenses incurred by the **bankruptcy** trustee \square Secondly, The workmen's dues for the period of 24 months preceding the bankruptcy commencement date; and Debts owed to **secured creditors**; □ Wages and any unpaid dues owed to **employees**, other than workmen, of the bankrupt for the period of 12 months preceding the bankruptcy commencement date □ Central Government and the State Government dues other debts and dues owed by the including bankrupt snehal.kamdar@jjkandco.com

unsecured debts

Preferential transactions

- Sec 43- Corporates & Sec 165 Individuals
- Examples-
- payment or set-off of debts not yet due;
- performance of acts no obligation to perform;
- granting of a security interest to secure existing unsecured debts;
- unusual methods of payment;
- payment of a debt of considerable size in comparison to the assets of the debtor;
- payment of debts in response to extreme pressure from a creditor
- Defences available
- transaction as consistent with normal commercial practice
- ordinary course of business
- new credit & new value
- counterparty proves that it was unaware of a preference
- no knowledge of the debtor's insolvency.
- Creation of an escrow in favour of certain pavees was held to

Undervalued transaction

- Sec 45 Corporate & Sec 164 Individuals
- What is not an arm s length transaction is an undervalued transaction
- Imply unequal exchange
- What constitutes an "undervalued transaction"?
- Gift
- Significantly less value
- Not of "proportionate value" but "ordinary course of business" – Is it covered under undervalued transaction?
- In Hill vs Spread Trustee Co Limited, creation of security

creditors

- Sec 49- Corporate
- the transaction is an undervalued transaction under sub- section (2) of section 45;
- such transaction was deliberately entered into by the

corporate debtor;

- the transaction was entered into:
- (a) for keeping assets of the corporate debtor beyond the

reach of any person who is entitled to make a claim (b) to adversely affect the interests of such a person in relation to the claim.

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Transactions

- Sec 50 Corporate & Sec 167 Individuals
- What constitutes "extortionate"?
- Cannot presume that every regulated financial services provider will necessarily be compliant with either the law, or self-framed fair lending code

Power of the RP or liquidator to seek avoidance and reversal of transactions

- Broad description of the transaction to be avoided
- Any transfer made to a certain creditor, surety or guarantor.

So as to put the recipient in a beneficial position in relation to other creditors

- Gifts or transfer of property at a value significantly lower than the consideration paid by the debtor.
- Any transaction deliberately intended.
 sto put the assets of entity beyond the reach
 adversely affect the interest to any claim
- Any financial or operating debt on exorbitant terms.

Distribution of Assets: Order of Priority

- Insolvency resolution process costs and the liquidation costs paid in full
- debts which shall rank equally
- debts owed to a secured creditor in the event such secured creditor has relinquished

security

- workmen"s dues for the period of 24 months preceding the liquidation commencement date
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- financial debts owed to unsecured creditors
- dues which shall rank equally
- amount due to the CG and the SG
- consolidated Fund of India and the Consolidated Fund of India and the Consolidated Fund of a State, if any, in respect of the whole or any part of the period of 2 years preceding the liquidation commencement date;
- debts owed to a secured creditor for any amount unpaid following the enforcement of security interest;
- any remaining debts and dues;
- preference shareholders, if any; and
- equity shareholders or partners, as the case

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Distribution of Assets: Order of Priority

- The section brings very important changes in the priority of distribution.
- First, it puts government dues, which, by several specific statutes are put on the top of the waterfall, to a position below unsecured lenders.
- Second, it distinguishes between financial creditors and operational creditors, putting the former in priority over the latter.
- Third, by putting the unrealized part of a secured creditor"s claim who enforces security interest outside liquidation, to a position subordinated to unsecured creditors, it gives a positive temptation to secured creditors to join the queue in winding up, and gain priority.

