

#### HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING - via LAS v/s Edu Loan

We all know how important it is go for higher education and how much value it adds to self as well as the organisation or even country for that matter. Since this is one of the major goals one could have, it requires planning as well as funding in the right way. In this article, let us analyse which funding methodology is better in terms of the net outflow and how it is going to affect us.

## EXAMPLE:

Let us consider a loan amount of ₹ 80,00,000 and evaluate in both cases – availing an education loan v/s availing a loan against securities (LAS). Let us consider a tenure of 8 years (The interest paid on an education loan is tax-free for eight years) to have an apple to apple comparison.

#### **Education Loan Calculation**

Assuming an interest rate of 12%, we can see how the interest component is calculated every month and the corresponding tax saved on it (assuming you are in 30% tax slab). So though the total outflow is around 1.24 Cr, the net outflow considering the tax amount saved i.e. about 13.44 lakh, would be much lower i.e. about 1.11 Cr.

|                       |       |                   | Education L          | oan      |           |  |                          |
|-----------------------|-------|-------------------|----------------------|----------|-----------|--|--------------------------|
| Loan Amount<br>Tenure |       |                   | Interest<br>Rate 12% |          |           | <b>Total Outflow</b><br>Total Tax<br>Saved | 1,24,82,182<br>13,44,655 |
| Date                  | Month | Loan<br>Amount/OS | ΕΜΙ                  | Interest | Principal | Closing                                    | Tax Saved                |
| 01-09-2023            | 1     | 80,00,000         | 1,30,023             | 80,000   | 50,023    | 79,49,977                                  | 24,000                   |
| 01-10-2023            | 2     | 79,49,977         | 1,30,023             | 79,500   | 50,523    | 78,99,454                                  | 23,850                   |
| 01-11-2023            | 3     | 78,99,454         | 1,30,023             | 78,995   | 51,028    | 78,48,426                                  | 23,698                   |
| 01-12-2023            | 4     | 78,48,426         | 1,30,023             | 78,484   | 51,538    | 77,96,888                                  | 23,545                   |
| 01-01-2024            | 5     | 77,96,888         | 1,30,023             | 77,969   | 52,054    | 77,44,834                                  | 23,391                   |
| 01-02-2024            | 6     | 77,44,834         | 1,30,023             | 77,448   | 52,574    | 76,92,259                                  | 23,235                   |
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Higher Education Funding- A comparative Analysis of LAS vs Education Loan

| 01-06-2031 | 94 | 3,82,395 | 1,30,023 | 3,824 | 1,26,199 | 2,56,196 | 1,147 |
|------------|----|----------|----------|-------|----------|----------|-------|
| 01-07-2031 | 95 | 2,56,196 | 1,30,023 | 2,562 | 1,27,461 | 1,28,735 | 769   |
| 01-08-2031 | 96 | 1,28,735 | 1,30,023 | 1,287 | 1,28,735 | 0        | 386   |

Similarly let us have a look at:

## Loan Against Security Calculations:

Assuming the rate @ 9%, we can see that the interest pay out at the end of the 8 year term would sum up to around 32.5 lakhs. So the net outflow would be around 1.12 Cr.

| LAS_Repaying Monthly |                 |                |                     |                |                    |  |  |
|----------------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|--------------------|--|--|
| LAS<br>Interest Rate | 80,00,000<br>9% |                | Total Interest Payo | 32,51,356      |                    |  |  |
| Date                 | Month           | Loan Amount/OS | Payout Monthly      | Principal Paid | Interest<br>Payout |  |  |
| 01-09-2023           | 1               | 80,00,000      | 1,17,202            | 57,202         | 60,000             |  |  |
| 01-10-2023           | 2               | 79,42,798      | 1,17,202            | 57,631         | 59,571             |  |  |
| 01-11-2023           | 3               | 78,85,168      | 1,17,202            | 58,063         | 59,139             |  |  |
| 01-12-2023           | 4               | 78,27,105      | 1,17,202            | 58,498         | 58,703             |  |  |
| 01-01-2024           | 5               | 77,68,607      | 1,17,202            | 58,937         | 58,265             |  |  |
| 01-02-2024           | 6               | 77,09,669      | 1,17,202            | 59,379         | 57,823             |  |  |
|                      |                 |                |                     |                |                    |  |  |
| 01-05-2031           | 93              | 4,60,147       | 1,17,202            | 1,13,751       | 3,451              |  |  |
| 01-06-2031           | 94              | 3,46,396       | 1,17,202            | 1,14,604       | 2,598              |  |  |
| 01-07-2031           | 95              | 2,31,792       | 1,17,202            | 1,15,463       | 1,738              |  |  |
| 01-08-2031           | 96              | 1,16,329       | 1,17,202            | 1,16,329       | 872                |  |  |



## **BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF THE ANALYSIS:**

| Education Loan                    |             | LAS                               |             |  |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|--|
| Total Intetest pay out for 8 Year | 44,82,182   | Total Intetest pay out for 8 Year | 32,51,356   |  |
| Principal                         | 80,00,000   | Principal                         | 80,00,000   |  |
| Total                             | 1,24,82,182 | Total                             | 1,12,51,356 |  |
| Tax Saved over 8 year Period      | 13,44,655   |                                   |             |  |
| Total Net ouflow                  | 1,11,37,528 | Total Net out flow                | 1,12,51,356 |  |

## CONCLUSION:

It is clear that, with LAS at a lower interest rate of 9% and Education loan at a higher interest rate of 12% for the same tenure of 8 years, the net outflow that we incur is lower with Education loan when compared to that of LAS. In this particular case, we pay 10 lakh more in LAS than we do in Education Loan. It is always recommended to weigh the options available before taking a call.

# **Research Desk**

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