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TRADE NOTICE NO.03/2020-21

Dated: 02.07.2020

- Subject:** (1) Clarification on refund related issues –
(2) Clarification in respect of levy of GST on Director's remuneration-
(3) Clarification in respect of various measures announced by the
Government for providing relief to the taxpayers in view of spread
of Novel Corona Virus (COVID-19).
(4) Furnishing a Nil return in FORM GSTR-3B through SMS-reg


Copy of Circulars No.139/09/2020-GST dated 10.06.2020 issued under F. No. CBEC-20/06/03-2020-GST, No.140/10/2020-GST issued under F.No.CBEC-20/10/05/2020-GST, No.141/11/2020-GST issued under F.No. CBEC-20/20/06/04-2020 and Notification No.44/2020 Central Tax dated 08.06.2020 by Government of India, Ministry of Finance, Department of Revenue, Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs, GST Policy Wing, New Delhi is communicated herewith.

2. The Trade Notice is being issued so as to sensitize the trade and field formations about the contents of the aforesaid circular/Notification and the complete details of the said circular/Notification may please be referred on the CBIC website- cbic.gov.in.

3. All the jurisdictional Deputy/Assistant Commissioners are requested to bring the contents of the Trade Notice to the notice of all the officers working under their charge and the taxpayers falling under their respective jurisdiction.

4. The contents of the Trade Notice may be brought to the knowledge of all constituent members of Trade Associations/ Chamber of Commerce and Industry/Members of RAC and all others concerned persons under the jurisdiction of CGST Commissionerate Indore.

(Issued from file C.No.I(Gen)30-01/18-19/GST/T/Pt-I)


(Neerav Kumar Mallick)
Commissioner

To,

As per mailing list.

Copy of Circular No. No.139/09/2020-GST dated 10.06.2020 issued under F. No. CBEC-20/06/03-2020-GST, No.140/10/2020-GST issued under F.No.CBEC-20/10/05/2020-GST, No.141/11/2020-GST issued under F.No. CBEC-20/20/06/04-2020 and Notification No.44/2020 Central Tax dated 08.06.2020 by Government of India, Ministry of Finance, Department of Revenue, Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs, GST Policy Wing, New Delhi. The forms annexed to the rules mentioned therein may please be referred.

CBEC-20/06/03-2020 -GST
Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Revenue
Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs
GST Policy Wing

New Delhi, Dated the 10th June, 2020

To,

The Principal Chief Commissioners/Chief Commissioners/Principal Commissioners/
Commissioners of Central Tax (All)

The Principal Director Generals/ Director Generals (All)

Madam/Sir,

Subject: Clarification on refund related issues – reg.

Various representations have been received seeking clarification on the issue relating to refund of accumulated ITC in respect of invoices whose details are not reflected in the **FORM GSTR-2A** of the applicant. In order to clarify these issues and to ensure uniformity in the implementation of the provisions of law in this regard across the field formations, the Board, in exercise of its powers conferred by section 168 (1) of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (hereinafter referred to as “CGST Act”), hereby clarifies the issues detailed hereunder:

2. Circular No.135/05/2020 – GST dated the 31st March, 2020 states that:

“5. Guidelines for refunds of Input Tax Credit under Section 54(3)

5.1 In terms of para 36 of circular No. 125/44/2019-GST dated 18.11.2019, the refund of ITC availed in respect of invoices not reflected in FORM GSTR-2A was also admissible and copies of such invoices were required to be uploaded. However, in wake of insertion of sub-rule (4) to rule 36 of the CGST Rules, 2017 vide notification No. 49/2019-GST dated 09.10.2019, various references have been received from the field formations regarding admissibility of refund of the ITC availed on the invoices which are not reflecting in the FORM GSTR-2A of the applicant.

5.2 The matter has been examined and it has been decided that the refund of accumulated ITC shall be restricted to the ITC as per those invoices, the details of which are uploaded by the supplier in FORM GSTR-1 and are reflected in the FORM GSTR-2A of the applicant. Accordingly, para 36 of the circular No. 125/44/2019-GST, dated 18.11.2019 stands modified to that extent."

3.1 Representations have been received that in some cases, refund sanctioning authorities have rejected the refund of accumulated ITC in respect of ITC availed on Imports, ISD invoices, RCM etc. citing the above-mentioned Circular on the basis that the details of the said invoices/documents are not reflected in **FORM GSTR-2A** of the applicant.

