Law and Provisions under CGST Chapter 9 – RETURNS

9.0 RETURNS – The provisions related to **Returns** - Furnishing details of outward supplies, Communication of details of inward supplies and input tax credit, Furnishing of returns, First return, Availment of input tax credit, Matching, reversal and reclaim of input tax credit, Matching, reversal and reclaim of reduction in output tax liability, Procedure for furnishing return and availing input tax credit, Annual return, Final return, Notice to return defaulters, Levy of late fee and Goods and services tax practitioners are covered under Chapter IX of the CGST Act 2017 from Section 37 to Section 48.

The Central Government has appointed the 1st day of July, 2017, as the date on which the provisions of these sections came in to force vide Notification No. 9/2017- Central Tax dated 28.06.2017.

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	person		
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	information and database access or retrieval services		
Rule 65	Form and manner of submission of return by an Input Service Distributor		
Rule 66	Form and manner of submission of return by a person required to deduct		
	tax at source		
Rule 67	Form and manner of submission of statement of supplies through an e-		
	commerce operator		
Rule 67A	Manner of furnishing of return or details of outward supplies by short		
	messaging service facility		
Rule 68	Notice to non-filers of returns		
Rule 69	Matching of claim of input tax credit		
Rule 70	Final acceptance of input tax credit and communication thereof		
Rule 71	Communication and rectification of discrepancy in claim of input tax		
	credit and reversal of claim of input tax credit		
Rule 72	Claim of input tax credit on the same invoice more than once		
Rule 73	Matching of claim of reduction in the output tax liability		
Rule 74	Final acceptance of reduction in output tax liability and communication		
	thereof		
Rule 75	Communication and rectification of discrepancy in reduction in output tax		
	liability and reversal of claim of reduction.		
Rule 76	Claim of reduction in output tax liability more than once		
Rule 77	Refund of interest paid on reclaim of reversals		
Rule 78	Matching of details furnished by the e-Commerce operator with the		
	details furnished by the supplier		
Rule 79	Communication and rectification of discrepancy in details furnished by		
	the e-commerce operator and the supplier		
Rule 80	Annual return		
Rule 81	Final return		
Rule 82	Details of inward supplies of persons having Unique Identity Number		
Rule 83	Provisions relating to a goods and services tax practitioner		
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Rule 83A	Examination of Goods and Services Tax Practitioners	
Rule 83B	Surrender of enrolment of goods and services tax practitioner	
Rule 84	Conditions for purposes of appearance	

	Forms - Returns		
Forms	Particulars		
FORM GSTR-1	Details of outward supplies of goods or services		
FORM GSTR-1A	Details of auto drafted supplies		
FORM GSTR-2	Details of inward supplies of goods or services		
FORM GSTR-2A	Details of auto-drafted supplies		
FORM GSTR-2B	Auto Drafted ITC Statement (from GSTR-1, GSTR-5, GSTR-6		
	and Import data received from ICEGATE).		
FORM GSTR-3	Monthly return		
FORM GSTR-3A	Notice to return defaulter u/s 46 for not filing return		
FORM GSTR-3B	Monthly Return		
FORM GSTR-4	Quarterly return for registered person opting for composition		
	levy (This form shall be modified and implemented in due		
	course as "the Return for Financial Year of Registered Person,		
	who has opted for Composition levy or availing benefit of		
	notification no. 02/2019- Central Tax" (Rate).		
FORM GSTR-4A	Auto-drafted details for registered person opting for		
	composition levy		
FORM GSTR-5	Return for Non-resident taxable person		
FORM GSTR-5A	Details of supplies of Online Information and Database Access		
	or Retrieval Services (OIDAR) by a person located outside		
	India made to nontaxable persons in India		
FORM GSTR-6	Return for input service distributor		
FORM GSTR-6A	Details of supplies auto-drafted form (Auto-drafted from		
	GSTR-1)		
FORM GSTR-7	Return for tax deducted at source (TDS)		
FORM GSTR-7A	Tax Deduction at Source Certificate		
FORM GSTR-8	Statement for tax collection at source (TCS)		
FORM GSTR-9	Annual Return		
FORM GSTR-9A	Annual return (For Composition Taxpayer)		
FORM GSTR-9C	PART – A - Reconciliation Statement Part B – Certificate		

