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Read full Order at bit.ly/2YEvRMh #Antiprofiteering #GST @cbic_india

As per the recent tweet of Directorate General of Anti-Profiteering Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs, the NAA confirms profiteering against M/s EMAAR MGF (Proj Emerald Hill) based on DGAP Report. Direction to pass ITC benefit of ₹19.23 Cr to 909 homebuyers with interest and investigate all other projects.

The Complete Order can be accessed at: http://www.naa.gov.in/docs/1593173560emaar.pdf

Source: https://twitter.com/dgap_cbic/status/1277646181166768128

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CBIC extends date of compliance/completion of action under Customs, Excise & Service Tax upto Sept 30, 2020



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The Gazette of India vide *Notification dated June 27, 2020,* which states that the time limit for compliance or completion of action under Customs, Excise & Service Tax for the period March 20 to September 29 is extended up to September 30, 2020. The amendment is discussed as hereunder for the ease of understanding.

- (i) September 29, 2020 shall be the end date of the period during which the time limit specified in, or prescribed or notified under, the Central Excise Act, 1944 (1 of 1944), the Customs Act, 1962 (52 of 1962) (except sections 30, 30A, 41, 41A, 46 and 47), the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 (51 of 1975) or Chapter V of the Finance Act, 1994 (32 of 1994) falls for the completion or compliance of such action as specified under clause (a) or (b) of the said section; and
- (ii) September 30, 2020 shall be the end date to which the time limit for completion or compliance of such action shall stand extended.

The Notification can be accessed at: http://www.a2ztaxcorp.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Notification-laws.pdf

CBIC caps Late Fee for GSTR 3B at Rs. 500 for Tax Period from July 2017 to July 2020, for taxpayers having Tax Liability, otherwise Nil



The Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs ("CBIC") vide Notification No. 57/2020 – Central Tax dated June 30, 2020 has capped the Late Fee for Form GSTR 3B at maximum Rs. 500 (i.e. Rs. 250 for CGST and Rs. 250 for SGST or Max Rs. 500 for IGST) for the tax period July 2017 to July 2020 subject to returns being filed before September 30, 2020 w.e.f June 25, 2020.

The aforesaid notification makes amendment in **Notification No. 76/2018 – Central Tax dated December 31, 2018** ("said Notification") by way of insertion of a provisos after the third proviso providing that –

The class of registered persons mentioned in column (2) of the table of the above proviso, who fail to furnish the returns for the tax period as specified in column (3) of the said table according to the condition mentioned in the corresponding entry in column (4) of the said table but furnishes the said return till September 30, 2020, the total amount of late fee payable under Section 47 of the CGST Act, 2017 shall stand waived which is in excess of two hundred and fifty rupees and shall stand fully waived for those taxpayers where the total amount of central tax payable in the said return is nil.

It has also been provided that for the taxpayers having an aggregate turnover of more than Rupees 5 crores (> Rs. 5 Crore) in the preceding financial year, who fail to furnish the return in FORM GSTR 3B for the months of May, 2020 to July, 2020 by the due date but furnish the said return till September 30, 2020, the total amount of late fee under Section 47 of the CGST Act, 2017 shall stand waived which is in excess of two hundred and fifty rupees and shall stand fully waived for those taxpayers where the total amount of central tax payable in the said return is nil.

Read more at: https://www.cbic.gov.in/resources//htdocs-cbec/gst/notfctn-57-central-tax-english-2020.pdf

CBIC notified filing of Nil Return in Form GSTR-1 & GSTR-3B through SMS for taxpayer having Nil Liability w.e.f. July 01, 2020



CBIC vide Notification No. 58/2020 - Central Tax dated July 01, 2020, makes further amendments in the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017. The following are the amendment made by CBIC are as hereunder:-

For the rule 67A of the CGST Rules, 2017, the following rule shall be substituted, namely:-

"67A. Manner of furnishing of return or details of outward supplies by short messaging service facility.-

Notwithstanding anything contained in this Chapter, for a registered person who is required to furnish a Nil return under section 39 in FORM GSTR-3B or a Nil details of outward supplies under section 37 in FORM GSTR-1 for a tax period, any reference to electronic furnishing shall include the furnishing of the said return or the details of outward supplies through a short messaging service using the registered mobile number and the said return or the details of outward supplies shall be verified by a registered mobile number based One Time Password facility.

Explanation:- For the purpose of this rule, a Nil return or Nil details of outward supplies shall mean a return under section 39 or details of outward supplies under section 37, for a tax period that has nil or no entry in all the Tables in FORM GSTR-3B or FORM GSTR-1, as the case may be."

Therefore, a registered person having Nil tax liability can file Nil Return in Form GSTR-1 (u/s 37 of CGST Act) and Form GSTR-3B (u/s 39 of CGST Act) for a tax period through a short messaging service using the registered mobile number based on One Time Password (OTP) facility.

Note: This amendment shall come into force with effect from July 01, 2020

The Notification can be accessed at: https://www.cbic.gov.in/resources//htdocs-cbec/gst/notfctn-58-central-tax-english-2020.pdf

CBIC issued instruction to all Principal/Chief Commissioners on various Writ Petitions filed in various HC's related to TRAN 1



CBIC vide F. No. CBEC-20/10/11/2019 - GST/1001/ dated June 26, 2020, that a number of writ petitions / PILS / appeals have been or are being filed in the various High Court(s) by taxpayers who were not able to carry forward or transition the accumulated CENVAT credit under the erstwhile regime to GST regime due to non-filing of TRAN-1/TRAN-2 within due date due to technical glitches or various other reasons. Correspondences, in this regard, are received from the field formations / jurisdictional Commissionerates seeking comments/inputs on the policy issues or questions of law challenged in the said Writ petitions for filing counter affidavit in the matter. In all these cases, the petitioners, time and again, challenge the transitional provisions of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (CGST Act) and rules made thereunder.

The issues raised in most of such writ petitions/ PILs/ Appeals are similar in nature. However, inputs/ comments on the policy issues/ questions of law have to be provided to the field formations by the Policy Wing separately in each such reference from the filed formations. This not only requires duplication of efforts of the Policy Wing but also may result in undue delay in filing appropriate reply/ counter affidavit in the Courts by the field formations.

For ease of reference and in order to ensure that no such separate references are required to be made by the field formations to Policy Wing of CBIC seeking inputs/ comments on policy matters in the writ petitions / PILS / appeals filed on issues pertaining to transitional credit, including issues related to non-filing of TRAN-1/ TRAN-2 by due date and other related issues, a list of policy issues/questions of law, that are often challenged in the said writ petitions, has been compiled along with the comments of the Policy Wing thereon and is enclosed as Annexure - A.