CRITICAL QUESTION FOR SECURED CREDITOR

Creditors will have to take an early call on Secure Liquidation
 -Whether to Stay Out of Liquidation or Stay in

Staying out – secured creditor enforces security interest, for remaining claim, he is at par with unsecured lenders Staying in - secured creditor relinquishes security interest. Asset becomes part of the common pool. Secured creditor gains first priority out of all assets

Decision to be based on:

GLTV ratio of the secured asset vs. LTV ratio of other free assets

of the entity

Recovery rate depends on the choice

Choice once made cannot be changed

Provisioning Implications of the Code

- Once an insolvency resolution application is filed
- Prima facie, this is an indication of weakness in credit; should warrant provisioning
- Once resolution application is sanctioned
- Provisioning may be required based on the fair value of the restructured facility
- Once company goes into liquidation
- Deeper provisioning may be required looking at the deficit on assets

Stage-wise Submission of Reports

- The liquidator shall prepare and submit to the AA
- sale report(s)
- cs On sale of an asset
- minutes of consultation with stakeholders
- the final report prior to dissolution

Resolution Plan

- Section 5 (26) defines "resolution plan" -
- a plan proposed by any person for insolvency resolution of the corporate debtor as a going concern in accordance with Part II
- Resolution plan is prepared by resolution applicants
- Resolution applicant can be creditors of the corporate debtor, prospective lenders, prospective investors, or any other person
- Resolution plan shall be prepared on the basis of information memorandum prepared by RP

Vertical comparison

- Section 30(2) of the Code provides for essential components in the resolution plan which calls for vertical comparison
- Resolution plan must provide for –
- Repayment of debts of operational creditors in such manner as may be specified by the Board
- Shall not be less that the amount to be paid to the operational creditors in the event of liquidation of the corporate debtor under section 53
- Vertical comparison means a comparison between a creditor's entitlement in the resolution plan and in a hypothetical liquidation

Duties of liquidator

- Make public announcement
- Within 5 days from appointment
- Verify the claims submitted
- Within 30 days from the last date for receipt of claims
- File the list of stakeholders with AA
- Within 45 days from the last date for receipt of claims
- Inform the secured creditor if a person is willing to buy

the secured asset

- Within 21 days of receipt of the intimation
- liquidate the corporate debtor
- Within a period of 2 years

Liquidator's fee

 Fee payable to the liquidator shall form part of the

liquidation cost

- Liquidator shall be paid fees as decided by the committee before a liquidation order is passed under section 33(1)(a) and 33(2)
- In all other cases, liquidator shall be paid fees as

provided in next slide

Liquidator's fee

Amount of Realisation /	Percentage of fee on the amount realized / distributed				
Distribution (In rupees)	in the first six	in the next six	in the next one	Thereafter	
	months	months	year		
Amoi	unt of Realisation (ex	clusive of liquidation	costs)		
On the first 1 crore	5.00	3.75	2.50	1.88	
On the next 9 crore	3.75	2.80	1.88	1.41	
On the next 40 crore	2.50	1.88	1.25	0.94	
On the next 50 crore	1.25	0.94	0.68	0.51	
On further sums realized	0.25	0.19	0.13	0.10	
	Amount Distribut	ted to Stakeholders			
On the first 1 crore	2.50	1.88	1.25	0.94	
On the next 9 crore	1.88	1.40	0.94	0.71	
On the next 40 crore	1.25	0.94	0.63	0.47	
On the next 50 crore	0.63	0.48	0.34	0.25	
On further sums distributed	0.13	0.10	0.06	0.05	

Tabulating Liquidation and Voluntary Liquidation Process under the IBC, 2016

S.No	Particulars	Part/Regulation	Liquidation of Corporate Persons	Voluntary Liquidation of Corporate Persons
1	Sections applicable	Both fall under Part II of the Code on INSOLVENCY RESOLUTION AND LIQUIDATION FOR CORPORATE PERSONS	Chapter III Sections 33-54	Chapter V Section – 59
2	Offence and Penalties	Chapter VII of Part II – on Offences and Penalties	S 69 to 77 for Liquidation – for the penal provision.	Applicable Chapter VII
	Regulations Applicable and w.e.f	snehal	IBBI (Liquidation Process) Regulations, 2016 W.e.f 15 th December 2016 l.kamdar@jjkandco.com	IBBI (Voluntary Liquidation Process) Regulations, 2017 W.e.f 1 st April 2017