3.2 In this context it is noteworthy that before the issuance of Circular No. 135/05/2020-GST dated 31st March, 2020, refund was being granted even in respect of credit availed on the strength of missing invoices (not reflected in **FORM GSTR-2A**) which were uploaded by the applicant along with the refund application on the common portal. However, vide Circular No.135/05/2020 – GST dated the 31st March, 2020, the refund related to these missing invoices has been restricted. Now, the refund of accumulated ITC shall be restricted to the ITC available on those invoices, the details of which are uploaded by the supplier in **FORM GSTR-1** and are reflected in the **FORM GSTR-2A** of the applicant.

4. The aforesaid circular does not in any way impact the refund of ITC availed on the invoices / documents relating to imports, ISD invoices and the inward supplies liable to Reverse Charge (RCM supplies) etc.. It is hereby clarified that the treatment of refund of such ITC relating to imports, ISD invoices and the inward supplies liable to Reverse Charge (RCM supplies) will continue to be same as it was before the issuance of Circular No. 135/05/2020-GST dated 31st March, 2020.

5. It is requested that suitable trade notices may be issued to publicize the contents of this circular.

6. Difficulty, if any, in implementation of this Circular may please be brought to the notice of the Board. Hindi version would follow.

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CBEC-20/10/05/2020 -GST
Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Revenue
Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs
GST Policy Wing

New Delhi, dated the 10th June, 2020

To

The Principal Chief Commissioners / Chief Commissioners / Principal Commissioners /
Commissioners of Central Tax (All)

The Principal Director Generals / Director Generals (All)

Madam/Sir,

Subject: Clarification in respect of levy of GST on Director's remuneration - Reg.

Various references have been received from trade and industry seeking clarification whether the GST is leviable on Director's remuneration paid by companies to their directors. Doubts have been raised as to whether the remuneration paid by companies to their directors falls under the ambit of entry in Schedule III of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (hereinafter referred to as the CGST Act) i.e. "services by an employee to the employer in the course of or in relation to his employment" or whether the same are liable to be taxed in terms of notification No. 13/2017 – Central Tax (Rate) dated 28.06.2017 (entry no.6).

2. The issue of remuneration to directors has been examined under following two different categories:

- (i) leviability of GST on remuneration paid by companies to the independent directors defined in terms of section 149(6) of the Companies Act, 2013 or those directors who are not the employees of the said company; and
- (ii) leviability of GST on remuneration paid by companies to the whole-time directors including managing director who are employees of the said company.

3. In order to ensure uniformity in the implementation of the provisions of the law across the field formations, the Board, in exercise of its powers conferred under section 168(1) of the CGST Act hereby clarifies the issue as below:

Leviability of GST on remuneration paid by companies to the independent directors or those directors who are not the employee of the said company

4.1 The primary issue to be decided is whether or not a 'Director' is an employee of the company. In this regard, from the perusal of the relevant provisions of the Companies Act, 2013, it can be inferred that:

- a. the definition of a whole time-director under section 2(94) of the Companies Act, 2013 is an inclusive definition, and thus he **may be a person who is not an employee** of the company.
- b. the definition of 'independent directors' under section 149(6) of the Companies Act, 2013, read with Rule 12 of Companies (Share Capital and Debentures) Rules, 2014 makes it amply clear that **such director should not have been an employee** or proprietor or a partner of the said company, in any of the three financial years immediately preceding the financial year in which he is proposed to be appointed in the said company.

4.2 Therefore, in respect of such directors who are not the employees of the said company, the services provided by them to the Company, in lieu of remuneration as the consideration for the said services, are clearly outside the scope of Schedule III of the CGST Act and are therefore taxable. In terms of entry at Sl. No. 6 of the Table annexed to notification No. 13/2017 – Central Tax (Rate) dated 28.06.2017, the recipient of the said services i.e. the Company, is liable to discharge the applicable GST on it on reverse charge basis.

4.3 Accordingly, it is hereby clarified that the remuneration paid to such independent directors, or those directors, by whatever name called, who are not employees of the said company, is taxable in hands of the company, on reverse charge basis.

Leviability of GST on remuneration paid by companies to the directors, who are also an employee of the said company

5.1 Once, it has been ascertained whether a director, irrespective of name and designation, is an employee, it would be pertinent to examine whether all the activities performed by the director are in the course of employer-employee relation (i.e. a "contract of service") or is there any element of "contract for service". The issue has been deliberated by various courts and it has been held that a director who has also taken an employment in the

company may be functioning in dual capacities, namely, one as a director of the company and the other on the basis of the contractual relationship of master and servant with the company, i.e. under a contract of service (employment) entered into with the company.