It is requested that the field formations; under your jurisdiction may be advised to refer to the comments of the Policy Wing given in the said Annexure while filing any reply/counter-affidavit against the writ petitions / PILS / appeals related to transitional provisions. No separate reference may be made to the Policy Wing in respect of the issues covered in the said Annexure. Only if any fresh policy issue/ question of law is raised in any writ petitions / PILS / appeals which is not covered under Annexure-A enclosed herewith, the matter should be referred to the Policy Wing giving details of the specific policy issue/ question of law on which comments/ inputs of the Policy Wing are sought.

It is also reiterated that references should not be made to Policy Wing in a routine manner seeking para-wise comments on the Writ petitions/ PILs/ appeals as such and only a self-contained reference may be made to the Policy Wing clearly pointing out the exact policy issue(s) (which is/ are not covered under Annexure-A) on which comments/inputs are sought from the Policy Wing. Further, such references need to made only with the approval of the concerned Commissioner.

The Instruction can be accessed at: http://www.a2ztaxcorp.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Policy-Wing-TRAN-1.pdf

CBIC extends the validity of AEO Certification for ease of renewal process under Customs



Background:-

As per the reference is drawn to Para 5.1 Circular No. 33/2016-Customs dated 22.07.2016 amended vide Para viii of circular 03/2018-Customs dated 17.01.2018, which relates to "Validity of AEO Certificate" and reads as —

"The validity of AEO certificate shall be three years for AEO-T1 and AEO-T2, and five years for AEO-T3 and AEO-LO"

Further, various representations have been received by the field formations regarding the difficulties being faced by the AEO entities in renewing their existing certifications owing to the national lockdown. References for the extension have also been received from few entities as well.

Clarification:-

CBIC vide Circular No. 31/2020 - Customs dated June 30, 2020, has decided to extend the validity of all the AEO certificates expired/expiring between March 01, 2020 and September 30, 2020, to September 30, 2020, except

for those entities against which a negative report is received during this period. Accordingly, Circular No. 27/2020 dated 02.062020 stands modified as above.

The Circular can be accessed at: https://www.cbic.gov.in/resources/htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-circulars/cs-circulars-2020/Circular-No-31-2020.pdf

DGFT laid down the procedure for submission and approval of applications for export of PPE Medical Coveralls for COVID-19



DGFT vide *Trade Notice No. 17/2020-21 dated June 29, 2020*, laid down the procedure and Criteria for submission and approval of applications for exports of PPE Medical Coveralls for COVID - 2019. The application procedure and criteria for export of PPE Medical Coveralls for COVID-19 is outlined as under:

- **I.** Export of only 50 Lakh units of 'PPE medical coveralls for Covid-19' will be allowed every month.
- **II.** Exporters may apply online through DGFT's ECOM system for Export authorizations (NonSCOMET Restricted items): please refers Trade Notice No. 50 dated 18.03.2019. There is no need to send any hard copy of the application via mail or post.
- **III.** Only applications for export of "PPE medical coveralls for Covid-19" filed from 1st today of each month will be considered for the quota of that month.
- **IV.** All the applications will be examined as per the Para 2.72 of Handbook of procedures and all approvals/allocations will be done by the 10th of every month.
- **V.** The validity of the export license will be for 3 months only.
- VI. The following requirements/eligibility criteria will be applicable for issuance of an Export license:

• The firm applying should be a manufacturer of PPE Coveralls (Certificate of registration from the concerned Department/Authority to be supplied)

- Copy of Testing/Accreditation of PPEs medical coveralls issued to the firm from the laboratories notified/recognized by the Ministry of Textiles for this purpose.
- The firm shall either submit a copy of importing country's PPEs medical coveralls Standards Certificate obtained by it or a Copy of Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) Certificate obtained by it, if the importing country does not insist on a Standard Certificate.
- The firm shall submit a Chartered Engineer's certificate certifying that the fabrics used in the PPE medical coverall were manufactured in India.
- A copy of the IEC of the firm.
- Only one application per IEC will be considered for a month.
- A copy of the Purchase Order/invoice.
- All documents must be duly self-attested by the authorized person of the firm.

VII. All the relevant documents as specified above must be submitted along with the online application to fulfill the eligibility criteria. Incomplete applications will not be considered for any allocation.

The Trade Notice can be accessed at: http://dgft.gov.in/sites/default/files/TradeNotice17 0.pdf





DGFT vide *Public Notice No.* 11/2015-20 dated June 30, 2020, which extends the validity of the recognition of the Pre-Shipment Inspection Agencies (PSIAs) included in Appendix 2G of the Appendices and Aayat Niryat Forms (A&ANF) of Foreign Trade Policy (2015-20), which are going to complete their original or extended tenure on or before June 30, 2020, is extended up to September 30, 2020.

Effect of this Public Notice: Validity of the recognition of Pre-Shipment Inspection Agencies (PSIAs) as listed in the Appendix 2G of A&ANF, whose validity expires on or before June 30, 2020, is extended up to September 30, 2020.

The Public Notice can be accessed at: https://dgft.gov.in/sites/default/files/PN%2011.pdf

MSME notifies criteria for classification of enterprise as MSME & procedure for registration as "Udyam Registration" w.e.f. July 01, 2020



MSME vide *Notification dated June 26, 2020*, which notifies certain criteria for classifying the enterprises as micro, small and medium enterprises and specifies the form and procedure for filing the memorandum ("Udyam Registration"), with effect from July 01, 2020. The following are the criteria discussed as hereunder:-

<u>I. Classification of Enterprises:</u> An enterprise shall be classified as a micro, small or medium enterprise on the basis of the following criteria, namely:-

- 1. a micro-enterprise, where the investment in plant and machinery or equipment does not exceed one crore rupees and turnover does not exceed five crore rupees;
- 2. a small enterprise, where the investment in plant and machinery or equipment does not exceed ten crore rupees and turnover does not exceed fifty crore rupees; and
- 3. a medium enterprise, where the investment in plant and machinery or equipment does not exceed fifty crore rupees and turnover does not exceed two hundred and fifty crore rupees.

II. Becoming a Micro, Small or Medium Enterprise:

1. Any person who intends to establish a micro, small or medium enterprise may file Udyam Registration online in the Udyam Registration portal, based on self-declaration with no requirement to upload documents, papers, certificates or proof.

- 2. On registration, an enterprise (referred to as "Udyam" in the Udyam Registration portal) will be assigned a permanent identification number to be known as "Udyam Registration Number".
- 3. An e-certificate, namely, "Udyam Registration Certificate" shall be issued on completion of the registration process.