4	Number of Regulations	41 Regulations	46 Regulations
		Schedules I&II	Schedules
		I – Proof of Claims	I, II and III
		II – Books	
5	Liquidation Commencement Date	Defined under IBC code 2016 Section3(17) - "Liquidation commencement date" means the date on which proceedings for liquidation commence in accordance with section 33 or section 59, as the case may be; Insolvency Commencement Date(Sec 50, Sec 46, Sec 43, Sec 36, Date of the	Defined under Regulation 2(1)© - The date on which the proceedings for voluntary liquidation commence as per section 59(5) and Regulation 3(4)
		Commencement of the Liquidation (Sec 38), Liquidation Commencement Date (Sec 53).	
		Definition of Insolvency Commencement Date – Sec 3(12) of the IBC Code 2016 - "insolvency commencement date" means the date of admission of an application for initiating corporate insolvency resolution process by the Adjudicating _kamdar@jjkandco.com Authority under sections 7, 9 or section 10,	

6	Stakeholders		Regulations 2(1)(k) -"stakeholders" means the stakeholders entitled to distribution of proceeds under section 53.	Regulations 2(1)(f) - "stakeholders" mean the stakeholders entitled to proceeds from the sale of liquidation assets under section 53.
7.	Creditor's Approval	snehal	There is no question of approval of creditors in a regular liquidation process from section 33 to 54, though it can be initiated by them 1.kamdar@jjkandco.com	Section 59 – Regulations Proviso to Regulation 3(1)© - Creditors representing 2/3rds of the value of debt shall approve within seven days from the date of passing of the resolution

	Initiation of Liquidation Process	Liquidation of a Corporate Person Is Initiated under Section 33 of IBC, 2016 by an order of the Adjudicating Authority -When Resolution plan is not received or -When the Resolution Plan is rejected -Decision of the Committee of Creditors to liquidate the Corporate Debtor -On Contravention of the Resolution Plan approved by AA, application to AA by those whose interest is affected	
9	Appointment of Liquidator	-Resolution Professional appointed for	Resolution passed in the General meeting for Voluntary liquidation and appointment of the Liquidator

10	Replacement of Liquidator		Under section 34(4) of the IBC, 2016 the AA replaces the liquidator on two grounds -The Resolution plan submitted u/s 30 fails to meet the requirement -The board recommends replacement of liquidator	No specific provision
11.	Liquidator's Fee		Section 34(9) states that the Liquidator's fee shall be paid from the proceeds of liquidation estate. According to Regulation 4 -Fee agreed upon by the Committee of Creditor before Liquidation order passed under 33(1)(a) and 33(2). (Reg 4(2)) -Fee as a percentage of assets realized in all other cases (Reg 4(3))	According to regulation 7 the liquidator remuneration will form part of Liquidation Cost
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Powers and Duties of the Liquidator	Section 35(1) (a) to (o) defines 15 duties and powers of the Liquidator Chapter III covering regulations 5-11 1.Reporting 2.Books to be maintained 3.Appointment of Professionals 4.Consultation with Stakeholders 5.Personnel to extend co-operation 6.Disclaimer of Onerous property 7.Extortionate Credit transactions	Chapter IV covering regulations 8-14 1.Reporting 2.Books to be maintained 3.Appointment of Professionals 4.Consultation with Stakeholders 5.Extortionate Credit transactions 6.Public Announcement
Power of the Liquidator to access information	Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law for the time being in force, the liquidator can access information from -an information utility -credit information systems -agency of Central, State or Local Government -Financial/Non- Financial information utility -Information systems for securities -Database of the board -Any other source specified by the board	Same thing applicable for Voluntary liquidation due to application of section 59(6)