FORM GSTR-10	Final Return
FORM GSTR-11	Statement of inward supplies by persons having Unique
	Identification Number (UIN)
FORM GST PCT - 01	Application for Enrolment as Goods and Services Tax
	Practitioner
FORM GST PCT-02	Enrolment Certificate of Goods and Services Tax Practitioner
FORM GST PCT-03	Show Cause Notice for disqualification
FORM GST PCT-04	Order of rejection of enrolment as GST Practitioner
FORM GST PCT-05	Authorisation / Withdrawal of authorisation for Goods and
	Services Tax Practitioner
FORM GST PCT-06	Application for Cancellation of Enrolment as Goods and
	Services Tax Practitioner
FORM GST PCT-07	Order of Cancellation of Enrolment as Goods and Services
	Tax Practitioner

9.1 Furnishing details of outward supplies. [Section 37]

Section 37(1)	01.07.2017	Furnishing the details of outward supplies of goods or
	to	services or both effected during a tax period
	30.09.2022	
		Every registered person, other than an Input Service Distributor, a non-resident taxable person and a person paying tax under the provisions of section 10 or section 51 or section 52, shall furnish, electronically, in such form and manner as may be prescribed, the details of outward supplies of goods or services or both effected during a tax period on or before the tenth day of the month succeeding the said tax period and such details shall be communicated to the recipient of the said supplies within such time and in such manner as may be prescribed:
	01.10.2022	Furnishing the details of outward supplies of goods or
	to till date	services or both effected during a tax period
	to till date	services or both effected during a tax period
		Every registered person, other than an Input Service Distributor, a non-resident taxable person and a person paying tax under the provisions of section 10 or section 51 or section 52, shall furnish, electronically, ¹ [subject to such conditions and restrictions and] in such form and manner as may be prescribed, the details of outward supplies of goods or services or both effected during a tax period on or before the tenth day of the month succeeding the said tax period and such details ² [shall, subject to such conditions and restrictions, within such time and in such manner as may be prescribed, be communicated to the recipient of the said supplies]:

		 Inserted w.e.f. 01.10.2022 vide clause (a) (i) of section 103 of the Finance Act, 2022 which comes into force by Notification No. 18/2022 – Central Tax dated 28.09.2022. Substituted w.e.f. 01.10.2022 for the words "shall be communicated to the recipient of the said supplies within such time and in such manner as may be prescribed", vide clause (a) (ii) of section 103 of the Finance Act, 2022 which comes into force by Notification No. 18/2022 – Central Tax dated 28.09.2022.
First Proviso	01.07.2017 to 30.09.2022	The registered persons not allowed to furnish the details of outward supplies during the period from the eleventh day to the fifteenth day of the month
		succeeding the tax period. Provided that the registered person shall not be allowed to
		furnish the details of outward supplies during the period from
		the eleventh day to the fifteenth day of the month succeeding
		the tax period.
	01.10.2022 to till date	1[****]
		 Omitted the proviso w.e.f. 01.10.2022 vide clause (a) (iii) of section 103 of the <u>Finance Act, 2022</u> which comes into force by <u>Notification No. 18/2022 – Central Tax dated 28.09.2022</u>. The proviso read as – "Provided that the registered person shall not be allowed to furnish the details of outward supplies during the period from the eleventh day to the fifteenth day of the month succeeding the tax period."
Second Proviso	01.07.2017 to 30.09.2022	The Commissioner may, for reasons to be recorded in writing, by notification, extend the time limit for furnishing such details for such class of taxable persons as may be specified therein.
		Provided further that the Commissioner may, for reasons to be recorded in writing, by notification, extend the time limit for furnishing such details for such class of taxable persons as may be specified therein:
	01.10.2022 to till date	The Commissioner may, for reasons to be recorded in writing, by notification, extend the time limit for furnishing such details for such class of taxable persons as may be specified therein.

