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COVID-19 Vaccination Coverage exceeds 41.54 Crore people (about 30% of India's population): Less than 50,000 daily new cases being reported for the past 1 month



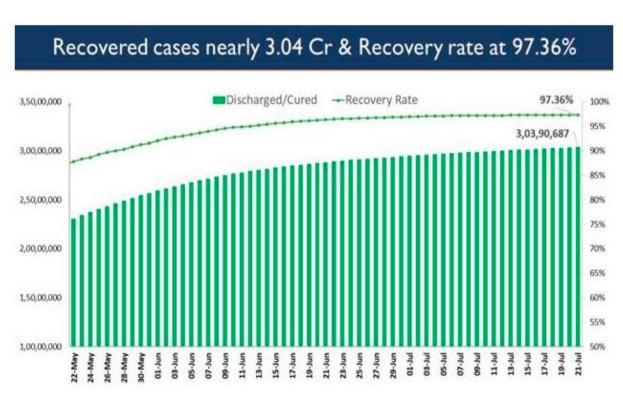
India's COVID-19 vaccination coverage has exceeded 41.54 Crores. Cumulatively, 41,54,72,455 vaccine doses have been administered through 51,36,590 sessions, as per the provisional report till $21^{\rm st}$ July

2021, as below.

| HCWs | 1 st Dose | 1,02,75,614 |
|-----------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| | 2 nd Dose | 75,96,053 |
| FLWs | 1st Dose | 1,78,16,402 |
| | 2 nd Dose | 1,05,07,207 |
| Age Group 18-44 years | 1st Dose | 12,93,89,636 |
| | 2 nd Dose | 52,18,414 |
| Age Group 45-59 years | 1st Dose | 9,86,55,036 |
| | 2 nd Dose | 3,11,44,936 |
| Over 60 years | 1st Dose | 7,25,79,524 |
| | 2 nd Dose | 3,22,89,633 |
| Total | | 41,54,72,455 |

The new phase of universalization of COVID-19 vaccination has commenced from 21st June, 2021. The Union Government is committed to accelerating the pace and expanding the scope of COVID-19 vaccination throughout the country.

Out of the people infected since the beginning of the pandemic, 3,03,90,687 people have already recovered from COVID-19. This constitutes an overall recovery rate of 97.36%, which is showing a sustained increasing trend. Less than 50,000 daily new cases are being reported for the past one month.



Please Click Here to read the Press Release dated 21st July 2021.



Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Ropar develops first-ofits-kind Oxygen rationing device – AMLEX



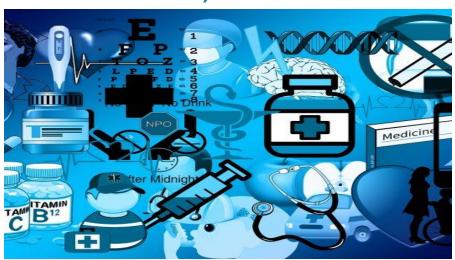
To increase the life of medical oxygen cylinders three fold, the IIT, Ropar has developed a first-of-its-kind Oxygen Rationing Device – AMLEX that supplies a required volume of oxygen to the patient during inhalation and trips when the patient exhales CO2. This process saves oxygen which otherwise unnecessarily get wasted.

So far, during exhalation, the oxygen in the oxygen cylinder/pipe is pushed out along with the exhaled CO2 by the user. This leads to wastage of a large volume of oxygen in long run. In addition to this, a large volume of oxygen escapes from the openings of the mask to the environment in the resting period (between inhalation and exhalation) due to continuous flow of life saving gas in the mask. As we have seen the demand of medical oxygen has jumped manifold amid the second wave of COVID-19, the device would help in stopping the unwanted wastage of the same. The device can operate on both portable power supply (battery) as well as line supply (220V-50Hz).

Made specifically for oxygen cylinders, AMLEX can be easily connected between oxygen supply line and the mask worn by the patient. It uses a sensor which senses and successfully detects inhalation and exhalation of the user in any environmental condition. AMLEX is a ready to use device and works with any commercially available oxygen therapy masks having multiple openings for air flow.

Please Click Here to read the Press Release dated 20th July 2021.

Government caps Trade Margin up to 70% on Price to Distributor level on 5 medical devices (Pulse Oximeter, Blood Pressure Monitoring Machine, Nebulizer, Digital Thermometer & Glucometer)



Keeping in view the evolving COVID-19 pandemic, and the continuing demand of the medical devices, Government has decided to regulate their prices for affordable healthcare and COVID-19 management. By invoking extraordinary powers under Para 19 of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order (DPCO), 2013 in larger public interest National Pharmaceutical Pricing Agency (NPPA) has vide its notification dated 13th July 2021, capped the Trade Margin up to <u>70%</u> on Price to Distributor (PTD) level on (i) Pulse Oximeter, (ii) Blood Pressure Monitoring Machine, (iii) Nebulizer, (iv) Digital Thermometer, and (v) Glucometer.

Earlier, in February 2019 NPPA had previously capped the Trade Margin on Anti-Cancer Drugs and on 3rd June 2021 for Oxygen Concentrators. Based on the notified Trade Margin, NPPA has instructed the manufacturers / importers to report revised MRP within 7 days. Revised MRPs will be informed in public domain thereafter by NPPA. The revised prices will come into effect from 20th July 2021.

Every retailer, dealer, hospital and institution shall display price lists of these medical devices as furnished by the manufacturer, on a conspicuous part of the business premises in a manner so as to be easily accessible to any person wishing to consult the same. The manufacturers / importers not complying with the revised MRP after Trade Margin capping, shall be liable to deposit the overcharged amount along with interest @15% and penalty up to 100% under the provisions of the DPCO, 2013 read with Essential Commodities Act, 1955. State Drug Controllers (SDCs) shall monitor the compliance of the order to ensure that no manufacturer, distributer, retailer shall sell these medical devices to any consumer at a price exceeding the revised MRP, to prevent instances of black-marketing.

The Order shall be applicable up to 31st January 2022, subject to review.

Please <u>Click Here</u> to read the Press Release dated 14th July 2021 issued by Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers.

Further, please <u>Click Here</u> to read the Press Release dated 27th July 2021 issued by Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, wherein NPPA has fixed ceiling prices of 355 medicines and 882 formulations for including Paracetamol, Dexamethasone, Methyl Prednisolone, IVIGs, Enoxaparin, Budesonide, Heparin and Amphotericin.

Cabinet approves increase in Dearness Allowance & Dearness Relief

The Cabinet Committee chaired by the Hon'ble Prime Minister (PM) Shri Narendra Modi on 14th July 2021 has approved increase in the Dearness Allowance to Central Government employees and Dearness Relief to pensioners with effect from 1st July 2021 to 28% representing an increase of 11% over the existing rate of 17% of the Basic Pay/Pension.

In view of the unprecedented situation which arose due to the COVID-19 pandemic, 3 additional instalments of Dearness Allowance to Central Government employees and Dearness Relief to pensioners, which were due from 1st January 2020, 1st July 2020 and 1st January 2021 had been frozen.

Now, the Government has decided to increase the Dearness Allowance to Central Government employees and Dearness Relief to pensioners with effect from 01st July 2021 to 28% representing an increase of 11% over the existing rate of 17% of the Basic Pay/Pension. The increase reflects the additional instalments arising on 1st January 2020, 1st July 2020 and 1st January 2021. The rate of Dearness Allowance/Dearness Relief for the period 1st January 2020 to 30th June 2021 shall remain at 17%.

Please Click Here to read the Press Release dated 14th July 2021.

Cabinet approves 'India COVID 19 Emergency Response & Health Systems Preparedness Package: Phase II' at a cost of Rs 23,123 Crore

Background

In March 2020, when the country was faced with the 1st wave of the COVID 19 pandemic, the PM announced a Central Sector Scheme of Rs. 15,000 Crore for the 'India COVID 19 Emergency Response and Health Systems Preparedness Package', providing a critical impetus to the efforts of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) and States/ Union Territories (UTs), and catalysing health systems activities for pandemic management. Since mid-February 2021, the country is experiencing a 2nd wave with spread into rural, peri-urban and tribal areas.