III. Composite criteria of investment and turnover for classification:

- 1. A composite criterion of investment and turnover shall apply for classification of an enterprise as micro, small or medium.
- 2. If an enterprise crosses the ceiling limits specified for its present category in either of the two criteria of investment or turnover, it will cease to exist in that category and be placed in the next higher category but no enterprise shall be placed in the lower category unless it goes below the ceiling limits specified for its present category in both the criteria of investment as well as turnover.
- 3. All units with Goods and Services Tax Identification Number (GSTIN) listed against the same Permanent Account Number (PAN) shall be collectively treated as one enterprise and the turnover and investment figures for all of such entities shall be seen together and only the aggregate values will be considered for deciding the category as micro, small or medium enterprise.

IV. Calculation of investment in plant and machinery or equipment:-

- 1. The calculation of investment in plant and machinery or equipment will be linked to the Income Tax Return (ITR) of the previous years filed under the Income Tax Act, 1961.
- 2. In case of a new enterprise, where no prior ITR is available, the investment will be based on self-declaration of the promoter of the enterprise and such relaxation shall end after the 31st March of the financial year in which it files its first ITR.
- 3. The expression "Plant and Machinery or Equipment" of the enterprise, shall have the same meaning as assigned to the plant and machinery in the Income Tax Rules, 1962 framed under the Income Tax Act, 1961 and shall include all tangible assets (other than land and building, furniture and fittings).
- 4. The purchase (invoice) value of a plant and machinery or equipment, whether purchased first hand or second hand, shall be taken into account excluding Goods and Services Tax (GST), on self-disclosure basis, if the enterprise is a new one without any ITR.
- 5. The cost of certain items specified in the Explanation I to sub-section (1) of section 7 of the Act shall be excluded from the calculation of the amount of investment in plant and machinery.

V. Calculation of turnover:

- 1. Exports of goods or services or both, shall be excluded while calculating the turnover of any enterprise whether micro, small or medium, for the purposes of classification.
- 2. Information as regards turnover and exports turnover for an enterprise shall be linked to the Income Tax Act or the Central Goods and Services Act (CGST Act) and the GSTIN.
- 3. The turnover related figures of such enterprise which do not have PAN will be considered on self-declaration basis for a period up to March 31, 2021 and thereafter, PAN and GSTIN shall be mandatory.

VI. Registration process:-

- 1. The form for registration shall be as provided in the Udyam Registration portal.
- 2. There will be no fee for filing Udyam Registration.
- 3. Aadhaar number shall be required for Udyam Registration.
- 4. The Aadhaar number shall be of the proprietor in the case of a proprietorship firm, of the managing partner in the case of a partnership firm and of a Karta in the case of a Hindu Undivided Family (HUF).
- 5. In case of a Company or a Limited Liability Partnership or a Cooperative Society or a Society or a Trust, the organisation or its authorised signatory shall provide its GSTIN and PAN along with its Aadhaar number.
- 6. In case an enterprise is duly registered as an Udyam with PAN, any deficiency of information for previous years when it did not have PAN shall be filled up on a self-declaration basis.
- 7. No enterprise shall file more than one Udyam Registration: Provided that any number of activities including manufacturing or service or both may be specified or added in one Udyam Registration.
- 8. Whoever intentionally misrepresents or attempts to suppress the self-declared facts and figures appearing in the Udyam Registration or update process shall be liable to such penalty as specified under section 27 of the Act.

VII. Registration of existing enterprises:-

- 1. All existing enterprises registered under EM-Part-II or UAM shall register again on the Udyam Registration portal on or after the 1st day of July 2020.
- 2. All enterprises registered till 30th June 2020, shall be re-classified in accordance with this notification.
- 3. The existing enterprises registered prior to 30th June, 2020, shall continue to be valid only for a period up to the 31st day of March, 2021.
- 4. An enterprise registered with any other organisation under the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises shall register itself under Udyam Registration.

VIII. Updation of information and transition period in classification:-

- 1. An enterprise having Udyam Registration Number shall update its information online in the Udyam Registration portal, including the details of the ITR and the GST Return for the previous financial year and such other additional information as may be required, on self-declaration basis.
- 2. Failure to update the relevant information within the period specified in the online Udyam Registration portal will render the enterprise liable for suspension of its status.
- 3. Based on the information furnished or gathered from Government's sources including ITR or GST return, the classification of the enterprise will be updated.
- 4. In case of graduation (from a lower to a higher category) or reverse-graduation (sliding down to lower category) of an enterprise, a communication will be sent to the enterprise about the change in the status.
- 5. In case of an upward change in terms of investment in plant and machinery or equipment or turnover or both, and consequent re-classification, an enterprise will maintain its prevailing status till expiry of one year from the close of the year of registration.
- 6. In case of reverse-graduation of an enterprise, whether as a result of re-classification or due to actual changes in investment in plant and machinery or equipment or turnover or both, and whether the enterprise is registered under the Act or not, the enterprise will continue in its present category till the closure of the financial year and it will be given the benefit of the changed status only with effect from 1st April of the financial year following the year in which such change took place.

IX. Facilitation and grievance redressal of enterprises:-

1. The Champions Control Rooms functioning in various institutions and offices of the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises including the Development Institutes (MSME-DI) shall act as Single Window Systems for facilitating the registration process and further handholding the micro, small and medium enterprises in all possible manner.

- 2. The District Industries Centres (DICs) will also act as Single Window facilitation Systems in their Districts.
- 3. Any person who is not able to file the Udyam Registration for any reason including for lack of Aadhaar number, may approach any of the above Single Window Systems for Udyam Registration purposes with his Aadhaar enrolment identity slip or copy of Aadhaar enrolment request or bank photo passbook or voter identity card or passport or driving licence and the Single Window Systems will facilitate the process including getting an Aadhaar number and thereafter in the further process of Udyam Registration.
- 4. In case of any discrepancy or complaint, the General Manager of the District Industries Centre of the concerned District shall undertake an enquiry for verification of the details of Udyam Registration submitted by the enterprise and thereafter forward the matter with necessary remarks to the Director or Commissioner or Industry Secretary concerned of the State Government who after issuing a notice to the enterprise and after giving an opportunity to present its case and based on the findings, may amend the details or recommend to the Ministry of Micro, Small or Medium Enterprises, Government of India, for cancellation of the Udyam Registration Certificate.

The Notification can be accessed at: http://egazette.nic.in/WriteReadData/2020/220191.pdf



Ministry of Finance vide *Office Memorandum dated July 03, 2020*, on prompt payment to vendors specially the MSME vendors. The intent of the Government in this regard has been articulated under the Aatmanirbhar Bharat pronouncements. For procurements made under rule 149 Of GFRs 2017. buyers are mandated to make payments

within 10 calendar days after generation (including auto-generation) Of Consignee Receipt and Acceptance Certificate (CRAC) in the GeM.