		1[Provided that] the Commissioner may, for reasons to be recorded in writing, by notification, extend the time limit for furnishing such details for such class of taxable persons as may be specified therein: 1. Substituted w.e.f. 01.10.2022 for the words "Provided further that", vide clause (a) (iv) of section 103 of the Finance Act, 2022 which comes into force by Notification No. 18/2022 – Central Tax dated 28.09.2022.
Third Proviso	01.07.2017 to 30.09.2022	Any extension of time limit notified by the Commissioner of State tax or Commissioner of Union territory tax shall be deemed to be notified by the Commissioner. Provided also that any extension of time limit notified by the Commissioner of State tax or Commissioner of Union territory tax shall be deemed to be notified by the Commissioner.
	01.10.2022 to till date	Any extension of time limit notified by the Commissioner of State tax or Commissioner of Union territory tax shall be deemed to be notified by the Commissioner. ¹[Provided further that] any extension of time limit notified by the Commissioner of State tax or Commissioner of Union territory tax shall be deemed to be notified by the Commissioner. 1. Substituted w.e.f. 01.10.2022 for the words "Provided also that", the words "Provided further that" vide clause (a) (v) of section 103 of the Finance Act, 2022 which comes into force by Notification No. 18/2022 – Central Tax dated 28.09.2022.
Section 37(2)	01.07.2017 to 30.09.2022	Registered person who has been communicated the details under section 38(3) or the details pertaining to inward supplies of Input Service Distributor under section 38(4), shall either accept or reject the details so communicated, on or before the seventeenth day, but not before the fifteenth day, of the month succeeding the tax period and the details furnished by him under sub-section (1) shall stand amended accordingly. Every registered person who has been communicated the details under sub-section (3) of section 38 or the details pertaining to inward supplies of Input Service Distributor under sub-section (4) of section 38, shall either accept or reject the details so communicated, on or before the seventeenth day, but not before the fifteenth day, of the

	01.10.2022 to till date	month succeeding the tax period and the details furnished by him under sub-section (1) shall stand amended accordingly. 1 [*****] 1. Omitted w.e.f. 01.10.2022 sub-section (2) vide clause (b) of section 103 of the Finance Act, 2022 which comes into force by Notification No. 18/2022 – Central Tax dated 28.09.2022. Sub-section (2) read as –"Every registered person who has been communicated the details under sub-section (3) of section 38 or the details pertaining to inward supplies of Input Service Distributor under sub-section (4) of section 38, shall either accept or reject the details so communicated, on or before the seventeenth day, but not before the fifteenth day, of the month succeeding the tax period and the details furnished by him under sub-section (1) shall stand amended accordingly."
Section 37(3)	01.07.2017 to 30.09.2022	Registered person, who has furnished the details under sub-section (1) for any tax period and which have remained unmatched under section 42 or section 43, shall, upon discovery of any error or omission therein, rectify such error or omission in such manner as may be prescribed, and shall pay the tax and interest, if any, in case there is a short payment of tax on account of such error or omission, in the return to be furnished for such tax period: Any registered person, who has furnished the details under sub-section (1) for any tax period and which have remained unmatched under section 42 or section 43, shall, upon discovery of any error or omission therein, rectify such error or omission in such manner as may be prescribed, and shall pay the tax and interest, if any, in case there is a short payment of tax on account of such error or omission, in the return to be furnished for such tax period:
	01.10.2022 to till date	Registered person, who has furnished the details under sub-section (1) for any tax period, shall, upon discovery of any error or omission therein, rectify such error or omission in such manner as may be prescribed, and shall pay the tax and interest, if any, in case there is a short payment of tax on account of such error or omission, in the return to be furnished for such tax period: Any registered person, who has furnished the details under sub-section (1) for any tax period 1[*****], shall, upon discovery of any error or omission therein, rectify such error or omission in such manner as may be prescribed, and shall

		pay the tax and interest, if any, in case there is a short payment of tax on account of such error or omission, in the return to be furnished for such tax period:
		1. Omitted w.e.f. 01.10.2022 the words and figures "and
		which have remained unmatched under section 42 or
		section 43" vide clause (c) (i) of section 103 of the Finance
		Act, 2022 which comes into force by Notification No.
		18/2022 – Central Tax dated 28.09.2022.
First Proviso	01.07.2017 to	No rectification of error or omission in respect of the details furnished under sub-section (1) shall be allowed
	30.09.2022	after furnishing of the return under section 39 for the month of September following the end of the financial year to which such details pertain, or furnishing of the relevant annual return, whichever is earlier.
		Provided that no rectification of error or omission in respect of the details furnished under sub-section (1) shall be allowed after furnishing of the return under section 39 for the month of September following the end of the financial year to which such details pertain, or furnishing of the relevant annual return, whichever is earlier.
	01.10.2022 to till date	No rectification of error or omission in respect of the details furnished under sub-section (1) shall be allowed after the thirtieth day of November following the end of the financial year to which such details pertain, or furnishing of the relevant annual return, whichever is earlier.
		Provided that no rectification of error or omission in respect of the details furnished under sub-section (1) shall be allowed after ¹ [the thirtieth day of November] following the end of the financial year to which such details pertain, or furnishing of the relevant annual return, whichever is earlier.
		Substituted w.e.f. 01.10.2022 for the words and figures "furnishing of the return under section 39 for the month of
		September", vide clause (c) (ii) of section 103 of the
		Finance Act, 2022 which comes into force by Notification
		No. 18/2022 – Central Tax dated 28.09.2022.
Second	31.12.2018	The rectification of error or omission in respect of the
Proviso	to till date	details furnished under sub-section (1) shall be allowed after furnishing of the return under section 39 for the month of September, 2018 till the due date for furnishing the details under subsection (1) for the month of March, 2019 or for the quarter January, 2019 to March, 2019.