14	Liquidation Estate	liquidator holds it in a	Estate of the assets listed under section 36 mainly those on which it has ownership rights. It also includes assets that do not form part of the assets under 36(4) mainly assets owned by a third party	corporate persons with such modifications as may be necessary.
	Consolidation and Verification of Claims	2016	 The liquidator shall receive or collect claims within 30 days from the date of commencement of Liquidation Both financial and operational creditors shall submit claims with supporting documents Financial creditor (Form Claims can be withdrawn within 14 days from the date of submission The claims are verified and further supporting evidence may be requested by the liquidator 	 Same provisions- Section 59(6) Claims shall be proved by the stakeholder (Reg 15) Following forms are submitted Operational Creditor Form B of Schedule I (Reg 16) Financial Creditor Form C Schedule I (Reg 17) Workmen and employees – Form D of Schedule I (Reg 18) Other stakeholder Form E of Schedule I The claimant shall bear the cost of proving its claims Foreign Currency debts are converted into Indian Rupees on the liquidation commencement date The claims shall be verified within 30 days by the liquidator The liquidator shall prepare a list of stake holders within 45 days from the last date for receipt of claims

Difference between Part II and Part III of the Code

Noticeable differences	Part II - Corporates & LLP	Part III - Individual &Partnership
Adjudicating Authority	NCLT	DRT
Interim Moratorium	Not available	From the date of Application
Professionals	Interim Resolution professional & Resolution Professional	Resolution Professional
Professionals		Resolution Professional
Demand Notice	10 days	14 Days
Public Notice to be issued	Applicant	Adjudicating authority
Public Notice to be Given	3 days	7 days
Claims	14 Days	21 Days

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CoC Meeting	7 days from the date of Constitution of CoC	Nil
IM	14 Day from the date of Constitution of CoC	Nil
Plan	Resolution Plan	Repayment plan
Notice of the Meeting	7 days	14 days
Adjournment of Meeting	Next day	7 days
Publication Notice	5 days	10 days
Consolidation of Claims	30 days	7 days
List of Creditors	30 days	14 Days
Meeting of Creditors	Nil	21 Days

Institutional Entities under IBC, 2016

Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI)	
Adjudicating Authority (AA) – NCLT, NCLAT, DRT, DRAT, SC	
Insolvency Professionals Agencies (IPA)	
Insolvency Professionals (IP)	
Information Utilities (IU)	

Insolvency Professional

A person enrolled u/s 206 with an insolvency professional agency as it's MEMBER

And Registered with the Board u/s 207.

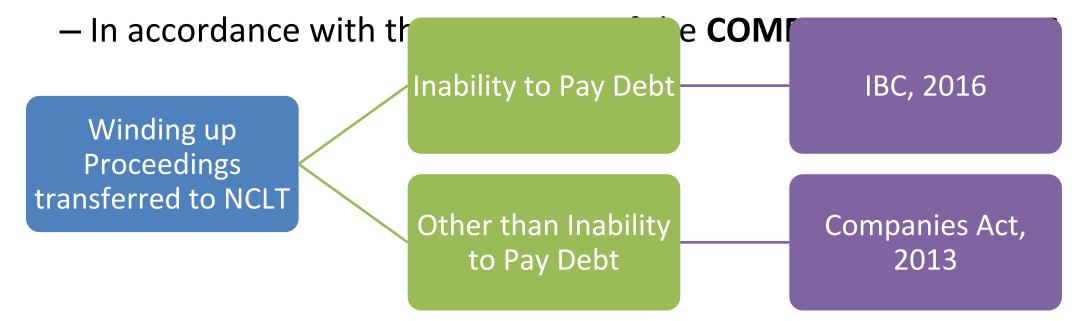
Transfer of Proceedings from High Court to Tribunal