Approval of the new scheme for Financial Year (FY) 2021-22

The Union Cabinet chaired by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 8th July 2021 has approved a new scheme 'India COVID-19 Emergency Response & Health System Preparedness Package: Phase-II' amounting to Rs. 23,123 Crore for FY 2021-22 with central and state share as under:

- Central Share of the ECRP-II Rs.15,000 Crore
- State Share of the ECRP-II Rs.8,123 Crore

The scheme aims to accelerate health system preparedness for immediate responsiveness for early prevention, detection and management, with the focus on health infrastructure development including for Paediatric Care and with measurable outcomes. The scheme would be implemented from 1st July 2021 to 31st March 2022.

Components of the Phase-II Package

- Central Sector (CS)
 - ✓ Support would be provided to Central Hospitals, AIIMS, and other Institutions of National Importance under Department of Health and Family Welfare (DoHFW) and Safdarjung Hospital Delhi, LHMC & SSKH Delhi, RML Delhi, RIMS Imphal and NEIGRIMS Shillong, PGIMER Chandigarh, JIPMER Puducherry and AIIMS Delhi (existing AIIMSs) and new AIIMSs under PMSSY for repurposing 6,688 beds for COVID-19 management
 - √ National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) would be strengthened by providing Genome Sequencing machines, besides sanctioning Scientific Control room, Epidemic Intelligence Services (EIS) and INSACOG Secretariat support
 - ✓ Support would be provided for implementation of Hospital Management Information System (HMIS) in all the District Hospitals of the Country (presently, it is implemented only in 310 District Hospitals). All district –hospitals would implement HMIS through NIC developed E-Hospital and CDAC developed E-Shushrut software's. This will be the biggest impetus for implementation of the National Digital Health Mission (NDHM) at the DHs. This support includes the support provided to the District Hospitals towards augmentation of the hardware capacity
 - ✓ Support would also be provided for expanding the National Architecture of eSanjeevani Tele-consultation platform to provide upto 5 lakhs tele-consultations per day from the present 50,000 Tele-consultations per day. This includes support to the States/UTs to enable tele-consultations with the COVID patients at the COVID Care Centres (CCCs) by strengthening Hubs for eSanjeevani Tele-consultation in all the districts of the country
 - ✓ Support would also be provided for IT interventions, including strengthening the Central War room at DoHFW, strengthening Country's COVID-19 Portal, 1075 COVID help lines and COWIN platform.



Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS)

The efforts are aimed at strengthening district and sub district capacity for an effective and rapid response to the pandemic. States/UTs would be supported to

- ✓ Create Paediatric units in all 736 districts and also, to establish Paediatric Centre of Excellence (Paediatric CoE) in each State/UT, (either in Medical Colleges, State Govt. Hospitals or Central Hospitals such as AIIMS, INIs, etc.) for providing Tele-ICU services, mentoring and technical hand-holding to the District Paediatric units
- ✓ Augment 20,000 ICU beds in public healthcare system out of which 20% will be Pediatric ICU beds
- ✓ Provide care closer to the community due to the ingress of COVID-19 in rural, peri-urban and tribal areas, by creating pre-fabricated structures for adding additional beds at the existing CHCs, PHCs and SHCs (6-20 bedded units) and support would also be provided to establish bigger field hospitals (50-100 bedded units) depending on the needs at tier-II or Tier-III cities and district HQs.
- ✓ Install 1050 numbers of Liquid Medical Oxygen Storage Tanks with Medical Gas Pipeline System (MGPS), with an aim to support at least one such unit per district.
- ✓ Augment the existing feet of ambulances 8,800 ambulances will be added under the package.
- ✓ Engage Undergraduate and post graduate medical interns and final year MMBS, BSc, & GNM nursing students for effective COVID management.
- ✓ As "Test, Isolate and Treat" and following-up COVID-19 Appropriate Behaviour at all the times is the national strategy for effective COVID-19, support is provided to the States to maintain at least 21.5 lakhs per day
- ✓ Flexible support to the Districts for meeting the requirement of essential medicines for COVID-19 management, including creation of buffer stock.

Please Click Here to read the Press Release dated 8th July 2021.

'eSanjeevani', Government of India's free Telemedicine service completes 70 lakh consultations: about 1.25 million patients benefitted within 30 days

| | eSanjeevani Consultations | | | | | |
|--------|---------------------------|---------|-------------------|----------------|--|--|
| SL No. | 02-Jul-21 | TOTAL | eSanjeevaniAB-HWC | eSanjeevaniOPD | | |
| | INDIA | 7003032 | 3209344 | 3793688 | | |
| 1 | Andhra Pradesh | 1632377 | 1611584 | 20793 | | |
| 2 | Tamil Nadu | 1266667 | 89585 | 1177082 | | |
| 3 | Karnataka | 1219029 | 349465 | 869564 | | |
| 4 | Uttar Pradesh | 1033644 | 144109 | 889535 | | |
| 5 | Gujarat | 303426 | 44839 | 258587 | | |
| 6 | Madhya Pradesh | 282012 | 277376 | 4636 | | |
| 7 | Maharashtra | 225138 | 160330 | 64808 | | |
| 8 | Bihar | 223197 | 222482 | 715 | | |
| 9 | Kerala | 199339 | 3 | 199336 | | |
| 10 | Uttarakhand | 166827 | 662 | 166165 | | |
| 11 | Assam | 104666 | 86156 | 18510 | | |
| 12 | Himachal Pradesh | 90920 | 87714 | 3206 | | |
| 13 | Chhattisgarh | 78709 | 78298 | 411 | | |
| 14 | Haryana | 45472 | 5925 | 39547 | | |
| 15 | Punjab | 33602 | 30272 | 3330 | | |

Union Health Ministry's National Telemedicine Service – eSanjeevani has crossed another milestone by completing 7 million (70 lakh) consultations. Patients consult with doctors and specialists on a daily basis using this innovative digital medium to seek Health services. In another significant milestone, in June it served around 12.5 lakh patients, which is the highest since the services were launched last year in March. Currently, the National Telemedicine Service is operational in 31 States/Union Territories.

eSanjeevani, the doctor-to-doctor telemedicine platform has been implemented at around 21,000 Health and Wellness Centres as spokes and over 1900 hubs, which are located in District Hospitals and Medical Colleges in around 30 States. The doctor-to-doctor telemedicine platform has served over 32 lakh patients. The Ministry of Defence too has hosted a National OPD on eSanjeevaniOPD, where over 100 veteran doctors and specialists - roped in by the Ministry of Defence, serve patients across the country.

In a short span of time, Government of India's National Telemedicine Service has started aiding the Indian healthcare delivery system by plugging the digital health divide that exists in urban and rural India. It is also addressing the shortage of doctors and specialists at ground level while reducing the burden on secondary and tertiary level hospitals. In line with the National Digital Health Mission, eSanjeevani is also boosting the digital health ecosystem in the country.

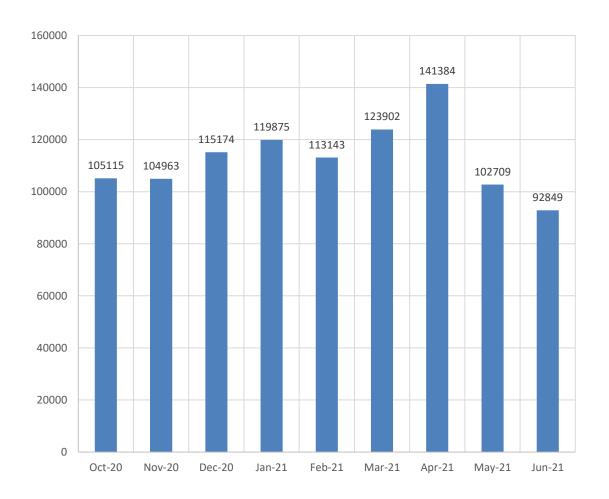
Please <u>Click Here</u> to read the Press Release dated 3rd July 2021 issued by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

Goods & Services Tax ('GST')

GST revenue collection for June 2021, Rs. 92,849 Crore (2% higher than GST revenue collection in June 2020)

The gross GST revenue collected in the month of June 2021 is Rs.92,849 Crore (details given below). The GST collection for June 2021 is related to the business transactions made during May 2021. During May 2021, most of the States/UTs were under either complete or partial lock down due to COVID-19.

| IGST (Integrated Goods and Services Tax) | Rs. 49,079 Crore |
|--|------------------|
| CGST (Central Goods and Services Tax) | Rs. 16,424 Crore |
| SGST (State Goods and Services Tax) | Rs. 20,397 Crore |
| Compensation cess | Rs. 6,949 Crore |
| Total | Rs. 92,849 Crore |



Please Click Here to read Press Release dated 6th July 2021 issued by Ministry of Finance.