		¹ [Provided further that the rectification of error or omission in respect of the details furnished under sub-section (1) shall be allowed after furnishing of the return under section 39 for the month of September, 2018 till the due date for furnishing the details under subsection (1) for the month of March, 2019 or for the quarter January, 2019 to March, 2019.] 1 Inserted vide Central Goods and Services Tax (Second Removal of Difficulties) Order, 2018 dated 31st December 2018.
Section 37(4)	01.10.2022 to till date	Registered person not allowed to furnish the details of outward supplies under sub-section (1) for a tax period, if the details of outward supplies for any of the previous tax periods has not been furnished by him: 1 [A registered person shall not be allowed to furnish the details of outward supplies under sub-section (1) for a tax period, if the details of outward supplies for any of the previous tax periods has not been furnished by him: 1. Inserted w.e.f. 01.10.2022 vide clause (d) of section 103 of the Finance Act, 2022 which comes into force by Notification No. 18/2022 – Central Tax dated 28.09.2022.
First Proviso	01.10.2022 to 30.09.2023	The Government may, by notification, subject to such conditions and restrictions as may be specified therein, allow a registered person or a class of registered persons to furnish the details of outward supplies under sub-section (1), even if he has not furnished the details of outward supplies for one or more previous tax periods. ¹[Provided that the Government may, on the recommendations of the Council, by notification, subject to such conditions and restrictions as may be specified therein, allow a registered person or a class of registered persons to furnish the details of outward supplies under sub-section (1), even if he has not furnished the details of outward supplies for one or more previous tax periods.] 1. Inserted w.e.f. 01.10.2022 vide clause (d) of section 103 of the Finance Act, 2022 which comes into force by Notification No. 18/2022 – Central Tax dated 28.09.2022.
Section 37(5)	01.10.2023 to till date	Registered person not allowed to furnish the details of outward supplies under sub-section (1) for a tax period after the expiry of a period of three years from the due date of furnishing the said details.

		1[(5) A registered person shall not be allowed to furnish the details of outward supplies under sub-section (1) for a tax period after the expiry of a period of three years from the due date of furnishing the said details:] 1. Inserted the sub-section (5) vide Section 142 of the Finance Act 2023 and has come into force w.e.f. 01.10.2023 as the Central Government has appointed the 1st day of October, 2023, as the date on which the provisions have come into force vide Notification No. 28/2023—Central Tax dated 31.07.2023.
First Proviso	01.10.2023 to till date	The Government may, by notification, subject to such conditions and restrictions as may be specified therein, allow a registered person or a class of registered persons to furnish the details of outward supplies for a tax period under sub-section (1), even after the expiry of the said period of three years from the due date of furnishing the said details. 1[Provided that the Government may, on the recommendations of the Council, by notification, subject to such conditions and restrictions as may be specified therein, allow a registered person or a class of registered persons to furnish the details of outward supplies for a tax period under sub-section (1), even after the expiry of the said period of three years from the due date of furnishing the said details.] 1. Inserted the proviso vide Section 142 of the Finance Act 2023 and has come into force w.e.f. 01.10.2023 as the Central Government has appointed the 1st day of October, 2023, as the date on which the provisions have come into force vide Notification No. 28/2023—Central Tax dated 31.07.2023.
Explanation	01.07.2017 to till date	For the purposes of this Chapter, the expression "details of outward supplies" shall include details of invoices, debit notes, credit notes and revised invoices issued in relation to outward supplies made during any tax period. For the purposes of this Chapter, the expression "details of outward supplies" shall include details of invoices, debit notes, credit notes and revised invoices issued in relation to outward supplies made during any tax period.

9.1.1.1 Departmental Notifications – Due dates / Extention of time period for filing of details of outward supplies in FORM GSTR-1.

