

The 38<sup>th</sup> GST council meeting which was held on 18.12.2019 made the following recommendations which is as under:

### LAW & PROCEDURE RECOMMENDATIONS

#### Setting up of Grievance Redressal Committee at Zonal/State level

- **Grievance Redressal Committees (GRC)** will be constituted at **Zonal/State level** with both CGST and SGST officers and including representatives of trade and industry and other GST stakeholders (GST practitioners and GSTN etc.). These committees will address grievances of specific/ general nature of taxpayers at the Zonal/ State level.

#### Extension of due date of GSTR – 9 & 9C

- Due date for annual return in **FORM GSTR-9** and reconciliation statement in **FORM GSTR-9C** for FY 2017-18 to be extended to **31.01.2020**.

#### Waiver of late fee of GSTR – 1:

- **Waiver of late fee** to be given to all taxpayers in respect of all pending **FORM GSTR-1** from **July 2017 to November 2019**, if the same are filed by **10.01.2020**.

#### Blockage of E-way bill for taxpayers who have not filed GSTR – 1

- E-way Bill for taxpayers who have not filed their **FORM GSTR-1 for two tax periods** shall be blocked.

#### Restriction of ITC from 20% to 10% of uploaded invoices

- Input tax credit to the recipient in respect of invoices or debit notes that are not reflected in his **FORM GSTR-2A** shall be **restricted to 10 per cent** of the eligible credit available in respect of invoices or debit notes reflected in his **FORM GSTR-2A**.

#### Action against fake invoicing

- To check the menace of fake invoices, suitable action to be taken for blocking of fraudulently availed input tax credit in certain situations.

### SOP for non-filers of GSTR – 3B

- A Standard Operating Procedure for tax officers would be issued in respect of action to be taken in cases of non-filing of **FORM GSTR 3B** returns.

### RATE RELATED CHANGES

GST Council in the 38th meeting held on 18th December 2019 at New Delhi took following decisions relating to changes in GST rates, exemptions, -

1. To exempt upfront amount payable for long term lease of industrial/ financial infrastructure plots by an entity having 20% or more ownership of Central or State Government. Presently, the exemption is available to an entity having 50% or more ownership of Central or State Government. This change shall become effective from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020.
2. To levy a single rate of GST @ 28% on both State run and State authorized lottery. This change shall become effective from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020.
3. The Council also considered the rate of GST rate on Woven and Non-Woven Bags and sacks of polyethylene or polypropylene strips or the like , whether or not laminated, of a kind used for packing of goods ( HS code 3923/6305) in view of the requests received post the changes recommended on such goods in last meeting and recommended to raise the GST to a uniform rate of 18%(from 12%) on all such bags falling under HS 3923/6305 including Flexible Intermediate Bulk Containers (FIBC). This change shall become effective from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020.

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