GST Portal releases functionality to check misuse of Permanent Account No. (PAN) in GST Registration

Recently GST Portal has issued a functionality to check misuse of PAN in GST registration. There are few instances where PAN of a person is being misused by applying for GST registration without the PAN holder's knowledge or authority. Hence, to tackle this issue, the GST portal allows such PAN holders to register complaints to check the misuses, control fraud, and help GST officers inquire and cancel such unauthorised registrations.

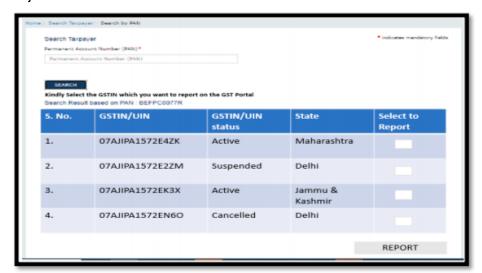
Once the complaint is registered, it will be sent to the concerned jurisdictional authority where the registration is claimed to be fraudulently taken, for necessary enquiry and suitable action.

Process of registering the complaint

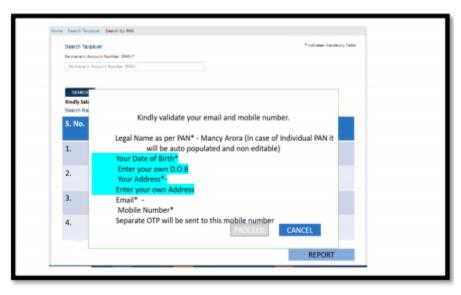
A search functionality is given at the GST Common Portal to find out whether any GSTIN is issued on a particular PAN or not, under Search taxpayer > Search by PAN. The System displays details of the GST registration available on that PAN. In case no registration is available on that PAN then the message is shown as "No records found".



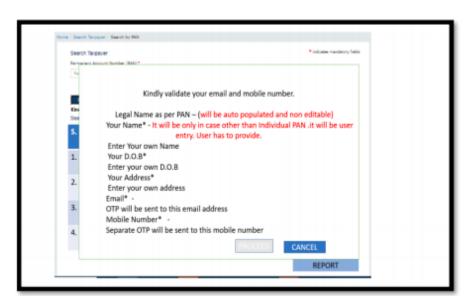
Any person aggrieved of having his PAN misused, may register a complaint at GST Portal. He may search the GSTIN based on PAN, and the registration(s) which are not taken by him, may be selected and reported to the jurisdictional officer.



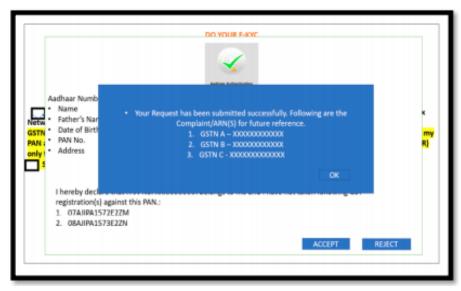
On clicking of 'Report' button, a pop-up will be displayed, and the 'Legal name as per PAN' will be autopopulated in case of individual PAN. The complainant has to provide the email and mobile number for validation and other information like date of birth, address, etc., mandatorily while registering the complaint.



In cases other than individuals, complainants must enter their personal details, followed by Aadhaar authentication.



The system will generate an Application Reference Number (ARN) once the request is submitted. If multiple GSTNs are selected for such complaints, ARN for each GSTIN shall be generated separately and assigned to their respective jurisdictional officers on their dashboard for further action.



- The complaints so registered, shall be made available to the competent authorities at their dashboard under –Application for Reporting Fake GSTIN's for further necessary action. The officers shall have a new Role of 'PAN Vigilance officer' in the Back Office for this purpose.
- The Complainant can further track the status of application through track ARN at GST Portal pre-login.



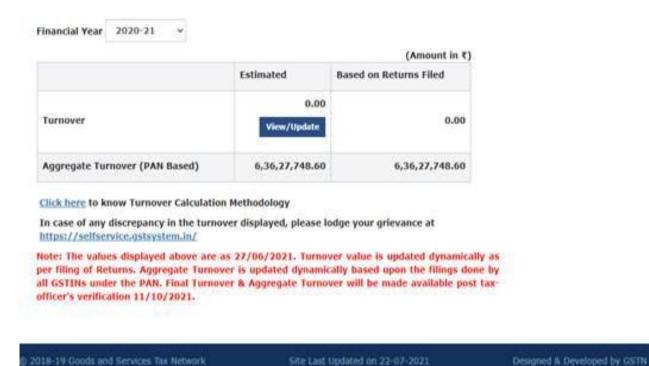


New functionality on Annual Aggregate Turnover (AATO) deployed on GST Portal for taxpayers

GST Portal has deployed a new functionality on taxpayers' dashboards with the following features:

- Taxpayers can now see the exact AATO for the previous FY, instead of just the two slabs of Above or Upto Rs. 5 Crore
- Taxpayers can also see the AATO of the current FY based on the returns filed till date
- Taxpayers have also now been provided with the facility of turnover update in case taxpayers feel that the system calculated turnover displayed on their dashboard varies from the turnover as per their records
- The facility of turnover update shall be provided to all GSTINs registered on a common PAN. All the changes by any of the GSTINs in their turnover shall be summed up for computation of AATO for each of the GSTINs
- Taxpayer can amend the turnover twice within a period of 1 month from the date of roll out of this functionality. Thereafter, the figures will be sent for review of the jurisdictional tax officer who then can amend the values furnished by the taxpayer

Note: For details, taxpayers may check out the 'Advisory' section of the aforementioned functionality on their respective dashboards.



Please Click Here to read the GSTN Update dated 27th July 2021.

Other upcoming functionalities to be deployed on GST Portal for taxpayers

The GST Portal on 9th July 2021 has made available the upcoming functionalities to be deployed on GST Portal for the taxpayers, as below.

| SI. no. | Module | Form/ Functionality | Functionality released/ to be released for Taxpayers | Current status of deployment |
|------------|--------|---|--|------------------------------|
| 1 | | Timelines for filing of Application for Revocation of Cancellation of Registration in Form GST REG-21 | COVID-19 across many parts of India, vide Notification No 14/2021-CT, dated 1st May, 2021, read with vide Notification No 24/2021-CT, dated 1st June, 2021, the Government had extended the date for filing of various applications falling during the period from the 15th April, 2021 to 29th June, 2021, till 30th June, 2021. | Deployed on 1st July 2021 |
| | | | In addition to this, timeline for filing of Application for Revocation of Cancellation of Registration, which were due on 15th of April 2021, had also been extended till 30th June 2021 on the GST Portal. | |
| | | | Accordingly, these extensions have now ceased to be effective with effect from 1st July, 2021, and timelines for filing of application for revocation of cancellation is now changed to 90 days (as was earlier) on the GST Portal, from date of Order of Cancellation of Registration in Form GST REG-19. | |

| | | Form/ Functionality released/ to be | | | |
|---------|--------|--|---|------------------------------|--|
| SI. no. | Module | Functionality | released for Taxpayers | Current status of deployment | |
| 2 | | Information regarding late fee payable provided in Form GSTR-10 | Taxpayers whose registration is cancelled, at the time of filing of last return in Form GSTR-10, will now be provided with details of late fee payable by them, for the delayed filing of any of the previous returns/ statements in a table, for their assistance in filing of said return by them. This information can be viewed by clicking on a hyperlink provided under the column 'Late Fee Payable' | | |
| 3 | | Auto-population of data in Form GSTR-11 on basis of Forms GSTR-1 / 5 filed by their suppliers | The UIN holders file details of their inward supplies in Form GSTR-11 on a quarterly basis. They can subsequently file for refund (if required) in Form GST RFD- 10, for the quarter, in which summary of the documents is auto-populated from their Form GSTR-11, in an editable mode Form GSTR-11 of the UIN holder would be generated with details of their inward supplies, on basis of Forms GSTR-1 / 5 filed by their suppliers, which will subsequently help them in filing their refund claims | | |

Please $\underline{\text{Click Here}}$ to read the GSTN Update dated 9th July 2021.