COMPANIES (TRANSFER OF PENDING PROCEEDINGS) RULES, 2016 clarifies as follows

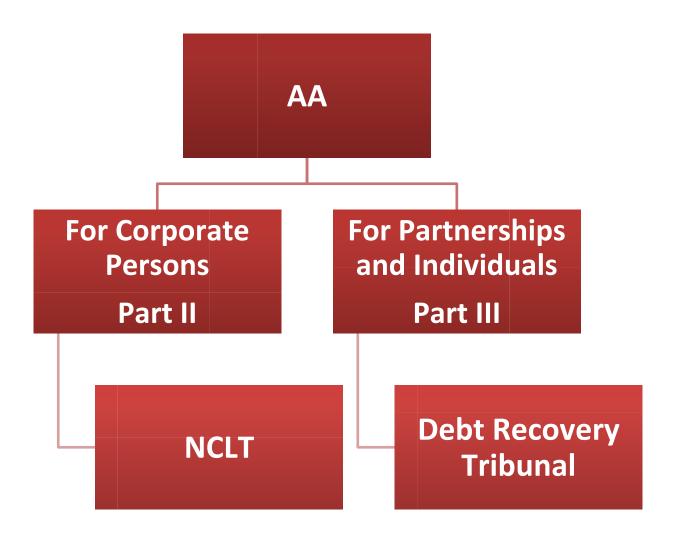
- Winding up proceedings pending before High Court (HC) on account of inability to pay debts
 - All proceedings pending before HC as on 15th December, 2016
 - And the notice for which has not been served on the respondent
 - Shall stand transferred to the respective Bench of the Tribunal having jurisdiction
 - And shall be dealt with according to the PROVISIONS OF THE CODE
- Winding up proceedings pending before High Court (HC) on account of other than inability to pay debts
 - All proceedings pending before HC as on 15th December, 2016
 - And the notice for which has not been served on the respondent
 - Shall stand transferred to the respective Bench of the Tribunal having jurisdiction
 - And shall be dealt with according to the provisions of the COMPANIES ACT, 2013

Transfer of Proceedings from High Court to Tribunal...

- Winding up proceedings pending before High Court (HC) relating to Voluntary Winding Up
 - All proceedings pending before HC as on 1st April, 2017
 - Shall continue to be dealt with by the High Courts



Adjudicating Authority (AA)



Adjudicating Authority for corporate persons

- National Company Law Tribunal
- having territorial jurisdiction over the place where the registered office of the company is located
- •Appellate Authority is the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal
- Appeal to be filed within 30 days
- Extension of maximum 15 days allowed, provided there is "sufficient cause"
- Appeal to Hon'ble Supreme Court
- Against orders of NCLAT on a question of law
- Within 45 days of receipt of NCLAT's order
- Jurisdiction of any Civil Court of authority barred
- Strict timelines for NCLT/NCLAT
- Reasons to be recorded for not passing orders within time limits specified in the Code
- Non-obstante provisions override the Companies Act, 2013
- President of NCLT/Chairperson of NGLAT may extend the period specified under the Code to a maximum of 10 days reasons to be

Adjudicating Authority for individuals and Firms

- The Debt Recovery Tribunal (constituted under the RDDBFI Act)
- having territorial jurisdiction over the place where the individual debtor actually and voluntarily resides or carries on business or personally works for gain
- Appellate authority is the Debt Recovery Appellate Tribunal
- Appeal to be filed within 30 days
- Extension of maximum 15 days possible, provided there is "sufficient cause"
- Appeal to Supreme Court
- Against an order of DRAT(on question of law), within 45 days
- Extension possible for further 15 days, in case there is "sufficient cause"
- Jurisdiction of any Civil court or authority barred
- Abidance to timelines
- In case order is not passed by DRT/DRAT within specified timelines, reasons shall be recorded in writing
- Chairperson of the DRAT may extend the timelines
- Extension limits not specified, unlike in the case of NCLT/NCLAT

Resolution Professional / Liquidator

"Resolution Professional", for the purposes of this Part, means

- an insolvency professional
- appointed to conduct the corporate insolvency resolution process and
- includes an interim resolution professional

"Liquidator" means

- an insolvency professional appointed as a liquidator
- in accordance with the provisions of Chapter III or Chapter V of this Part.

