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MORTGAGE ADVICE

Section 54: Exemption on Sale of House Property on Purchase of **Another House Property**

- Section 54 of the Income Tax Act, 1961 provides an exemption from long-term capital gains (LTCG) if you sell a residential house and reinvest the capital gain into another residential house.
- However, the capital gain on the sale of house property must not exceed 2 crores.

Section 54F: Exemption on capital gains on sale of any asset other than a house property

- The entire sale consideration to be invested and not only capital gain to buy a new residential house property to claim this exemption.
- The property needs to be purchased either one year before the sale or 2 years after the sale of the property.
- The gains can be **invested in the construction of a property** also. However, the construction must be completed within 3 years from the date of sale.

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Section 54EC: Exemption on Sale of House Property on Reinvesting in specific bonds

- Exemption is available under Section 54EC when capital gains from sale of the first property are reinvested into specific bonds upto ₹50 Lakh.
- The money invested can be redeemed after 5 years, but they
 cannot be sold before the lapse of 5 years from the date of sale.
- The investments need to be done within six months' time from the date of transfer but on or before the tax filing date.