Extension of due date upto 30th September 2021 for implementation of QR Code for Business-to-Consumer (B2C) invoices

Background

QR Code provisions were made applicable in respect of B2C supplies by registered persons whose aggregate turnover in any preceding FY from 2017-18 onwards exceeds Rs. 500 Crore.

Extension in due date till 30th September 2021

Central Board of Excise & Customs (CBIC) has issued Notification No. 28/2021- Central Tax dated 30th June 2021 extending the due date for implementation of QR Code in B2C invoices till 30th September 2021. The notification is likely to provide relief to businesses and facilitate tax compliance.

Please Click Here to read notification dated 30th June 2021.



Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) grants further relaxation in electronic filing of Forms 15CA / 15CB for overseas remittance

Background

A person responsible for making a payment to a non-resident or to a foreign company has to provide such details by filing Forms 15CA and or 15CB electronically with the Income-tax department. Presently, taxpayers upload the Form 15CA, along with the Chartered Accountant's Certificate in Form 15CB, wherever applicable, on the e-filing portal, before submitting the copy to the authorized dealer for any foreign remittance.

In view of difficulty reported by taxpayers in electronic filing of the forms on the new income tax portal, it had earlier been decided by CBDT that taxpayers could submit Form 15CA / 15CB in manual format to the authorised dealer bank till 15th July 2021.

The said date has now been extended to 15th August 2021. Taxpayers can now submit the said Forms in manual format to the authorized dealers till 15th August 2021. A facility will be provided on the new e-filing portal to upload these forms at a later date for the purpose of generation of the document identification number.

Please Click Here to read the Press Release dated 20th July 2021.

CBDT issues rules for computation of short-term capital gains & written down value (WDV) for block of intangible assets comprising goodwill

Background

- The Finance Act 2021 amended the definition of intangible asset to exclude goodwill of business or profession thereby making goodwill ineligible for depreciation from FY 2020-21 onwards – both for:
 - ✓ Existing goodwill forming part of block of intangible asset as on 31st March 2020, and
 - ✓ New goodwill acquired on or after 1st April 2020.
- The Finance Act also amended the definition of WDV to provide for reduction of WDV of goodwill from the WDV of intangible block of asset as on 31st March 2020.
- In respect of goodwill on which depreciation has been claimed up to 31st March 2020, Finance Act 2021 amended the capital gains provisions to authorize CBDT to prescribe manner of computation of capital gain and WDV of block of intangible asset comprising of goodwill.

New Rule 8AC inserted by CBDT in Income-tax Rules, 1962

- CBDT has now prescribed new Rule 8AC which provides the methodology to reduce the WDV of goodwill from WDV of block of intangible asset and also mechanism to compute short term capital gains for block of intangible assets comprising goodwill on which depreciation has been claimed up to 31st March 2020
- The Rule provides that where goodwill is the <u>only asset</u> in block of intangible asset on which
 depreciation is claimed up to 31st March 2020, then WDV of such block of intangible asset will
 need to be reduced by the quantum of actual cost of goodwill less depreciation allowable on
 such goodwill. This will result in WDV of such block of intangible asset becoming Nil
- Where goodwill is <u>one of the assets</u> in block of intangible asset then the WDV of intangible block of asset as on 1st April 2020 needs to be reduced by standalone WDV of goodwill i.e. the difference between actual cost of goodwill and depreciation allowable on such goodwill up to 31st March 2020
- Where the standalone WDV of goodwill is higher than aggregate of opening WDV of entire
 intangible block of asset and actual cost of any intangible asset acquired in FY 2020-21 then the
 excess shall be deemed to be capital gain of FY 2020-21 arising from the transfer of short-term
 capital asset
- However, the Rule clarifies that there will not be any capital gains or loss where the goodwill was
 the only asset forming part of intangible block of asset as on 31st March 2020 and such block of
 asset ceases to exist due to reduction of WDV of goodwill
- Since goodwill would cease to be part of block of intangible assets from FY 2020-21 and no
 depreciation would be allowable, the capital gains or loss on transfer of such goodwill shall be
 determined in the manner as if the transfer is of non-depreciable capital asset. However,
 depreciation obtained by the taxpayer before FY 2020-21 on such goodwill will be reduced from
 cost of acquisition while computing such capital gains. Furthermore, the cost of acquisition of
 self-generated / acquired goodwill shall be taken at NIL.

Please Click Here to read the Notification No. 77 / 2021 dated 7th July 2021.



CBDT issues guidelines for taxability of receipt of cash or specified assets by partner / member on dissolution or reconstitution of partnership firm / limited liability partnership / association of persons

<u>Section 9B of the Income-tax Act, 1961 – Deeming provision inserted by the Finance Act, 2021</u>

- The Finance Act 2021 introduced a new deeming provision by way of section 9B in the Incometax Act effective from FY 2020-21 onwards which provides that whenever a 'specified person' (i.e., partner or member), receives any capital asset or stock in trade or both from a 'specified entity' (i.e., partnership firm or limited liability partnership or association of persons or body of individuals), in connection with the dissolution or reconstitution of such specified entity, then it shall be deemed that the specified entity has <u>transferred</u> such capital asset or stock in trade or both to the specified person
- Any profits and gains arising from such transfer is deemed to be the income of such specified
 entity and taxable as 'business income' or 'capital gain' in the <u>year in which capital asset or stock</u>
 in trade or both are received by the specified person
- <u>Fair Market Value</u> (FMV) of the capital asset or stock in trade or both, on the date of its receipt
 by the specified person, shall be deemed to be the full value of the consideration received as a
 result of such deemed transfer on which tax shall be calculated

Section 45(4) of the Income-tax Act, 1961, as substituted by the Finance Act, 2021

- The Finance Act 2021 substituted section 45(4) to provide that where a specified person receives any money or capital asset or both from a specified entity, in connection with the reconstitution of such specified entity, then any profits or gains arising from such receipt shall be taxable in the hands of the specified entity as 'Capital gains' in the year in which such money or capital asset or both were received by the specified person. A formula to calculate such profits and gains (i.e. realisation by the specified person in excess of his/her capital account balance in the specified entity) has also been provided under section 45(4)
- It has been clarified that when a capital asset is received by a specified person from a specified
 entity in connection with the reconstitution, section 45(4) shall operate <u>in addition to</u> section 9B.
 Taxation under both the provisions shall be worked out independently
- Further, once such appreciation (gain) is taxed at the stage of reconstitution, the provisions of section 48(iii) of the Act provides for attributing such gain to remaining capital assets of the specified entity, as and when such remaining capital assets are transferred by the specified entity, as a reduction from the sale consideration.

Amendment in Income-tax Rules and Guidelines issued by CBDT

- CBDT has issued Circular no. 14 dated 2nd July 2021 prescribing guidelines regarding taxability on distribution of assets by a partnership firm to its partners on its dissolution or reconstitution
- CBDT has issued Notification no.76 dated 2nd July 2021 amending rules regarding method of determination of period of holding capital assets in certain cases
- Similarly, CBDT has introduced a rule regarding attribution of income taxable under section 45(4) to the capital assets remaining with the specified entity, under section 48.