5.2 It is also pertinent to note that similar identification (to that in Para 5.1 above) and treatment of the Director's remuneration is also present in the Income Tax Act, 1961 wherein the salaries paid to directors are subject to Tax Deducted at Source ('TDS') under Section 192 of the Income Tax Act, 1961 ('IT Act'). However, in cases where the remuneration is in the nature of professional fees and not salary, the same is liable for deduction under Section 194J of the IT Act.

5.3. Accordingly, it is clarified that the part of Director's remuneration which are declared as 'Salaries' in the books of a company and subjected to TDS under Section 192 of the IT Act, are not taxable being consideration for services by an employee to the employer in the course of or in relation to his employment in terms of Schedule III of the CGST Act, 2017.

5.4 It is further clarified that the part of employee Director's remuneration which is declared separately other than 'salaries' in the Company's accounts and subjected to TDS under Section 194J of the IT Act as *Fees for professional or Technical Services* shall be treated as consideration for providing services which are outside the scope of Schedule III of the CGST Act, and is therefore, taxable. Further, in terms of notification No. 13/2017 - Central Tax (Rate) dated 28.06.2017, the recipient of the said services i.e. the Company, is liable to discharge the applicable GST on it on reverse charge basis.

6 It is requested that suitable trade notices may be issued to publicize the contents of this circular.

7. Difficulty, if any, in the implementation of the above instructions may please be brought to the notice of the Board. Hindi version would follow.

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CBEC-20/06/04-2020 -GST
Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Revenue
Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs
GST Policy Wing

New Delhi, dated the 24th June, 2020

To

The Principal Chief Commissioners / Chief Commissioners / Principal Commissioners / Commissioners of Central Tax (All)

The Principal Director Generals / Director Generals (All)

Madam/Sir,

Subject: Clarification in respect of various measures announced by the Government for providing relief to the taxpayers in view of spread of Novel Corona Virus (COVID-19) - Reg.

Circular No. 136/06/2020-GST, dated 03.04.2020 was issued by the Board on the subject issue clarifying various issues relating to the measures announced by the Government providing relief to the taxpayers. The GST Council, in its 40th meeting held on 12.06.2020, recommended further relief to the taxpayers and accordingly, following notifications have been issued:

S. No	Notification No.	Remarks
1.	Notification No.51/2020-Central Tax, dated 24.06.2020.	Seeks to provide relief to taxpayers by reducing the rate of interest from 18% per annum to 9% per annum for specified period.
2.	Notification No.52/2020-Central Tax, dated 24.06.2020.	Seeks to provide relief to taxpayers by conditional waiver of late fee for delay in furnishing FORM GSTR-3B for specified period.
3.	Notification No.53/2020-Central Tax, dated 24.06.2020.	Seeks to provide relief to taxpayers by conditional waiver of late fee for delay in furnishing FORM GSTR-1 for specified period.

2. The above referred notifications have amended the parent notifications through which the relief from interest for late payment of GST and late fee for delay in furnishing of **FORM GSTR-3B / FORM GSTR-1** was provided for the tax periods of February, March and April, 2020. Accordingly, the clarifications issued vide Circular No. 136/06/2020-GST, dated 03.04.2020 stand modified to the extent as detailed in the succeeding paragraphs to incorporate the decisions of the 40th meeting of the GST Council. In order to ensure uniformity in the implementation of the provisions of the law across the field formations, the Board, in exercise

of its powers conferred under section 168(1) of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (hereinafter referred to as the "CGST Act") clarifies the issues detailed below:

Manner of calculation of interest for taxpayers having aggregate turnover above Rs. 5 Cr.

3.1 Vide notification No.31/2020- Central Tax, dated 03.04.2020, a conditional lower rate of interest was provided for various class of registered persons for the tax period of February, March and April, 2020. The same was clarified through Circular No. 136/06/2020-GST, dated 03.04.2020 (para 3, sl. No. 3, 4 and 5). It was clarified that in case the return for the said months are not furnished on or before the date mentioned in the notification No.31/2020- Central Tax, dated 03.04.2020, interest at 18% per annum shall be charged from the due date of return, till the date on which the return is filed.