Notification No. 18/2017 - Central Tax dated 08th August, 2017 effective from 8th day of August, 2017 - The Commissioner, on the recommendations of the Council, has extended the time limit for furnishing the details as specified in sub-section (1) of section 37 of the said Act for the month as specified in column (2) of the Table below, within the period as specified in the corresponding entry in column (3) of the said Table, namely:-

Table

SI. No.	Month	Time period for filing of details of outward supplies in FORM GSTR-1
(1)	(2)	(3)
1	July, 2017	1st to 5th September, 2017
2	August, 2017	16th to 20th September, 2017.

Notification No. 29/2017 – Central Tax dated 5th September, 2017 has superseded Notification No. 18/2017 – Central Tax dated 08th August, 2017, Notification No. 19/2017-Central Tax, dated the 8th August, 2017 and Notification No. 20/2017-Central Tax, dated the 8th August, 2017, and the Commissioner, on the recommendations of the Council, has extended the time limit for furnishing the details or return, as the case may be, specified in sub-section (1) of section 37, sub-section (2) of section 38 and sub-section (1) of section 39 of the said Act as specified in column (3) of the Table below for the month as specified in column (2) of the said Table, till the time period as specified in the corresponding entry in column (4) of the said Table, namely:-

Table

SI. No.	Month	Details/Return	Time period for furnishing of details/Return
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1.	July, 2017	FORM GSTR-1	Upto 10th September, 2017
		FORM GSTR-2	11 – 25th September, 2017
		FORM GSTR-3	Upto 30th September, 2017
2.	August, 2017	FORM GSTR-1	Upto 5th October, 2017
		FORM GSTR-2	6 – 10th October, 2017
		FORM GSTR-3	Upto 15th October, 2017

Notification No. 30/2017 – Central Tax dated 11th September, 2017 has superseded Notification No. 29/2017 – Central Tax dated 5th September, 2017 and the Commissioner, on the recommendations of the Council, has extended the time limit for furnishing the details or return, as the case may be, under sub-section (1) of section 37, sub-section (2) of section 38 and sub-section (1) of section 39 of the said Act, as specified in column (2) of the Table below for the month of July, 2017, for such class of taxable persons or registered persons, as the case may be, as specified in the corresponding entry in column (3) of the said Table till the time period as specified in the corresponding entry in column (4) of the said Table, namely:-

Table

SI. No.	Details/return	Class of taxable/registered persons	Time period for furnishing of details/return
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1.	GSTR-1	Having turnover of more than one hundred crore rupees	Upto 3rd October, 2017
		Having turnover of upto one hundred crore rupees	Upto 10th October, 2017
2.	GSTR-2	All	Upto 31st October, 2017
3.	GSTR-3	All	Upto 10th November, 2017

Explanation.- For the purposes of this notification, the expression "turnover" has the same meaning as assigned to it in clause (112) of section 2 of the aforesaid Act.

The extension of the time limit, for furnishing the details or return, as the case may be, under sub-section (1) of section 37, sub-section (2) of section 38 and sub-section (1) of section 39 of the aforesaid Act, for the month of August, 2017 shall be subsequently notified in the Official Gazette.

Notification No. 57/2017 – Central Tax dated 15th November, 2017 - The Central Government, on the recommendations of the Council, notifies the registered **persons having aggregate turnover of up to 1.5 crore rupees in the preceding financial year or the current financial year**, as the class of registered persons who shall follow the special procedure as detailed below for furnishing the details of outward supply of goods or services or both.

The said persons shall furnish the details of outward supply of goods or services or both in FORM GSTR-1 effected during the quarter as specified in column (2) of the Table below till the time period as specified in the corresponding entry in column (3) of the said Table, namely:-

Table

SI No.	Quarter for which the details in FORM GSTR-1 are furnished	Time period for furnishing the details in FORM GSTR-1
(1)	(2)	(3)
1	July - September, 2017	31st December, 2017
2	October - December, 2017	15th February, 2018
3	January - March, 2018	30th April, 2018

Notification No. 58/2017 – Central Tax dated 15th November, 2017 has superseded Notification No. 30/2017 – Central Tax dated 11th September, 2017, and the Commissioner, on the recommendations of the Council, has extended the time limit for furnishing the details of outward supplies in FORM GSTR-1 under sub-section (1) of section 37 of the Act for the months as specified in column (2) of the Table, by such class of **registered persons having**

aggregate turnover of more than 1.5 crore rupees in the preceding financial year or the current financial year, till the time period as specified in the corresponding entry in column (3) of the said Table, namely:-