Amendment of Rule 8AA - Method of determining period of holding capital assets in certain cases

It has been provided that in the case of the amount which is chargeable to income-tax as income of specified entity under section 45(4):

- The amount or a part of it shall be deemed to be from transfer of short-term capital asset, if it is attributed to –
 - ✓ Capital asset which is a short term capital asset at the time of taxation of amount under section 45(4) or
 - ✓ Capital asset forming part of block of asset or
 - ✓ Capital asset being self-generated asset and self-generated goodwill as defined in clause (ii) of Explanation 1 to Section 45(4)
- The amount (or a part of it) shall be deemed to be from transfer of long-term capital asset(s), if it
 is attributed to capital asset not covered by above provision

<u>Insertion of new Rule 8AB - Attribution of income taxable under section 45(4) to the capital assets remaining with the specified entity, under section 48</u>

• For the purposes of section 48(iii)1, where the amount is taxable as income of specified entity under section 45(4), the specified entity shall attribute such amount to capital asset remaining with the specified entity in a manner provided in this rule

1 In case of value of any money or capital asset received by a specified person from a specified entity referred to in section 45(4), the taxable amount of such specified entity under that subsection which is attributable to the capital asset being transferred by the specified entity, calculated in the prescribed manner

- Where the aggregate of the value of money and the FMV of the capital asset received by the specified person from the specified entity, in excess of the balance in his capital account, taxable under section 45(4), relates to revaluation of any capital asset or valuation of self-generated asset or self-generated goodwill, of the specified entity, such amount should be attributed to the capital asset remaining with the specified entity for purpose of section 48(iii) in the same proportion as the increase in, or recognition of, value of that asset because of revaluation or valuation bears to the aggregate of increase
- Where the aggregate of the value of money and the FMV of the capital asset received by the specified person, in excess of the balance in his capital account, taxable under section 45(4) does not relate to revaluation of any capital asset or valuation of self-generated asset or selfgenerated goodwill, of the specified entity, the amount so charged to tax shall not be attributed to any capital asset for the purposes of section 48(iii)
- Notwithstanding anything contained in the above rules, where the aggregate of the value of money and the FMV of the capital asset received by the specified person, in excess of the balance in his capital account, charged to tax under section 45(4) relate only to the capital asset received by the specified person from the specified entity, the amount so charged to tax shall not be attributed to any capital asset for the purposes of section 48(iii)
- The specified entity shall furnish the details of amount attributed to capital asset remaining with the specified entity in Form No. 5C. Form No. 5C shall be furnished electronically either under digital signature or through electronic verification mode

Guidelines issued by CBDT

Issue - It was noticed that the amount taxed under section 45(4) is required to be attributed to the remaining capital assets of the specified entity, so that when such capital assets get transferred in future, the amount attributed to such capital assets gets reduced from the full value of consideration and to that extent the specified entity does not pay tax again on the same amount. It is further noticed that this attribution is given in the Act only for the purposes of section 48.

It is seen that section 48 applies only to capital assets which are not forming block of assets. For capital assets forming block of assets, section 43(6)(c) exists to determine WDV of the block of asset and section 50 to determine capital gains arising on transfer of such assets. However, it was not clear that amount taxed under section 45(4) can also be attributed to capital assets forming part of block of assets.

Guidelines - CBDT clarified that Rule 8AB also applies to capital assets forming part of block of assets. It has been further clarified that in case the capital asset remaining with the specified entity is forming part of a block of asset, the amount attributed to such capital asset under Rule 8AB shall be reduced from the full value of consideration received as a result of subsequent transfer of such asset by the specified entity, and the net value of such consideration shall be considered for reduction from the WDV of such block under section 43(6)(c) or for calculation of capital gains under section 50.

Examples

Illustration 1:

A firm consists of three equal partners (A, B and C). Balance sheet of the firm prior to reconstitution is as follows:

| Liabilities | Amount (Rs.) | Assets (Long term capital assets) | Amoun t (Rs.) |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| Partner's Capital | 30 | Land S (FMV = Rs.70) | 10 |
| (A: Rs.10, B: Rs.10, C: Rs.10) | | Land T (FMV = Rs.70) | 10 |
| | | Land U (FMV = Rs.50) | 10 |
| Total | 30 | Total | 30 |

Partner A wishes to retire from the firm. Partner A's account is proposed to be settled in the form of payment of cash of 11 and distribution of land U.

Tax implications as per section 9B - Receipt by partner A of any capital asset from the firm, in connection with his/her retirement, is deemed to be transfer in the hands of the firm, capital gains in hands of the firm computed as below:

Sale Consideration = FMV of Land U = Rs.50

Less: Indexed cost of acquisition of Land U in hands of firm (assumed) = Rs.15

Long term capital gain under section 9B in hands of firm = Rs.35

Long term capital gain tax in hands of firm @ 20% (excluding surcharge, cess) = Rs.7

For A, cost of acquisition of Land U shall be Rs. 50.

The guidelines also specify the accounting treatment in the books of the firm, upon distribution of land U to partner A. As per the guidelines, the firm shall recognize profits on distribution of land U to partner A in the same manner as firm would have transferred such land to an external person. The firm shall recognize before-tax profit of Rs.40 (FMV of Rs.50 less book value of Rs.10) in the profit and loss account (P&L) and credit after-tax profit of Rs.33 (Rs.40 less Rs.7 of tax charged under section 9B) to capital account of all the 3 partners, including retiring partner A. Thus, partner A's capital account balance is credited by after-tax profit of Rs.11, resulting into net credit balance in his/her capital account of Rs.21 (Rs.10 plus Rs.11).

Tax implications as per section 45(4) – Section 45(4) provides for taxation in the hands of the firm of money and capital asset received by partner A from the firm in connection with his/her retirement, as per the following formula:

| Particulars | Elements in Description | | Amount (Rs.) |
|---------------------|-------------------------|---|-----------------|
| Sale | В | Value of any money received by partner from firm on the date of such receipt | 11 |
| consideration | С | FMV of the capital asset received by partner from firm on the date of such receipt | 50 |
| Cost of acquisition | D | Balance in the capital account of partner in the books of account of the firm at the time of reconstitution | 21 |
| Capital gains | A = B + C - D | | 40 |

Thus, in the hands of the firm, capital gain of Rs.40 shall be taxable under section 45(4), in addition to Rs.35 which is taxable under section 9B.

Attributing capital gains under section 45(4) to remaining capital assets of firm - As per attribution rules, capital gains taxable under section 45(4) is to be attributed to remaining capital assets of the firm on the basis of increase in their values due to revaluation, based on valuation report of registered valuer. In the present case, such attribution is as follows:

| Particulars | Cost (Rs.) | FMV (Rs.) | Increase (Rs. | Proportion (%) | Attribution of capital gain taxable under section 45(4) Amount (Rs.) |
|-------------|------------|-----------|---------------|-------------------|--|
| Land S | 10 | 70 | 60 | 50% | 20 |
| Land T | 10 | 70 | 60 | 50% | 20 |
| Total | | | 120 | | 40 |

Thus, Rs.20 each shall be attributed to land S and land T. When either of such land gets sold by the firm in the future, Rs.20 as attributed at the time of taxation under section 45(4), shall be reduced from sale consideration while computing capital gains on sale of such land.

Whether capital gain under section 45(4) is short-term or long-term: Since capital gain of Rs.40 gets attributed to long-term capital assets retained by the firm, such capital gain of Rs.40 shall be chargeable as long-term capital gain.

Illustration 2:

Illustration 2 in the guidelines contemplates situation where, instead of allotment of land U to the retiring partner, the specified entity sells land U to an external person at FMV and settles retiring partner's capital account by paying only cash of Rs.61. In Illustration 1, the deeming fiction of section 9B operates by treating the allotment of land U to the retiring partner as a deemed transfer by the specified entity, while in Illustration 2, section 9B is not applicable but the normal capital gains taxation provisions in the Income-tax law are applicable at the time of sale of capital asset by the specified entity in favor of an external person. The net result of capital gain tax incidence in Illustration 2 is the same as Illustration 1.