3.2 The Government, vide notification no 51/2020- Central Tax, dated 24.06.2020 has removed the said condition. Accordingly, a lower rate of interest of NIL for first 15 days after the due date of filing return in **FORM GSTR-3B** and @ 9% thereafter till 24.06.2020 is notified. **After the specified date, normal rate of interest i.e. 18% per annum shall be charged for any further period of delay in furnishing of the returns.**

3.3 The calculation of interest in respect of this class of registered persons for delayed filing of return for the month of **March, 2020** (due date of filing being **20.04.2020**) is as illustrated in the Table below:

Table			
Sl. No.	Date of filing GSTR-3B	No. of days of delay	Interest
1	02.05.2020	12	Zero interest
2	20.05.2020	30	Zero interest for 15 days, thereafter interest rate @9% p.a. for 15 days
3	20.06.2020	61	Zero interest for 15 days, thereafter interest rate @9% p.a. for 46 days
4	24.06.2020	65	Zero interest for 15 days, thereafter interest rate @9% p.a. for 50 days
5	30.06.2020	71	Zero interest for 15 days, thereafter interest rate @9% p.a. for 50 days and interest rate @18% p.a. for 6 days

Manner of calculation of interest for taxpayers having aggregate turnover below Rs. 5 Cr.

4.1 For the taxpayers having aggregate turnover below Rs. 5 Crore, notification No.31/2020- Central Tax, dated 03.04.2020 provided a conditional NIL rate of interest for the tax period of February, March and April, 2020. The Government, vide notification no 52/2020- Central Tax, dated 24.06.2020 provided the NIL rate of interest till specified dates in the said notification and 9% per annum thereafter till 30th September, 2020. Similar relaxation of reduced rate of interest has been provided for the tax period of May, June and July 2020 also for the said class of registered persons having aggregate turnover below Rs. 5 Crore in the preceding financial year. **The notification, thus, provides NIL rate of interest till specified**

dates and after the specified dates lower rate of 9% would apply till 30th September 2020. After 30th September, 2020, normal rate of interest i.e. 18% per annum shall be charged for any further period of delay in furnishing of the returns.

4.2 The calculation of interest in respect of this class of registered persons for delayed filing of return for the month of **March, 2020** (for registered persons for whom the due date of filing was **22.04.2020**) and **June, 2020** (for registered persons for whom the due date of filing is **22.07.2020**) is as illustrated in the Table below:

Table

S. No.	Tax period	Applicable rate of interest	Date of filing GSTR-3B	No. of days of delay	Interest
1	March, 2020	Nil till the 3 rd day of July, 2020, and 9 per cent thereafter till the 30 th day of September, 2020	22.06.2020	61	Zero interest
2			22.09.2020	153	Zero interest for 72 days, thereafter interest rate @9% p.a. for 81 days
4			22.10.2020	183	Zero interest for 72 days, thereafter interest rate @9% p.a. for 89 days and interest rate @18% p.a. for 22 days
4	June, 2020	Nil till the 23 rd day of September, 2020, and 9 per cent thereafter till the 30 th day of September, 2020	28.08.2020	37	Zero interest
5			28.09.2020	68	Zero interest for 63 days, thereafter interest rate @9% p.a. for 5 days
6			28.10.2020	98	Zero interest for 63 days, thereafter interest rate @9% p.a. for 7 days and interest rate @18% p.a. for 28 days

Manner of calculation of late fee

5.1 Vide notification No. 32/2020- Central Tax, dated 03.04.2020, a conditional waiver of late fee was provided for the tax period of February, March and April, 2020, if the return in **FORM GSTR-3B** was filed by the date specified in the said notification. The same was clarified through Circular No. 136/06/2020-GST, dated 03.04.2020.

5.2 The Government, vide notification No. 52/2020- Central Tax, dated 24.06.2020 has provided the revised dates for conditional waiver of late fee for the months of February, March

and April, 2020 and extended the same for the months of May, June and July, 2020 for the small taxpayers.

5.3 It is clarified that the waiver of late fee is conditional to filing the return of the said tax period by the dates specified in the said notification. **In case the returns in FORM GSTR-3B for the said months are not furnished on or before the dates specified in the said notification, then late fee shall be payable from the due date of return, till the date on which the return is filed.**

6. The contents of the Circular 136/06/20-GST, dated 03.04.2020 are modified to this extent. It is requested that suitable trade notices may be issued to publicize the contents of this circular.

7. Difficulty, if any, in the implementation of the above instructions may please be brought to the notice of the Board. Hindi version would follow.

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Government of India
Ministry of Finance
(Department of Revenue)
Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs
Notification No. 44/2020 – Central Tax

New Delhi, the 8th June, 2020

G.S.R.(E).— In exercise of the powers conferred by section 164 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (12 of 2017) read with rule 3 of the Central Goods and Services Tax (Fifth Amendment) Rules, 2020 (hereinafter referred to as the rules), made vide notification No. 38/2020 – Central Tax, dated the 5th May, 2020, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (i), vide number G.S.R 272(E), dated the 5th May, 2020, the Government, hereby appoints the 8th day of June, 2020, as the date from which the said provisions of the rules, shall come into force.

[F. No. CBEC-20/06/16/2018-GST]

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