In order to promote greater discipline and timeliness in payment to vendors, it is decided that whenever a CRAC is auto-generated or issued by a buyer and payment is not made 10 days thereafter, the buyer organization will be required to pay penal interest @ 1% per month for the delayed payment beyond the prescribed timeline till the date Of such payment. The charge of interest shall be prorated for the period of delay. (For example, if CRAC is generated on the 1st day of a month and payment is made by the buyer organization on the 20th day of the month, interest for 10 days will be charged. The penal interest will be 10/30 multiplied by 1% i.e. 0.33%). The month may be taken as 30 days in all cases.

The amount collected in this regard shall be deposited in an account maintained by GeM. This interest will not be paid to the vendor and will be kept by GeM in a separate account which will be used only for the education of sellers/ buyers etc., or other purposes related to GeM or public procurement with the prior approval of Department of Expenditure, This shall not cover any other interest payable to vendors under any law or contractual obligations, which will be over and above the interest as charged above.

Note: The above conditions will be applicable for all procurements made from October 01, 2020.

The Notification can be accessed at: http://www.a2ztaxcorp.com/wp-

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CESTAT issued procedure for conducting Hearing for urgent matters through Video Conferencing Platform



CESTAT

Customs, Excise, Service Tax Appellate Tribunal

CESTAT vide *Public Notice No. 01/2020 dated June 30, 2020*, states that the applications of urgent nature will be heard through video conferencing platform. The standard operating procedures, manner of listing of cases, protocols to be observed, and the technical requirements are detailed in Annexure-I. The parties who desire that such applications should be heard through video conferencing may file a request in the form as prescribed in

Annexure-II, to the concerned Assistant Registrar. The system of e-hearing of urgent Applications will remain in force until further orders.

Note: This notification shall come into force with effect from July 01, 2020.

The standard operating procedures for conducting the Video Conferencing details can be accessed in Annexure -1

The application form to be filed for putting a request for urgent hearing can be accessed in Annexure -2

The Notification can be accessed at: http://www.a2ztaxcorp.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/public-notice-dated-30june2020.pdf

Important Press Releases

CBIC issued Press Release on Late Fees to be capped at Rs. 500/- for each GSTR-3B Return



In a major relief to the GST taxpayers, the government has decided to cap the maximum late fee for Form GSTR-3B at Rs. 500/- (five hundred only) per return for the tax period July 2017 to July 2020 subject to the condition that such GSTR-3B returns being filed before 30th September 2020.

A notification has been issued to provide for nil late fees if there is no tax liability; and, if there is any tax liability then a maximum late fee of Rs. 500 per return would be applicable to such GSTR-3B returns filed up to 30th September 2020.

Various representations were received to give further relief in the late fee charged for the tax periods of May 2020 to July 2020. in addition to earlier provided relief for February 2020 to April 2020 and relief provided for cleaning up past pendency of returns from July, 2017 to January, 2020. Also, a uniform late fee is simpler in design and easier to implement on an automated common portal. So the late fee is capped at Rs. 500/- only per return, if filed before 30th September 2020.

The Press Release can be accessed at: http://www.a2ztaxcorp.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Eb-vGFGVAAAMbnJ.jpg



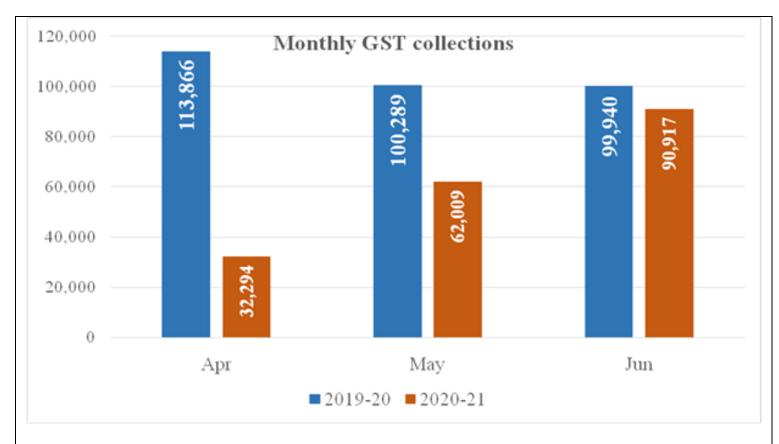
The gross GST revenue collected in the month of June, 2020 is Rs. 90,917 crore of which CGST is Rs. 18,980 crore, SGST is Rs. 23,970 crore, IGST is Rs. 40,302 crore (including Rs. 15,709 crore collected on import of goods) and Cess is Rs.7,665 crore (including Rs. 607crore collected on import of goods).

The government has settled Rs. 13,325 crore to CGST and Rs. 11,117 crore to SGST from IGST as regular settlement. The total revenue earned by Central Government and the State Governments after regular settlement in the month of June, 2020 is Rs. 32,305 crore for CGST and Rs. 35,087 crore for the SGST.

The revenues for the month are 91% of the GST revenues in the same month last year. During the month, the revenues from import of goods were 71% and the revenues from domestic transaction (including import of services) were 97% of the revenues from these sources during the same month last year. During the month of June, returns of February, March, and April 2020 have also been filed in addition to some returns of May 2020 since the Government has allowed a relaxed time schedule for filing of GST returns. Some returns of May 2020, which would have otherwise got filed in June 2020, will get filed during first few days of July 2020.

The revenues during the financial year has been impacted due to COVID-19, firstly due to the economic impact of the pandemic and secondly due to the relaxations given by the Government in filing of returns and payment of taxes due to the pandemic. However, figures of past three months show recovery in GST revenues. The GST collections for the month of April was Rs. 32,294 crore which was 28% of the revenue collected during the same month last year and the GST collections for the month of May was Rs. 62,009 crore which was 62% of the revenue collected during the same month last year. The GST collections for the first quarter of the year is 59% of the revenue collected during the same quarter last year. However, a large number of taxpayers still have time to file their return for the month of May, 2020

The chart shows trends in monthly gross GST revenues during the current year. The table shows the state-wise figures of GST collected in each State during the month of June, 2020 as compared to June, 2019 and for the full year.



The Press Release can be accessed at: https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1635572

Finance Minister: Strive to make GST Tax Administration simple, ensuring ease of doing business



GST Day, 2020 or third anniversary of the introduction of **GST** was marked by **CBIC** and all its field offices across **India on July 01, 2020.** GST has been instrumental in Breaking Barriers to build an AatmaNirbhar Bharat and taking forward the motto of One Nation One Tax One Market. Considering the COVID pandemic most of the interactions with stakeholders to mark this day were made in virtual mode on digital platforms.

Union Minister for Finance& Corporate Affairs Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman on her message on GST Day, 2020 highlighted that GST has come a long way in simplifying the GST Tax Administration based on feedback from stakeholders. However, more efforts are required to ease tax compliances.