Illustration 3:

A firm consists of three equal partners (A, B and C). Balance sheet of the firm prior to reconstitution is as follows:

| Liabilities | Amount (Rs.) | Assets | Amount (Rs.) |
|---------------------------|-----------------|--|-----------------|
| Partner's capital | | Land S (FMV is Rs.45) | 30 |
| (A: Bo 100 B: Bo 100 C: | 300 | Patent T (FMV is Rs.60) | 45 |
| (A: Rs.100, B: Rs.100, C: | | Cash | 225 |
| Rs.100) | | Self-generated goodwill (FMV is Rs.30) | 0 |
| Total | 300 | Total | 300 |

Land S is a long-term capital asset. Patent T was acquired/developed/registered one year back, and hence, is a short-term capital asset.

Partner A wishes to retire from the firm. His/her account is proposed to be settled in the form of payment of cash of Rs.75 and distribution of land S.

Tax implications as per section 9B:

Sale Consideration = FMV of Land S = Rs.45

Less: Indexed cost of acquisition of Land S in hands of firm (assumed) = Rs.45

Long term capital gain under section 9B in hands of firm = Nil

Long term capital gain tax in hands of firm @ 20% (excluding surcharge, cess) = Nil

For partner A, the cost of acquisition of such land S shall be Rs.45.

As stated in Illustration 1, the guidelines also specify the accounting treatment in the books of the firm, upon distribution of land S to partner A. As per the guidelines, the firm shall recognize before-tax profit of Rs.15 (FMV of Rs.45 less book value of Rs.30) in the P&L and credit after-tax profit of Rs.15 (Rs.15 less Nil being tax charged under section 9B) to capital account of all the 3 partners, including retiring partner A. Thus, partner A's capital account balance is credited by after-tax profit of Rs.5, resulting into net credit balance in his/her capital account of Rs.105.

Tax implications as per section 45(4):

| Particulars | Elements in formula | Description | Amount (Rs.) |
|---------------------|---------------------|---|-----------------|
| Sale | В | Value of any money received by partner from firm on the date of such receipt | 75 |
| consideration | С | FMV of the capital asset received by partner from firm on the date of such receipt | 45 |
| Cost of acquisition | D | Balance in the capital account of partner in the books of account of the firm at the time of reconstitution | 105 |
| Capital gains | A = B + C – D | | 15 |

Thus, in the hands of the firm, capital gain of Rs.15 shall be chargeable under section 45(4).

Attributing capital gains under section 45(4) to remaining capital assets of firm:

| Particulars | Cost (Rs.) | FMV (Rs.) | Increase (Rs.) | Proportion (%) | Attribution of capital gain taxable under section 45(4) Amount (Rs.) |
|--------------------------------|------------|-----------|-------------------|-------------------|--|
| Patent T | 45 | 60 | 15 | 33.33% | 5 |
| Self- generated goodwill | | 30 | 30 | 66.66% | 10 |
| Total | | | 45 | | 15 |

Thus, Rs.5 shall be attributed to Patent T and Rs.10 shall be attributed to self-generated goodwill.

No depreciation shall be available on Rs.5 which is attributed to Patent T and on Rs.10 which is attributed to self-generated goodwill. When Patent T gets sold subsequently, Rs.5 shall be reduced from moneys payable and net consideration shall be reduced from WDV of block of intangible assets. Assuming Patent T is sold for Rs.25, Rs.5 shall be reduced from Rs.25 and only net consideration of Rs.20 shall be reduced from WDV of block of intangible assets. Similarly, when goodwill gets sold subsequently, Rs.10 shall be reduced from sale consideration and only such reduced consideration shall be chargeable to capital gains tax.

Whether capital gains under section 45(4) is short-term or long-term: Since capital gain of Rs.15 gets attributed as Rs.5 to asset forming part of block of assets (Patent T) and Rs.10 to self-generated goodwill, such capital gain of Rs.15 shall be chargeable as short-term capital gain.

Overall, the guidelines / rules issued by CBDT are a welcome move and seek to address difficulties relating to operation of the newly introduced provisions namely sections 9B and (substituted) 45(4). However, there are certain issues which still need clarity.

Please <u>Click Here</u> to read the Circular No. 14 / 2021 dated 2nd July 2021. Please <u>Click Here</u> to read the Notification No. 76 / 2021 dated 2nd July 2021.

CBDT issues clarifications regarding withholding tax (WHT) requirement under section 194Q on purchase of goods from resident seller

Background - Section 194Q of the Income-tax Act, 1961

Nowadays, purchase or sale of goods exceeding Rs. 50 lakh in value a year from a single vendor is no big deal, especially in case of a trading or manufacturing enterprise. Till now, there was no requirement to deduct / withhold tax at source (TDS / WHT) on purchase of goods from an Indian resident seller. However, in the Union Budget 2021, Government has introduced a new section 194Q in the Income-tax Act, 1961, applicable from 1st July 2021 onwards which makes it mandatory to deduct / withhold tax at source on purchase of goods from an Indian resident seller, subject to certain conditions.

Section 194Q applicable from 1st July 2021 onwards says that:

- · Any Buyer
- Whose sales / turnover from business exceeded Rs. 10 Crore in preceding FY 2020-21, and
- Who is responsible for paying any sum to an Indian Resident Seller
- · For Purchase of any goods
- Of aggregate value exceeding Rs. 50 lakh in any FY 2021-22, shall
- At the time of payment or credit to such Seller, whichever is earlier
- Deduct / Withhold tax at source @ 0.1% of the sum exceeding Rs. 50 lakh, and
- Deposit the same with Government treasury on or before the 7th day of succeeding month

If the Seller fails to provide his / her PAN to the Buyer, the above TDS / WHT rate would be increased to 5% (instead of 0.1%).

Clarifications issued by CBDT on 30th June 2021

In a series of clarifications issued by CBDT, it has yet issued another circular on 30th June 2021 answering the following questions in connection with TDS liability under section 194Q.

· Exemption to certain categories of transactions

Section 194Q shall not apply to:

- ✓ Transactions in securities and commodities which are traded through recognized stock exchanges or cleared and settled by recognized clearing corporation (including those located in International Financial Service Centre)
- ✓ Transactions in electricity, renewable energy certificates and energy saving certificates traded through registered power exchanges
- Calculation of threshold limit of Rs.50 lakh for FY 2021-22
 - ✓ Section 194Q shall not apply on any sum credited or paid before 1st July 2021, i.e, if either of the 2 events had happened before 1st July 2021 that transaction would not be subjected to section 194Q
 - ✓ If a buyer has already credited or paid Rs.50 lakh or more up to 30th June 2021 to a seller, then
 TDS under section 194Q shall apply on all credit or payment during FY 2021-22 on or after 1st
 July 2021, to such seller
- · Adjustment of GST, Purchase Returns
 - ✓ When tax is deducted at the time of credit, the base amount on which TDS is calculated shall exclude GST
 - ✓ However, if tax is deducted on payment basis before credit (such as advance), GST shall be included in the base amount as it is not possible to identity that payment with GST component of the amount to be invoiced in future
 - ✓ With respect to purchase return, tax deducted may be adjusted against the next purchase from the same seller. No adjustment is required if the purchase return is replaced by the goods.
- Whether non-resident can be buyer under section 194Q?
 - ✓ No, unless the purchase of goods from Indian resident seller is effectively connected with the permanent establishment (taxable presence) of such non-resident in India.

- Whether tax is to be deducted when the seller is a tax-exempt person?
 - ✓ No, provided seller's whole income is tax-exempt (not just a part).
- Whether tax is to be deducted on advance payment?
 - ✓ Yes, as the provision applies at the time of payment or credit whichever is earlier.
- Whether section 194Q shall apply to buyer in the year of incorporation?
 - √ No, because the pre-requite of buyer having minimum sales / gross receipts of Rs.10 Crore in the preceding year would not be satisfied.
- Whether turnover / gross receipts of preceding year from non-business activity is to be counted for calculating the threshold of Rs. 10 Crore?
 - ✓ No. Only the turnover / gross receipts from business activity shall be counted.
 - Cross application of Sections 1940 and 194Q.

