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SUPREME COURT EASES CORPORATE COMPLIANCE: NO ADDITIONAL STAMP DUTY ON SHARE CAPITAL INCREASES AFTER CAP REACHED

Facts of the Case:

- National Organic Chemical Industries Limited (NOCIL), a company incorporated under the Companies Act, initially paid stamp duty of ₹1,12,80,000 in 1992 when it increased its authorized share capital from ₹36 crore to ₹600 crore under the Bombay Stamp Act, 1958.
- Subsequently, NOCIL further increased its authorized share capital and filed the requisite forms with the **Registrar of Companies (RoC)**.
- The **State of Maharashtra** demanded additional stamp duty for the subsequent increases in authorized share capital, asserting that each increase necessitated separate stamp duty payments

Issue:

• Whether a company is liable to pay additional stamp duty on every increase in its authorized share capital if the maximum prescribed duty has already been paid under the relevant stamp laws?

Supreme Court's Verdict:

- The Supreme Court held that once the maximum stamp duty payable on the authorized share capital of a company has been paid, no additional duty is payable for subsequent increases, unless expressly required by law.
- The Court clarified that the form filed with the RoC, notifying the increase in authorized share capital, does not constitute an instrument for the purpose of levying stamp duty under the Bombay Stamp Act, 1958.
- It emphasized that unless the state legislation specifically mandates payment of stamp duty on each increase, companies are **not obligated** to pay additional duty beyond the maximum cap.

Significance:

• This judgment provides **clarity and relief** to companies regarding stamp duty liabilities on increases in authorized share capital.



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- It ensures that companies are not subjected to multiple stamp duty payments for subsequent increases, provided the maximum duty has been paid, thereby reducing the financial burden on corporate entities.
- The decision reinforces the principle that statutory provisions must be explicit in imposing financial obligations, and ambiguities cannot be used to levy additional duties.

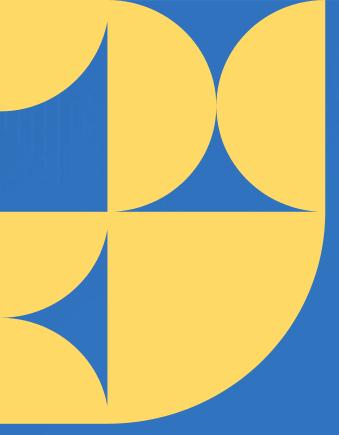
Conclusion:

The Supreme Court's ruling in this case is a landmark decision that **streamlines corporate compliance** and **promotes ease of doing business** by preventing redundant financial impositions on companies expanding their capital base.

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