Key points of FM's message were:

- Focus on Hon'ble Prime Minister's clarion call for AatmaNirbhar Bharat.
- Strive to make the tax administration simple for taxpayers ensuring Ease of Doing Business in essence
- Foresee the issues faced by the business community and proactively address them

The Finance Minister congratulated CBIC officers for the commendable job done by them during these testing times of COVID 19 and went beyond the call of duty to help and handhold taxpayers. Also, appreciated the record amount of refund disbursed to ease the cash flow of taxpayers during this period.

Union Minister of State for Finance & Corporate Affairs Sh. Anurag Thakur in his message added that the return filing process needs to be made easier and processing of the return and allowing Input Tax Credit needs to be made faster. Shri Thakur appreciated the hard work of CBIC officers during the lockdown period and efficient use of IT platforms to process GST refunds through remote access which in turn provided much liquidity to the taxpayers. Social activities by CBIC field officers of helping those in distress during COVID 19 was also applauded.

Chairman CBIC Sh. M Ajit Kumar in a virtual departmental GST Day programme emphasised on assisting taxpayers and reaching out to them to resolve their grievances and honour the FM's message of Ease of Doing Business in its true essence.

The Press Release can be accessed at: https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1635730

PIB Issued Quarterly Report on Public Debt Management for the period of January to March 2020

PUBLIC DEBT MANAGEMENT QUARTERLY REPORT JANUARY-MARCH 2020

Since Apr-June (Q1) 2010-11, Public Debt Management Cell (PDMC) (earlier Middle Office), Budget Division, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance has been bringing out a quarterly report on debt management on a regular basis. The current report pertains to the quarter January – March 2020 (Q4 FY20).

During Q4 of FY20, the Central Government issued dated securities aggregating to ₹76,000 crore as against ₹1,56,000 crore in Q4 of FY19. The weighted average yield of primary issuances softened further to 6.70 percent in Q4 FY20 from 6.86 percent in Q3 of FY20. The weighted average maturity of new issuances of dated securities was higher at 16.87 years in Q4 of FY20 as compared to 16.47 years in Q3 of FY20. During January–March 2020, the Central Government raised ₹2,30,000 crore through the issuance of Cash Management Bills. The Reserve Bank conducted OMOs/ Special OMOs to inject liquidity into the system during the quarter ended March 2020. The net average liquidity absorption by RBI under Liquidity Adjustment Facility (LAF) including MSF was ₹3,03,464 crore during the quarter. The surplus market liquidity was also on account of the introduction of long term repo operations by the Reserve Bank from the fortnight beginning February 15, 2020.

The total liabilities (including liabilities under the 'Public Account') of the Government, increased to ₹94,62,265 crore at end-March 2020 from ₹93,89,267 crore at end-December 2019. Public debt accounted for 90.9 percent of total outstanding liabilities at end-March 2020. Nearly 29 percent of the outstanding dated securities had a residual maturity of less than 5 years. The holding pattern indicates a share of 40.4 percent for commercial banks and 25.1 percent for insurance companies at end-March2020.

The yields on G-Secs showed a downward movement from January to March 2020. This reflected the impact of several developments in the wake of the pandemic across the world; namely the reduction in the policy reporate by 75 bps by the MPC of the Reserve Bank, an off-policy cut of 50 bps in the target range for the Federal Funds rate to 1-1.25 percent by the US Fed and a sharp decline in crude oil prices. **Central Government dated securities continued to account for a major share of total trading volumes in the secondary market, with a share of 84.0 percent in total outright trading volumes in value terms during Q4 of FY20.**

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The Public Debt Management Quarterly Report- Jan-March 2020 can be accessed

at: https://dea.gov.in/sites/default/files/Quarterly

The Press Release can be accessed at: https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1635321

PIB issued Monthly Review of Accounts of Union Government of India upto the month of May 2020 for the Financial Year 2020-21

Monthly Review of Accounts of Union Government of India



Month of May 2020 for the Financial Year 2020-21

The Monthly Account of the Union Government of India upto the month of May 2020 has been consolidated and reports published. The highlights are given below:-

The Government of India has received Rs.45,498 crore (2.03% of corresponding BE 2020-21 of Total Receipts) upto May 2020 comprising Rs. 33,850 crore Tax Revenue (Net to Centre), Rs. 10,817 crore of Non Tax Revenue and Rs.831 crore of Non Debt Capital Receipts. Non Debt Capital Receipts consists of Recovery of Loans (Rs. 831 crore). Rs. 92,077 crore has been transferred to State Governments as Devolution of Share of Taxes by Government of India upto this period which is Rs. 7,010 crore lower than the previous year.

Total Expenditure incurred by Government of India is Rs. 5,11,841 crore (16.82% of corresponding BE 2020-21), out of which Rs. 4,56,635 crore is on Revenue Account and Rs. 55,206 crore is on Capital Account. **Out of the Total Revenue Expenditure, Rs.78,265 crore is on account of Interest Payments and Rs.67,469 crore is on account of Major Subsidies.**

The Press Release can be accessed at: https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1635369

DGGI (Hqrs.) booked a case against unregistered Pan Masala/Gutkha manufacturing unit



Acting on specific intelligence the Directorate General of Goods and Service Tax Intelligence, Headquarters (DGGI, Hqrs) has unveiled an unregistered Pan Masala/Guthka factory, being run in Delhi.

Searches were conducted at various places on 25.06.2020, including the unregistered factory, godowns, and residence of the main beneficiary. During the search, incriminating documents and electronic devices pertaining to the supply of Pan Masala/gutkha without payment of taxes and duties were recovered. A preliminary investigation in the case has revealed the evasion of more than Rs. 40 crore till now. Manufacturing, storing, sale, and distribution of gutkha is banned by Govt. of Delhi. The data from the seized documents have revealed that the unregistered factory was carrying out the operation even during the lockdown period.

The main beneficiary of the unregistered Pan Masala/Gutkha factory has been arrested on 27.06.2020 under the provisions of the CGST Act, 2017. He was placed under judicial custody of 14 days.

Further investigation, in the case, is still under process.

The Press Release can be accessed at: https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1635598

Shri Piyush Goyal lauds the efforts of Exporters as the country makes fast recovery in Exports



The Minister of Commerce and Industry Shri Piyush Goyal on Friday held meeting, through Video conference, with Office-bearers of Export Promotion Councils (EPCs), to discuss and address the issues of exporters, due to Covid-19.