Section 1940 calls for TDS @ 1% on payment or credit of sales amount by an e-commerce operator to e-commerce participant.

- ✓ If tax has been deducted by an e-commerce operator on a transaction under section 194O, that transaction shall not be subjected to tax deduction under section 194Q
- ✓ If a transaction is within the purview of both section 1940 as well as section 194Q, tax is required to be deducted under section 1940 and not section 194Q.

Please Click Here to read the Circular No. 13/2021 dated 30th June 2021.



Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) notifies section 4 of Companies (Amendment) Act, 2020 which mandates a company to file name rectification application pursuant to the Directions issued by Regional Director (RD)

MCA vide notification dated 22nd July 2021 has notified section 4 of the Companies (Amendment) Act, 2020, the provisions of which shall come into force with effect from 1st September 2021.

Pursuant to the provisions of section 4 of the Companies (Amendment) Act, 2020:

- If any company inadvertently or otherwise, is registered by a name which is identical with or nearly resembles to a registered trade mark, then on an application made by the registered proprietor / owner of the said trade mark to the RD, the RD if it deems fit, may direct the said company to change its name within a period of 3 months from the date of issue of such Directions by the RD;
- If the company defaults in complying with any such Directions issued by the RD in this regard, then the RD shall allot a new name to the company and the Registrar of Companies (ROC) shall enter this new name in the register of companies in place of the old name and issue a fresh Certificate of Incorporation (COI) with the new name, which the company shall use thereafter

Please Click Here to read notification dated 22nd July 2021.

MCA clarifies consequences for failure by companies to apply for rectified names under section 16 of the Companies Act, 2013 (Act)

Background

Pursuant to the provisions of section 16 of the Companies Act, if any company inadvertently or otherwise, is registered by a name which is identical with or nearly resembles the name of an existing company or a registered trade mark, then RD in all such cases may direct the company to change / rectify its name within a period of 3 months from the date of issue of such Directions by the RD.

However, it is observed by MCA, that many companies fail to comply with the Direction of the RD and default in filing rectified name application in form INC-24, within a period of 3 months from the date of issue of RD Order / Directions.

In order to curb the aforesaid default, MCA vide notification dated 22nd July 2021 has notified Companies (Incorporation) 5th Amendment Rules, 2021.

<u>Consequences notified by MCA under Companies (Incorporation) 5th Amendment Rules, 2021</u>

- In case the company fails to comply with the Directions of the RD and defaults in filing rectified name application in form INC-24 within 3 months from the date of issue of RD Order / Directions, then 'Order of Regional Director Not Complied' (ORDNC), year of passing of the Direction / Order by the RD, serial number and existing Corporate Identity Number (CIN) of the company shall automatically become the new name of the company without any further act or deed by the company, and ROC shall accordingly enter this new name of the company in the register of companies and issue a fresh COI in prescribed form INC 11C;
- The aforesaid defaulting company shall ensure that post the issuance of fresh COI with new
 name registered by MCA, the statement 'Order of Regional Director Not Complied under section
 16 of the Companies Act, 2013' shall be mentioned in brackets below the name of the company,
 wherever its name is printed, affixed or engraved;
- MCA further clarifies that aforesaid provision(s) shall not apply in cases where rectified name application in form INC-24 filed by the company is pending to be processed by ROC at the expiry of 3 months from the date of issue of RD Order / Directions

Please Click Here to read notification dated 22nd July 2021.

Insolvency & Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) notifies Insolvency Resolution Process (IRP) for corporate persons (2nd Amendment) Regulations 2021

IBBI vide notification dated 14th July 2021 has notified IRP for corporate persons (2nd Amendment) Regulations 2021.



Key changes in the Amendment Regulations:

| Regulation | Provisions dealing with | Amendment |
|-------------|---|---|
| 3(1) & 3(2) | Eligibility criteria for appointment of an Insolvency Professional (IP) as a 'Resolution Professional' | The term 'Resolution Professional' has been replaced with 'an Interim Resolution Professional / Resolution |
| 4B | Disclosure of change in name and address of Corporate Debtor | Professional, as the case may be' After regulation 4A, a new regulation 4B has been inserted which provides that where a Corporate Debtor has changed its name or registered office address during last 2 years preceding the insolvency commencement date, then Interim Resolution Professional or Resolution Professional, as the case may be, shall disclose all the former name(s) and registered office addresses along with the current name and registered office address of the Corporate Debtor, in every communication, record, proceeding or any other document |
| 19(1) | Convening of Creditors Committee Meeting by giving at least 5 days' notice in writing to every participant, at the address provided to the Resolution Professional | The term 'Resolution Professional' has been replaced with 'an Interim Resolution Professional / Resolution Professional, as the case may be' |
| 27 | Appointment of Professional to assist Interim Resolution Professional / Resolution Professional, in discharging his duties during the conduct of the Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process (CIRP) | Interim Resolution Professional or Resolution Professional, as the case may be, may appoint any Professional to assist him in discharging his duties during the conduct of the CIRP, if he is of the opinion that the services of such Professional are required and these services are not available with the Corporate Debtor |
| | | The aforesaid Professional shall be appointed on an arm's length basis, following an objective and transparent process |
| | | Following persons shall not be eligible to be appointed as Professional: |
| | | ✓ Relative of the Resolution Professional; ✓ Related party of the Corporate Debtor; ✓ Auditor of the Corporate Debtor at any time during last 5 years preceding the insolvency commencement date; ✓ Partner or Director of the Insolvency Professional Entity of which the Resolution Professional is a Partner or Director |
| | | The invoice for fee and other expenses incurred by the Professional appointed under this Regulation shall be raised in the name of the Professional and be paid directly into his bank account |

Please Click Here to read notification dated 14th July 2021.

Relaxation from additional late filing fee on forms due for filing during April – July 2021

In view of the COVID-19 related restrictions and disruptions, MCA vide circular dated 30th June 2021 provides that all forms due for filing under Companies Act, 2013 and Limited Liability Partnership Act, 2008 (LLP Act) during 1st April 2021 - 31st July 2021 can be filed till 31st August 2021 with normal statutory fees and accordingly no late filing fees shall be charged on filing of such forms.

However, MCA has clarified that above relaxation shall not apply to charge related forms such as:

- CHG-1 (charge creation / modification form);
- · CHG-4 (charge satisfaction form) and;
- CHG-9 (charge creation / modification form for Debentures)

Please Click Here to read circular dated 30th June 2021.

Relaxation of timeline for filing charge related forms

Background

Pursuant to section 77 of the Companies Act, companies are required to file forms related to creation and modification of charges in form CHG-1 and CHG-9 respectively within 30 days from the date of creation / modification of charge.

Given the COVID -19 situation, MCA vide circular dated 30th June 2021 has provided relaxation, that is, period from 1st April 2021 - 31st July 2021 shall not be included for the purpose of calculation of time period for filing form CHG-1 / CHG-9 with MCA.



Relaxation in timeline

| Date of creation / modification of charge | Relaxation in timeline | Applicable fee |
|--|--|---|
| Before 1st April 2021 but the due date for filing form CHG- 1 / CHG-9 had not expired as on 1st April 2021 | 2021 - 31st July 2021 shall not be included in calculation of time period for filing form | If the form is filed on or before 31st July 2021, then fees payable as on 31st March 2021 shall be levied under the Fees Rules If the form is filed after 31st July 2021 then additional fees shall be charged beginning from 1st August 2021 till the date of filing plus the time period lapsed from the date charge creation / modification till 31st March 2021 |
| Falls between 1st April 2021 - 31st July 2021 (both dates inclusive). | Period from date of charge creation / modification till 31st July 2021 shall not be included for purpose of calculation of time period for filing form CHG-1 / CHG-9 with MCA. | If the form is filed on or before 31st July 2021, normal fees shall be levied under the Fees Rules If the form is filed after 31st July 2021, the 1st day after the date of charge creation / modification shall be reckoned as 1st August 2021 and the additional fee shall be calculated accordingly under the Fees Rules |

Events not covered under the relaxation

- Forms CHG-1 and CHG-9 filed before MCA circular dated 3rd May 2021;
- Cases where the timeline for filing forms CHG-1 and CHG-9 had already expired before 1st April 2021;
- Cases where the timeline for filing forms CHG-1 and CHG-9 expire at a future date;
- Form CHG-4 filed towards satisfaction / payment of charges

Please Click Here to read circular dated 30th June 2021.