Table

SI No.	Months for which the details in FORM GSTR-1 are furnished	Time period for furnishing the details in FORM GSTR-1
(1)	(2)	(3)
1	July - October, 2017	31st December, 2017
2	November, 2017	10th January, 2018
3	December, 2017	10th February, 2018
4	January, 2018	10th March, 2018
5	February, 2018	10th April, 2018
6	March, 2018	10th May, 2018

Notification No. 71/2017 – Central Tax dated 29th December, 2017 has superseded Notification No. 57/2017 – Central Tax dated 15th November, 2017 and the Central Government, on the recommendations of the Council, notifies the registered persons having aggregate turnover of upto 1.5 crore rupees in the preceding financial year or the current financial year, as the class of registered persons who may follow the special procedure as detailed below for furnishing the details of outward supply of goods or services or both.

The said persons may furnish the details of outward supply of goods or services or both in FORM GSTR-1 effected during the quarter as specified in column (2) of the Table below till the time period as specified in the corresponding entry in column (3) of the said Table, namely:-

Table

SI No.	Quarter for which the details in FORM GSTR-1 are furnished	Time period for furnishing the details in FORM GSTR-1
(1)	(2)	(3)
1	July - September, 2017	10th January, 2018
2	October - December, 2017	15th February, 2018
3	January - March, 2018	30th April, 2018

Notification No. 72/2017 – Central Tax dated 29th December, 2017 has superseded Notification No. 58/2017 – Central Tax dated 15th November, 2017 and the Commissioner, on the recommendations of the Council, has extended the time limit for furnishing the details of outward supplies in FORM GSTR-1 under sub-section (1) of section 37 of the Act for the months as specified in column (2) of the Table, by such class of registered persons having aggregate turnover of more than 1.5 crore rupees in the preceding financial year or the

current financial year, till the time period as specified in the corresponding entry in column (3) of the said Table, namely:-

Table

SI No.	Months for which the details in FORM GSTR-1 are furnished	Time period for furnishing the details in FORM GSTR-1
(1)	(2)	(3)
1	July - November, 2017	10th January, 2018
2	December, 2017	10th February, 2018
3	January, 2018	10th March, 2018
4	February, 2018	10th April, 2018
5	March, 2018	10th May, 2018

Notification No. 17/2018 – Central Tax dated 28th March, 2018 - The Central Government, on the recommendations of the Council, has notified the registered persons having aggregate turnover of up to 1.5 crore rupees in the preceding financial year or the current financial year, as the class of registered persons who shall follow the special procedure as mentioned below for furnishing the details of outward supply of goods or services or both.

The said persons shall furnish the details of outward supply of goods or services or both in FORM GSTR-1 effected during the quarter April to June, 2018 till the 31st day of July, 2018.

Notification No.18 /2018 – Central Tax dated 28th March, 2018 - In exercise of the powers conferred by the second proviso to subsection (1) of section 37 read with section 168 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (12 of 2017) (hereafter in this notification referred to as the Act), the Commissioner, on the recommendations of the Council, hereby extends the time limit for furnishing the details of outward supplies in FORM GSTR-1 under sub-section (1) of section 37 of the Act for the months as specified in column (2) of the Table, by such class of registered persons having aggregate turnover of more than 1.5 crore rupees in the preceding financial year or the current financial year, till the time period as specified in the corresponding entry in column (3) of the said Table, namely:

Table

SI. No.	Month	Last date for filing of return in FORM GSTR-1
(1)	(2)	(3)
1.	April, 2018	31st May, 2018
2.	May, 2018	10th June, 2018
3.	June, 2018	10th July, 2018

Notification No. 32 /2018 – Central Tax dated 10th August, 2018 - The Commissioner, on the recommendations of the Council, has extended the time limit for furnishing the details of outward supplies in FORM GSTR-1 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017, by

such class of registered persons having aggregate turnover of more than 1.5 crore rupees in the preceding financial year or the current financial year, for each of the months from July, 2018 to March, 2019 till the eleventh day of the month succeeding such month.

Further, Notification No. 37/2018 – Central Tax dated 24th August, 2018 has amended in the Notification No. 32 /2018 – Central Tax dated 10th August, 2018, namely:—

"Provided that the return in FORM GSTR-1 for the months of July, 2018 and August, 2018, for-

- (i) registered persons in the State of Kerala;
- (ii) registered persons whose principal place of business is in Kodagu district in the State of Karnataka; and
- (iii) registered persons whose principal place of business is in Mahe in the Union territory of Puducherry

shall be furnished electronically through the common portal, on or before the 5th October, 2018 and 10th October, 2018 respectively.