Addressing the EPCs, Shri Goyal said that the Exports, after setbacks in first two months of this financial year, due to Covid-19, are recovering fast, as the Unlock process gains and the Economic activity makes a revival. He said that the data of June, 2020 will reflect the gains, with the merchandise export figures touching almost 88% of the corresponding period last year. He lauded the role of exporters for attaining the feat in such a short time. The Minister said that their hardwork, self-confidence and determination really paid off. He said that achievement is all the more laudable because many of the areas in the country are still under containment zones and having restrictions. Most of the markets abroad have not been able to make such a remarkable comeback, he added. On the issue of imports, the Minister said that they are still far behind and this is a good thing.

Shri Piyush Goyal said that as the Unlock 2.0 has come with more permissions, it is expected that things will further improve in the future. Talking about the Aatamnirbhar Bharat, he said that it implies engagement with the world, a self-reliant and strong India, a confident and vibrant nation, an India where everyone has the courage of conviction, everyone gets ample and fair opportunities to grow and prosper, where even a poor man lives a respectable life. He called upon the industry to shun from over-dependence on imports and certain geographies, as this leads to long-term dire consequences. He exhorted them to make in India, use indigenous resources and skilled manpower, produce quality products, and use the economies of scale to deliver affordable products. The Minister exhorted the exporters to be more competitive, be focused and play on their strengths. Talking about the spirit of partnership and cooperation, the Minister assured the exporters and the industry of full support from the Government. He announced that action is being taken on the Baba Kalyani committee recommendations of the Special Economic Zones(SEZ).

The Press Release can be accessed at: https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1636250



Under the 100 % Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) backed by a Government guarantee, Banks from Public & Private Sectors have sanctioned loans worth over Rs. 1 lakh crore as of June 26, 2020, of which more than Rs 45,000 crore has already been disbursed. This would help more than 30 lakh units of MSMEs & other businesses restart their businesses to post the lockdown.

Bank-Category-wise -- ECLGS Daily reporting format (Data - 26.06.2020)

Bank	Number of Accounts (Actual Figures)		Amount (Rs. In crores)	
	Cumulative Sanctioned	Cumulative Disbursment	Cumulative Sanctioned	Cumulative Disbursment
Public Sector Banks (PSBs)	26,08,496	9,91,028	57,525.47	29,232.27
Private Sector Banks (Pvts)	4,03,228	1,30,465	44,335.52	16,628.33
Grand Total	30,11,724	11,21,493	1,01,861.00	45,860.60

Source: 12 Public Sector Banks (PSBs) & 20 Private Sector Banks & 8 NBFCs

PSBs have sanctioned loans of Rs 57,525.47 crore whereas Private Sector Banks have sanctioned loans of Rs 44,335.52 crore under ECLGS. The top lenders under the Scheme are SBI, Bank of Baroda, PNB, Canara Bank & HDFC.

Details of Loans sanctioned & disbursement by 12 PSBs are as follows:

Format 1 -- Bank-wise -- ECLGS Daily reporting format (Data - 26.06.2020)

Bank	Number of Accounts (Actual Figures)		Amount (Rs. In crores)	
	Cumulative Sanctioned	Cumulative Disbursment	Cumulative Sanctioned	Cumulative Disbursment
Bank of Baroda	2,43,463	72,082	7,273.43	2,695.84
BANK OF INDIA	3,20,624	1,38,278	3,011.36	1,714.00
BANK OF MAHARASHTRA	80,998	28,916	1,668.73	952.20
Canara Bank	2,67,346	2,21,944	5,508.72	3,414.45
CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA	1,30,953	1,13,955	2,006.34	1,024.58
INDIAN BANK	2,72,127	71,797	4,217.48	1,594.24
INDIAN OVERSEAS BANK	73,611	10,670	1,280.74	547.12
PUNJAB & SIND BANK	29,466	20,735	528.75	376.57
Punjab National Bank	3,40,521	63,262	7,188.62	2,125.89
STATE BANK OF INDIA	4,26,745	1,34,978	19,593.30	12,026.08
UCO BANK	1,27,059	19,506	924.67	369.67
UNION BANK OF INDIA	2,95,583	94,905	4,323.33	2,391.62
Grand Total	26,08,496	9,91,028	57,525.47	29,232.27

Source: Public Sector Banks (PSBs)

As part of the Aatmanirbhar package Government had announced its plans for Rs. 3 lakh Crore as additional credit to MSMEs and small businesses. Such enterprises were to be eligible to receive up to 20% of their existing borrowing as additional loans at interest rates which were capped.

The Press Release can be accessed: https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1635376

Hon'ble Prime Minister announces extension of Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana till the end of November 2020



Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on Tuesday addressed the nation and announced the extension of Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana till the end of November.

Hon'ble Prime Minister emphasized that provision of food to those in need during lockdown has been the foremost priority of the country. As soon as lockdown was announced, the government brought about PM Garib KalyanYojana, under which a package of Rs 1.75 lakh crore for the poor was announced.

He noted that in the last three months, Rs 31,000 crore has been transferred in the Jan Dhan accounts of almost 20 crore poor families, Rs 18,000 crore has been transferred to the bank accounts of more than 9 crore farmers and Rs 50,000 crore is being spent on PM Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan, which has been started to provide employment opportunities.

Extension of PM Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana till November

Hon'ble Prime Minister observed that the enormity of the decision to provide free ration for three months to more than 80 crore people ie providing 5 kg free rice/wheat to each member of the family, along with providing 1 kg pulses to each family, per month, has made the entire world take notice. The number of people who were provided free ration is several times the population of many large countries, he said.

Hon'ble Prime Minister noted that with the commencement of the rainy season, most of the work takes place in the agriculture sector. Also, several festivals take place one after the other, including Guru Purnima, Rakshabandhan, Shri Krishna Janmashtami, Ganesh Chaturthi, Onam, Dussehra, Deepawali, Chhath Puja, among others. He announced that keeping in mind that requirements as well as expenditure increase during this time, the government has decided to extend PM GaribKalyan Anna Yojana till Deepawali and Chhath Puja, ie the scheme will continue to remain applicable from July till the end of November. During this five-month period, more than 80 crore people will be provided 5 kg free wheat/rice per month. Along with providing 5kg free rice/wheat to each member of a family, 1 kg free whole chana will also be provided to each family per month.

The government will spend more than Rs 90,000 crore towards the extension of the scheme, the Hon'ble Prime Minister said, adding that if the amount spent towards it in the previous three months is added together, a total of almost Rs 1.5 lakh crore would be spent towards the scheme. He credited and thanked the hard-working farmers and honest tax payers for making it possible for the government to procure and distribute free foodgrains.

Hon'ble Prime Minister underlined that the country is moving towards the institution of 'one nation, one ration card', which will be of immense benefit to the poor who travel to other states in search of work.

Staying safe during Unlock 2

Hon'ble Prime Minister noted that the shift of the fight against coronavirus to Unlock 2 coincides with the weather which results in several ailments. He asked everyone to take care of their health. He observed that due to timely decisions like lockdown, it has been possible to save the lives of lakhs of people and the death rate in the country is amongst the lowest in the world.