Reserve Bank of India ('RBI')

RBI

Extension of due date till 31st July 2021 for filing Annual Return on Foreign Liabilities & Assets (FLA) for the FY 2020-21

Every Company / LLP having Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) or Overseas Direct Investment (ODI) is required to submit FLA return annually on the web based portal of RBI on or before 15th July of each FY. After considering concerns of the stakeholders, RBI has extended the said date to 31st July 2021 for the FY 2020-21.

Please Click Here to read the notice dated 14th July 2021.

Inclusion of Retail & Wholesale Trade businesses within the ambit of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)

Ministry of MSMEs vide its Office Memorandum dated 2nd July 2021 has decided to include Retail and Wholesale Trade as MSMEs. However, benefits to Retail and Wholesale Trade MSMEs are to be restricted to Priority Sector Lending only.

Hence Retail and Wholesale Trade MSMEs are now allowed to be registered on Udyam Registration Portal of the Government (online registration portal for MSMEs) for the following National Industrial Classification (NIC) Codes and activities mentioned against them:

| NIC Code | Description of activities |
|-------------|---|
| 45 | Wholesale & Retail trade & repair of motor vehicles & motorcycles |
| 46 | Wholesale trade except of motor vehicles & motorcycles |
| 47 | Retail trade except of motor vehicles & motorcycles |

Accordingly, Enterprises having Udyog Aadhaar Memorandum (UAM) under above 3 NIC Codes are now allowed to migrate to Udyam Registration Portal or file Udyam Registration afresh.

Please Click Here to read RBI notification dated 7th July 2021.

Please Click Here to read MSME Office Memorandum dated 2nd July 2021.

RBI

Review of interest payable on Overdue Term Deposits maintained with banks

RBI vide notification dated 2nd July 2021 has reviewed and amended rate of interest payable on overdue Term Deposits maintained with banks pursuant to RBI (Interest rate on Deposits) Directions, 2016.

| Existing provision | Amended provision | |
|--------------------|--|--|
| · · | If a Term Deposit matures and proceeds are unpaid, then the amount left unclaimed with the bank shall attract rate of interest as applicable to savings account or the contracted rate of interest on the matured Term Deposit, whichever is lower | |

Please Click Here to read notification dated 02nd July 2021.



Securities Exchange Board of India ('SEBI')

SEBI

Relaxation in timelines for compliance with regulatory requirements by Debenture Trustees

Considering the COVID situation, SEBI vide circular dated 20th July 2021 has extended the timelines for following regulatory compliances to be undertaken by Debenture Trustees for FY 2020-21:

| Compliance requirements | Current timeline | Extended timeline |
|--|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Submission of below reports / certifications to Stock Exchanges: | Current timeline | Extended timeline |
| entity Monitoring of utilization certificate Status of information regarding breach of covenants / terms of the issue, if any action taken by Debenture Trustee Status regarding maintenance of accounts maintained under the supervision of Debenture Trustee | 15 th July 2021 | 31 st August 2021 |
| Submission of below reports / certifications to Stock Exchanges: | | |
| Net worth certificate of guarantor (secured by way of personal guarantee) Financials / value of guarantor prepared on basis of audited financial statement of the guarantor (secured by way of corporate guarantee) Valuation report and title search report for the immovable / movable assets, as applicable | | 31 st October 2021 |

Please Click Here to read circular dated 20th July 2021.

SEBI

SEBI notifies Block Mechanism in demat account of clients undertaking sale of securities

Background

SEBI has received representations from the clients undertaking sale of securities, wherein the clients give Early Pay-In (EPI) for sale trades which are yet to be executed. If the sale trade is executed, then the securities get adjusted against EPI, however, if securities remain unsold, then the securities are required to be returned to client's demat account, which is time consuming and costly.

In view of the above, SEBI had extensive consultations with Depositories, Clearing Corporations and Stock Exchanges to provide Block Mechanism in the demat account of clients undertaking sale of securities transactions, which would be implemented from 1st August 2021.

Under the said Block Mechanism, whenever client intends to make a sale transaction, shares will be blocked in the client's demat account in favour of Clearing Corporation. If sale transaction is not executed, shares shall continue to remain in the client's demat account and will be unblocked at the end of the Trading day. Thus, this mechanism will eliminate the movement of shares from client's demat account for EPI and back to client's demat account if trade is not executed. Thereby saving time and cost involved in the said process.

Process flow for Block Mechanism

The Block Mechanism shall operate in the below stated manner:

- The securities lying in client's demat account will be blocked either by the client himself using Depository's online system or Electronic Delivery Instruction Slip (eDIS) mandate or through Depository Participant based on physical Delivery Instruction Slip (DIS) given by the client or Power of Attorney (POA) holder;
- Depositories may keep block on the securities in client's demat account in respect of Intra or Inter
 Depository transfer instruction till pay-in day. The blocked securities will be transferred only after
 checking against the client level net delivery obligation received from Clearing Corporations;
- Depositories will provide the details of transfer instructions to Clearing Corporations for clients to avail EPI benefit;
- Clearing Corporations will match the client level net obligations with the block details provided by Depositories and will provide EPI benefit to client if the client level net obligation exists for that particular client
- The proposed facility of Block Mechanism can be availed by clients on optional basis and they may also avail existing EPI mechanism, as per their discretion and feasibility

Please Click Here to read circular dated 16th July 2021

Compliance Calendar

Compliance calendar for the month of August 2021

| | Concerned | | |
|-------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Compliance Due Date: | (Reporting) Period: | Compliance Detail: | Applicable To: |
| 7 th August | July 2021 | TDC/TCS deposit | Non-government |
| | | | Deductors |
| | | Equalization Levy | All Deductors |
| | | deposit | |
| 10 th August | | a) GSTR-7 (TDS return | a) Person required to |
| | | under GST) | deduct TDS under GST |
| | | b) GSTR-8 (TCS return | b) Person required to |
| | | under GST) | deduct TCS under GST |
| 11 th August | | GSTR-1 (Outward supply | Taxable persons having |
| | | return) | turnover > Rs. 5 crore |
| 13 th August | | GSTR-6 [Return by input | Person registered as ISD |
| | | service distributor (ISD)] | |
| | | Invoice Furnishing | Taxable persons having |
| | | Facility - IFF (Details of | turnover < Rs. 5 crore |
| | | outward supplies of | |
| | | goods or services) | |
| 15 th August | July 2021 | Deposit of PF & ESI | All Deductors |
| | | contribution | |
| | April-June 2021 | TDS certificate in Form | |
| | | 16A (non-salary) | |
| 20 th August | July 2021 | a) GSTR-5 (Return by | a) Non-resident taxable |
| | | Non-resident) | person |
| | | b)GSTR-5A [Online | b) OIDAR services |
| | | Information Database | provider |
| | | Access and Retrieval | |
| | | (OIDAR) services return] | |
| | | GSTR-3B (Summary | All taxable persons |
| | | return) | (except composition |
| | | | dealer) having annual |
| | | | turnover > Rs. 5 crore in |
| | | | FY 2020-21 |
| 25 th August | | Form GST PMT-06 | All taxable persons |
| | | (Payment of tax for | (except composition |
| | | Quarterly filers) | dealer) having annual |
| | | | turnover < Rs. 5 crore in |
| | | | FY 2020-21 |
| 31st August | - | Last date for payment | Taxpayers who have |
| | | under Vivad Se Vishwas | filed VSVS declaration |
| | | scheme (VSVS) without | upto 31st March 2021 |
| | | additional levy | |

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