Notification No. 33/2018 – Central Tax dated 10th August, 2018 - The Central Government, on the recommendations of the Council, has notified the registered persons having aggregate turnover of up to 1.5 crore rupees in the preceding financial year or the current financial year, as the class of registered persons who shall follow the special procedure as mentioned below for furnishing the details of outward supply of goods or services or both.

The said persons may furnish the details of outward supply of goods or services or both in FORM GSTR-1 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017, effected during the quarter as specified in column (2) of the Table below till the time period as specified in the corresponding entry in column (3) of the said Table, namely:-

SI. No.	Quarter for which details in FORM GSTR-1 are furnished	Time period for furnishing details in FORM GSTR-1
(1)	(2)	(3)
1	July - September, 2018	31st October, 2018
2	October - December, 2018	31st January, 2019

Table

Further, Notification No. 38/2018 – Central Tax dated 24th August, 2018 has amended in the Notification No. 33/2018 – Central Tax dated 10th August, 2018, namely:–

30th April, 2019

In the first paragraph of the said notification, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:-

"Provided that the return in FORM GSTR-1 for the quarter from July, 2018 to September, 2018 for—

(i) registered persons in the State of Kerala;

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- (ii) registered persons whose principal place of business is in Kodagu district in the State of Karnataka; and
- (iii) registered persons whose principal place of business is in Mahe in the Union territory of Puducherry

shall be furnished electronically through the common portal, on or before the 15th November, 2018.

Notification No. 43/2018 – Central Tax dated 10th September, 2018 has superseded the following Notifications:

- (i) Notification No. 57/2017 Central Tax dated 15th November, 2017
- (ii) Notification No. 17/2018 Central Tax dated 28th March, 2018 and
- (iii) Notification No. 33/2018 Central Tax dated 10th August, 2018,

except as respects things done or omitted to be done before such supercession, the Central Government, on the recommendations of the Council, has notified the **registered persons** having aggregate turnover of up to 1.5 crore rupees in the preceding financial year or the current financial year, as the class of registered persons who shall follow the special procedure as mentioned below for furnishing the details of outward supply of goods or services or both.

The said persons may furnish the details of outward supply of goods or services or both in FORM GSTR-1 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017, effected during the quarter as specified in column (2) of the Table below till the time period as specified in the corresponding entry in column (3) of the said Table, namely:-

SI. No.	Quarter for which details in FORM GSTR-1 are furnished	Time period for furnishing details in FORM GSTR-1
(1)	(2)	(3)
1	July - September, 2017	31st October, 2018
2	October - December, 2017	31st October, 2018
3	January - March, 2018	31st October, 2018
4	April - June, 2018	31st October, 2018
5	July - September, 2018	31st October, 2018
6	October - December, 2018	31st January, 2019
7	January - March, 2019	30th April, 2019:

Provided that the details of outward supply of goods or services or both in FORM GSTR-1 for the quarter from July, 2018 to September, 2018 by— (i) registered persons in the State of Kerala; (ii) registered persons whose principal place of business is in Kodagu district in the State of Karnataka; and (iii) registered persons whose principal place of business is in Mahe

in the Union territory of Puducherry shall be furnished electronically through the common portal, on or before the 15th day of November, 2018:

Provided further that the details of outward supply of goods or services or both in FORM GSTR-1 to be filed for the quarters from July, 2017 to September, 2018 by the taxpayers who have obtained Goods and Services Tax Identification Number (GSTIN) in terms of Notification No. 31/2018 – Central Tax dated 6th August, 2018, shall be furnished electronically through the common portal, on or before the 31st day of December, 2018;

Further, Notification No. 64/2018 – Central Tax dated 29th November, 2018 - The Central Government, on the recommendations of the Council, has amended in the Notification No. 43/2018 – Central Tax dated 10th September, 2018, namely:—

In the said notification, in paragraph 2, after the second proviso, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely: –

"Provided further that the details of outward supply of goods or services or both in FORM GSTR-1 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017 for the quarter from July, 2018 to September, 2018 for registered persons whose principal place of business is in Srikakulam district in the State of Andhra Pradesh shall be furnished electronically through the common portal, on or before the 30th November, 2018.