Looking ahead

Hon'ble Prime Minister said that in the coming times, government will continue to take further steps to empower the poor and the needy. Economic activities will also be enhanced, with due precautions in place. He reiterated the

pledge to work towards Atmanirbhar Bharat and to be vocal for local, while also asking people to be careful, use mask/face cover and continue following the mantra of maintaining 'do gaz doori'.

The Press Release can be accessed at: https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1635343

Important Updates

CBIC released updated CGST Rules, 2017 upto July 01, 2020

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The CBIC has released a copy of Central Goods & Services Tax Rules, 2017 ("CGST Rules") as updated till July 01, 2020.

To access updated CGST Rules, please click here: https://www.a2ztaxcorp.com/cgst-sgst-rules-2017/

CBIC released updated Forms in Part B of CGST Rules, 2017 upto July 01, 2020



CGST Rules 2017 Part–B (FORMS)

Updated till July 01,2020

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The CBIC has released a copy of CGST Rules Part-B (Forms) as updated till July 01, 2020.

To access updated CGST Rules, please click here: https://www.a2ztaxcorp.com/gst-forms/

GSTN issued advisory on Filing NIL Form GSTR-1 through SMS on GST Portal



Goods and Services Tax

GSTN issued advisory on Filing NIL Form GSTR-1 through SMS on GST Portal

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- 1. A taxpayer may now file NIL Form GSTR-1, through an SMS, apart from filing it through online mode, on GST Portal.
- 2. To file NIL Form GSTR-1 through SMS, the taxpayer must fulfil following conditions:
 - They must be registered as Normal taxpayer/ Casual taxpayer/ SEZ Unit / SEZ Developer.
 - They have valid GSTIN.
 - Phone number of Authorized signatory is registered on the GST Portal.
 - No data should be in saved or submitted stage for Form GSTR-1 on the GST Portal, related to that respective month.
 - NIL Form GSTR-1 can be filed anytime on or after the 1st of the subsequent month for which the return is to be filed.
 - Taxpayer should have opted for the filing frequency as either monthly or quarterly.
- 3. NIL Form GSTR-1 for a tax period must be filed by the taxpayer if:
 - There are no Outward Supplies (including supplies on which tax is to be charged on reverse charge basis, zero rated supplies and deemed exports) during the month or quarter for which the return is being filed.
 - No Amendments is to be made to any of the supplies declared in an earlier return.
 - No Credit or Debit Notes to be declared/amended.
 - No details of advances received for services to be declared or adjusted.
- 4. Steps to File Nil Form GSTR 1 through SMS is as below:
 - Send SMS to 14409 number to file Nil Form GSTR-1 NIL space Return Type space GSTIN space Return
 Period
 - For Monthly Filing for Tax Period April 2020: NIL R1 07AQDPP8277H8Z6 042020
 - For Quarterly Filing for Tax Period Apr-Jun 2020: NIL R1 07AQDPP8277H8Z6 062020
 - Send SMS again on the same number 14409 with Verification Code (For Example: Verification Code received here is 324961) to confirm filing of Nil Form GSTR-1.- CNF space Return Type space Code - CNF R1 324961

• After successful validation of "Verification Code", GST Portal will send back ARN to same mobile number and on registered e-mail ID of the taxpayer to intimate successful Nil filing of Form GSTR-1.

5. All the authorized representatives, for a particular GSTIN can file NIL Form GSTR-1 through SMS.

Source: https://tutorial.gst.gov.in/userguide/returns/index.htm#t=faq_nilreturngstr1.htm

Frequently Asked Question on Filing of Nil Form GSTR-1 through SMS on GST Portal Frequently Asked Question on Filing of Nil Form GSTR-1 through SMS on GST Portal

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GSTN has issued Frequently Asked Question on Filing of Nil Form GSTR-1 through SMS on GST Portal. The following are the important questions picked up from the FAQ for the ease of understanding of the taxpayers are as under:-

I - About Nil Form GSTR-1:-

Q. When can Form GSTR-1 be filed as Nil?

Ans: Form GSTR-1 can be filed as a nil return if there are no outward supplies (including supplies on which tax is to be charged on a reverse charge basis, zero-rated supplies, and deemed exports) during the month or quarter, for which the return is being filed for.

Q. Who can file Nil Form GSTR-1?

Ans. Nil Form GSTR-1 for a tax period can be filed, if:

- There are no Outward Supplies (including supplies on which tax is to be charged on reverse charge basis, zero rated supplies and deemed exports) during the month or quarter for which the return is being filed for
- No Amendments is to be made to any of the supplies declared in an earlier return
- No Credit or Debit Notes is to be declared / amended

No details of advances received for services is to be declared or adjusted

II - About Filing Nil Form GSTR-1 through SMS

Q. Can I file Nil Form GSTR-1 through SMS, instead of filing online through GST Portal?

Ans. Yes, you can file Nil Form GSTR-1 through SMS, instead of filing it through online mode on GST Portal.

Q. Who is eligible to file Nil Form GSTR-1 through SMS?

Ans. Any taxpayer who fulfills below conditions, are eligible to file Nil Form GSTR-1, through SMS:

- Taxpayer must be registered as Normal taxpayer/ Casual taxpayer/ SEZ Unit / SEZ Developer and must have a valid GSTIN
- Taxpayer must have opted for the filing frequency as either monthly or quarterly on the GST Portal.
- Authorized signatory and his/ her phone number must be registered on the GST Portal.
- There must not be any data in saved or submitted stage in online version of Form GSTR-1, on the GST Portal.

III - Help SMS Format

Q. How do I get help on Nil Form GSTR-1 filing through SMS?

Ans. You need to send SMS in below format to get help related to filing Nil Form GSTR-1 through SMS to 14409: SMS Format: HELP space<Return Type>

IV - Filing Nil Form GSTR-1 through SMS

Q. I have saved my data/summary for a particular return period on the GST Portal. Can I file Nil Form GSTR-1 through SMS for that period?

Ans. You cannot file Nil Form GSTR-1 through SMS, for the tax period, for which you have saved data/summary on the GST Portal. If you have some saved data in your Form GSTR-1 on GST Portal, you need to either file your Form GSTR-1 through online mode on GST Portal or delete the saved data from the portal and then file Nil Form GSTR-1 through SMS.

V - Verification Code

Q. What is the validity of Verification Code?

Ans. Verification Code is valid for 30 minutes.

Q. Verification Code consists of how many digits?

Ans. Verification Code consists of 6 numeric digits only.

