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Dear All,

As you are aware, the Goods and Services Tax (GST) will be implemented in the country w.e.f. 1st July, 2017 which will be the biggest indirect tax reform in the country since independence.

2. To this context, a meeting of Committee of Secretaries (CoS) was held under the Chairmanship of Cabinet Secretary on 20th June, 2017 at Cabinet Secretariat, Rashtrapati Bhawan. In that meeting the following information was received from Member, CBEC, Deptt of Revenue:

(i) For smooth implementation of GST, Project Saksham was launched to revamp IT System of CBEC.

(ii) Field formations of CBEC have been completely re-organised and aligned with State boundaries.

(iii) More than 52,00 officers have been trained for the implementation of GST and more than 10,000 officers have been given training in IT Systems.

(iv) CBEC has activated twitter handle @askGst_GOI for real time answering of queries apart from uploading FAQs on GST in English, Hindi and 8 regional languages on its website.

(v) E-training Modules on GST are available on Youtube and GST Seva Kendras have been established in every range office for
facilitating and handholding migration, registration, duty payment, filing of returns and handholding.

(vi) CBEC has planned online campaign ‘GST-Manthan’ which can be accessed by clicking www.gstawareness.cbec.gov.in.

(vii) For addressing concerns of the stakeholders, 24*7 Helpdesk, all India toll free number 1800-1200-232 and E-mail ‘cbecmitra.helpdesh@icegate.gov.in’ have been provided. In addition Twitter channels @cbec_India, dedicated Youtube channel GST_India and Facebook page of @cbecIndia are also available.

(viii) All relevant information related to GST implementation including Constitutional Amendment Act, CGST, IGST, UTGST and GST (Compensation) Acts, GST Rates, final rules and formats are available on CBEC website.

(ix) CBEC is imparting in-house training to officers/staff of various Ministries/Departments at National Academy of Customs, Excise and Narcotics (NACEN). For additional training requirement, Ministries, Departments, CPSEs and other government agencies may send request at coe-cbec@gov.in.

(x) Under GST Council, 18 Sectoral Groups have been formed to examine industry related challenges and to prepare Sectoral Guidance Notes. JS level officers of the Ministries concerned have been invited to join the Sectoral Groups.

3. Furthermore Special Secretary & Member, Central Board of Excise & Customs, Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance vide letter dated 21st June, 2017 has forwarded a list of Experts/Master trainers on GST, list of GST Seva Kendras, List of Zonal Campuses of NACIN, List of Authorised Training Partners (ATPs). This letter with the enclosures can be accessed at the following link: http://dcmsme.gov.in/gst/GST_Cabinet_Sec.pdf.
4. CBEC has set up a GST Feedback & Action Room at North Block, New Delhi which will be manned between 8 AM to 10 PM daily (Telephone Numbers: 011-23094160/61/62 and 011-23094168/69; e-mail: gst.actionroom@gov.in) This will be headed by Addl. Director General, Taxpayer Services, CBEC and will address the concerns on issues regarding GST faced by various State/Central Government Departments/ CBEC Officials.

4. I would request you all to consider the information as indicated at para 2, 3 and 4 above for wide dissemination among your officials besides the MSME Associations and other stakeholders.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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All Directors / Deputy Director (I/c) of MSME-DIs
All MDs / PDs GMs / Directors of Technology Centres