D.O.No.E-7(6)/2017-EA

Dated the 7th June, 2017

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. To ensure its smooth and successful rollout, it is essential that all stakeholders both in the Government as well as outside are adequately prepared for the rollout. While the Department of Revenue is ensuring adequate infrastructural and legal preparedness of the Central and State Tax Authorities, Accounting Authorities and the Goods and Services Tax Network, it is also imperative to ensure that all sectors and businesses are 'GST ready' as well.

2. Secretary (MSME) took a meeting to take stock of readiness of GST Facilitation Cell functioning in the Office of DC (MSME) with Shri Anshuman Mohanty, Director (Tel.No.23061197; email : anshumohanti@gmail.com) as Coordinator. All of you are requested to constitute a GST Cell in your office and put details of name, contact address including mobile number on the website to facilitate micro, small and medium enterprises and equip them with complete knowledge of relevant GST Act / Rules / Rate Structure, etc.

3. You are also requested to adopt industry clusters and organize workshop for industry in association with District Industry Sectors, Industry Associations, Cluster SPVs and other stakeholders.

4. While the Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance is making the helpline operational for any individual taxpayer to seek resolution of any legal or IT related issues, the GST Cell at your level should serve as the first point of contact for addressing any issue faced by them. This would greatly facilitate the rollout of GST as desired by Government. In this regard, a copy of letter vide D.O.No.S.31011/15/2017-ST-IDOR dated 2nd June, 2017 from Cabinet Secretary is enclosed.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Surendra Nath Tripathi)

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

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2. Therefore, I request you to please ensure that all Public Sector Units in your Ministry/Department are GST compliant before 1st July, 2017. I would suggest that you have a meeting of all CMDs/Chairpersons of the PSUs, if any, under your charge to sensitize them towards GST rollout. Preferably, each PSU may constitute a 'GST Cell' which should be equipped with the complete knowledge of the relevant GST Act/Rules/Rate Structure etc.

3. I would also like to add that business and industry would need to be provided with all possible support for the rollout of GST. For this, your Ministry/Department should activate a ‘GST Facilitation Cell’ which is in constant touch with the major industry and business associations relating to your Ministry. The ‘GST Facilitation Cell’ can preferably be managed by a small core team headed by the Economic Adviser or any other senior designated officer. While the Department of Revenue is making the helplines operational for any individual taxpayer to seek resolution of any legal or IT related issues, the ‘GST Facilitation Cell’ could serve as the first point of contact for addressing any issue being faced by any sector related to your Ministry. This would greatly facilitate the rollout of GST.

4. I look forward to your utmost cooperation in this regard.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(P.K. Sinha)

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