VI - Post Filing of Nil Form GSTR-1 through SMS

Q. What will happen after successful filing of Nil Form GSTR-1, through SMS?

Ans. After successful filing of Nil Form GSTR-1, through SMS:

- ARN will get generated.
- The status of Form GSTR-1 is changed to Filed on GST Portal.
- An SMS and e-mail will be sent to the e-mail and mobile number of the primary authorized signatory.
- In case, sender is an authorized signatory but not the primary authorized signatory, SMS will be sent to his/her mobile number also.

Q. I have filed Nil Form GSTR-1 through SMS. Do I need to login again to the GST Portal to file Nil Form GSTR-1?

Ans. Once you have filed Nil Form GSTR-1 through SMS, you do not need to login to the GST Portal again to file Nil Form GSTR-1. After successful filing of Nil Form GSTR-1, through SMS, the status of Form GSTR-1 is changed to Filed on GST Portal.

The Complete FAQ's can be accessed

at: https://tutorial.gst.gov.in/userguide/returns/index.htm#t=faq_nilreturngstr1.htm

CBIC has launched ECCS Trade Helpdesk for addressing queries of Importers/Exporters

CENTRAL BOARD OF INDIRECT TAXES & CUSTOMS

Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance, Government of India



EXPRESS CARGO CLEARANCE SYSTEM

CBIC has launched Express Cargo Clearance System ("ECCS") Trade Helpdesk for addressing queries of Importers/Exporters about Customs Clearance through International Courier terminals at Bengaluru, Delhi and Mumbai. Click here for details.

ECCS application will be accessible via the URL https://eccs.cbic.gov.in/eccs/

Source: https://www.cbic.gov.in/htdocs-cbec/home links/tickers

Chennai Customs has been vigilant all through the lockdown to prevent Smuggling of Contraband, Narcotics etc



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As per the recent tweet of CBIC, the Chennai Customs has been vigilant all through the lockdown to prevent smuggling of contraband, narcotics, etc.

3 Seizures in 10 days:-

- 270 MDMA Pills 27/06/2020
- 100 MDMA Pills 25/06/2020
- 400 MDMA Pills 17/06/2020
- 1.7 Kgs of Cannabis 25/04/2020

Source: https://twitter.com/cbic india/status/1277873511399256069

Videos of the Week





July 2020 || CA Bimal Jain" at following link: https://youtu.be/SPPI3hHvfXU

Income Tax

Important Notification of the Week

Finance Ministry makes further amendments in the Income Tax Rules, 1962



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Ministry of Finance vide *Notification dated July 03, 2020*, makes further amendment in the Income Tax Rules, **1962.** The following are the amendment made in the rules are as under:-

1. In the Income-tax Rules, 1962 (hereinafter referred to as the principal rules), in rule 31A, in sub-rule (4),-

- in clause (viii), after the words "not deducted", the words "or deducted at a lower rate" shall be inserted;
- for clause (ix) the following shall be substituted from the 1st day of July, 2020, namely:-

"(ix) furnish particulars of the amount paid or credited on which tax was not deducted or deducted at a lower rate in view of the notification issued under the second proviso to section 194N or in view of the exemption provided in the third proviso to section 194N or in view of the notification issued under the fourth proviso to section 194N";

(c) after clause (ix), the following clauses shall be inserted, namely:--

"(x) furnish particulars of the amount paid or credited on which tax was not deducted or deducted at a lower rate in view of the notification issued under sub-section (5) of section 194A.

(xi) furnish particulars of the amount paid or credited on which tax was not deducted under sub-section (2A) of section 194LBA.

- (xii) furnish particulars of the amount paid or credited on which tax was not deducted in view of clause (a) or clause (b) of sub-section (1D) of section 197A.
- (xiii) furnish particulars of the amount paid or credited on which tax was not deducted in view of the exemption provided to persons referred to in Board Circular No. 3 of 2002 dated 28th June 2002 or Board Circular No. 11 of 2002 dated 22nd November 2002 or Board Circular No. 18 of 2017 dated 29th May 2017."

2. In the principal rules, in Appendix II:-

(I) in form 26Q – (a) for the brackets, words, figures and letters "[See sections 192A, 193, 194, 194A, 194B, 194BB, 194C, 194D, 194DA, 194EE, 194F, 194G, 194H, 194-I, 194J, 194LA, 194LBA, 194LBB, 194LBC, 194N and rule 31A]" the following brackets, words, figures and letters

"[See sections 192A, 193, 194, 194A, 194B, 194BB, 194C, 194D, 194DA, 194EE, 194F, 194G, 194H, 194-I, 194J, 194K, 194LA, 194LBA, 194LBB, 194LBC, 194N, 194-O, 197A and rule 31A]" shall be substituted;

(b) for the "Annexure", the following "Annexure" shall be substituted, namely:-

Note: This rules, shall come into force from the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

The Notification can be accessed at: http://egazette.nic.in/WriteReadData/2020/220364.pdf

Important Press Release of the Week

Income Tax Department refunded Rs. 62,361 crores to more than 20 lakh taxpayers amid COVID-19 pandemic



Income Tax Department Refunded Rs. 62,361 crore to more than 20 lakh taxpayers amid COVID-19 pandemic

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In pursuance to the Government's decision vide Press Note dated April 8th, 2020 to issue pending income tax refunds in order to help taxpayers in a COVID-19 pandemic situation, the Income Tax Department has issued tax refunds at a speed of 76 cases per minute from 8th April to 30th June 2020. During this period of just 56 weekdays, the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has issued refunds in more than 20.44 lakh cases amounting to more than Rs. 62,361 crore.

It is stated that taxpayers are experiencing this facet of the I-T Department which is not only taxpayer-friendly but also that of a facilitator providing liquidity in this hard time of COVID-19 pandemic. Income tax refunds amounting to Rs. 23,453.57 crore have been issued in 19,07,853 cases to taxpayers and corporate tax refunds amounting to Rs. 38,908.37 crore have been issued in 1,36,744 cases to taxpayers during this period. Refunds of this magnitude and numbers have been issued completely electronically and have been directly deposited into the bank accounts of the taxpayers. Unlike what used to happen some years ago, in these refund cases, no taxpayer had to approach the Department to request for release of refund. They got refunds directly into their bank accounts.

CBDT reiterated that taxpayers should provide an immediate response to emails of the Department so that refunds in their cases too could be processed and issued right away. Such emails of the I-T Department seek taxpayers to confirm their outstanding demand, their bank account number, and reconciliation of defect/mismatch prior to the issue of refund. In all such cases, quick responses from the taxpayers would enable the I-T Department to process their refunds expeditiously.

The Press Release can be accessed at: https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1636095

News Flash

Cong: Petrol, diesel should be brought under GST

https://www.a2ztaxcorp.com/cong-petrol-diesel-should-be-brought-under-gst/

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