Insolvency Professional Agency

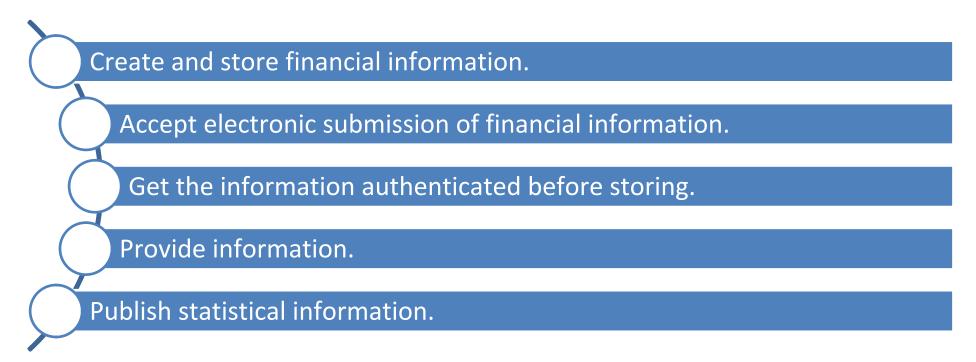
"Insolvency Professional Agency" means any person registered with the Board under section 201 as an insolvency professional agency"

- Indian Institute of Insolvency Professional of ICAI –
- Web site <u>www.iiipicai.in</u>
- Other IPAs <u>www.icsiipa.com</u>
- www.ipaicmai.in

Information Utility

"Information utility means a person who is registered with the Board under section 210"

Role and Responsibility



Appeals – Sec 61

Points for discussion	Section 10FQ of the Co Act, 1956	Section 421 of the Companies Act, 2013	Section 61 of the Code
The authority the order of which is appealable	NCLT	NCLT	NCLT
When an appeal cannot be filed	Where the order was made by NCLT with the consent of parties.	Where the order is made by NCLT with the consent of parties.	No such provision
Who can file an appeal?	Any person aggrieved	Any person aggrieved	Any person aggrieved
Appellate authority	NCLAT	NCLAT	NCLAT
Time-limit for filing an appeal	Within 45 days	Within 45 days	Within 30 days
Extension of time-limit	No limit specified, though thereis a provision for extension	Not exceeding 45 days	Not exceeding 15 days

Appeals – Sec 62

Points of comparison	Section 10GF of the Companies Act, 1956	Section 423 of the Companies Act, 2013	Section 62 of the Code
Who can file an appeal?	Any person aggrieved by the order of NCLAT	Any person aggrieved by the order of NCLAT	Any person aggrieved by the order of NCLAT
Appeal may be made before	Supreme Court	Supreme Court	Supreme Court
Time-limit for filing an appeal	Within 60 days	Within 60 days	Within 45 days
Extension of time-limit	Not exceeding 60 days	Not exceeding 60 days	Not exceeding 15 days

Insolvency Professionals to act as Interim Resolution Professionals (Recommendation) Guidelines, 2017

Issued on 25th May, 2017

Provides:

- Who can act as IRP?
- Determination of Vicinity
- Expression of Interest of IPs in Form A
- Eligible IPs
- Process of selection of IP

Useful websites

- www.mca.gov.in
- www.ibbi.gov.in
- www.insol.org
- www.insolindia.com
- www.iiipicai.org
- www.icsiipa.com
- www.ipaicmai.in
- www.insolvencyprofessionals.org.in





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