Further, Notification No. 71/2018 – Central Tax dated 31st December, 2018 - The Central Government, on the recommendations of the Council, has further amended Notification No. 43/2018- Central Tax, dated the 10th September, 2018, namely:—

In the said notification, in paragraph 2, in the second proviso, for the words, figures and letters "July, 2017 to September, 2018" and "31st day of December, 2018", the words, figures and letters "July, 2017 to December, 2018" and "31st day of March, 2019" shall respectively be substituted.

Notification No. 44/2018 – Central Tax dated 10th September, 2018 has superseded the following Notifications:

- (i) Notification No.18 /2018 Central Tax dated 28th March, 2018;
- (ii) Notification No. 58/2017 Central Tax dated 15th November, 2017;
- (iii) Notification No.18 /2018 Central Tax dated 28th March, 2018; and
- (iv) Notification No. 32 /2018 Central Tax dated 10th August, 2018

except as respects things done or omitted to be done before such supercession, the Commissioner, on the recommendations of the Council, has extended the time limit for furnishing the details of outward supplies in FORM GSTR-1 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017, by such class of **registered persons having aggregate turnover of more than 1.5 crore rupees in the preceding financial year or the current financial year**, for the months from July, 2017 to September, 2018 till the 31st day of October, 2018 and for the months from October, 2018 to March, 2019 till the eleventh day of the succeeding month:

Provided that the time limit for furnishing the details of outward supplies in FORM GSTR-1 for the months from July, 2017 to November, 2018 for the taxpayers who have obtained Goods and Services Tax Identification Number (GSTIN) in terms of Notification No. 31/2018 – Central Tax dated 6th August, 2018, shall be extended till the 31st day of December, 2018.

Further, <u>Notification No. 63/2018 – Central Tax dated 29th November, 2018</u> - The Commissioner, on the recommendations of the Council, has amended in the <u>Notification No. 44/2018 – Central Tax dated 10th September, 2018</u>, namely:–

In the said notification, in the first paragraph, after the first proviso, the following provisos shall be inserted, namely: —

"Provided further that the details of outward supply of goods or services or both in FORM GSTR-1 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017 for the month of September, 2018 for registered persons whose principal place of business is in Srikakulam district in the State of Andhra Pradesh shall be furnished electronically through the common portal, on or before the 30th November, 2018:

Provided also that the details of outward supply of goods or services or both in FORM GSTR-1 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017 for the month of October, 2018 for registered persons whose principal place of business is in Srikakulam district in the State of Andhra Pradesh shall be furnished electronically through the common portal, on or before the 30th November, 2018:

Provided also that the details of outward supply of goods or services or both in FORM GSTR-1 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017 for the month of October, 2018 for registered persons whose principal place of business is in in Cuddalore, Thiruvarur, Puddukottai, Dindigul, Nagapatinam, Theni, Thanjavur, Sivagangai, Tiruchirappalli, Karur and Ramanathapuram in the State of Tamil Nadu shall be furnished electronically through the common portal, on or before the 20th December, 2018.

Further, Notification No. 72/2018 – Central Tax dated 31st December, 2018 - The Commissioner, on the recommendations of the Council, has further amended Notification No. 44/2018 – Central Tax dated 10th September, 2018, namely:—

In the said notification, in the first paragraph, in the first proviso, for the words, figures and letters "July, 2017 to November, 2018" and "31st day of December, 2018", the words, figures and letters "July, 2017 to February, 2019" and "31st day of March, 2019" shall be respectively substituted.

Further, Notification No. 17/2019 – Central Tax dated 10th April, 2019 - The Commissioner, on the recommendations of the Council, has amended Notification No. 44/2018 – Central Tax dated 10th September, 2018, namely:—

In the said notification, in the first paragraph, after the fourth proviso, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely: –

"Provided also that the details of outward supply of goods or services or both in FORM GSTR-1 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017 for the month of March, 2019 shall be furnished electronically through the common portal, on or before the 13th April, 2019.

Notification No. 11/2019 – Central Tax dated 7th March, 2019 - In exercise of the powers conferred by section 148 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (12 of 2017) (hereafter in this notification referred to as the said Act), the Central Government, on the recommendations of the Council, hereby notifies the registered persons having aggregate turnover of up to 1.5 crore rupees in the preceding financial year or the current financial year, as the class of registered persons, who shall follow the special procedure as mentioned below for furnishing the details of outward supply of goods or services or both.

The said registered persons shall furnish the details of outward supply of goods or services or both in FORM GSTR-1 under the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017, effected during the quarter as specified in column (2) of the Table below till the time period as specified in the corresponding entry in column (3) of the said Table, namely: -

SI. No.	Quarter for which details in FORM GSTR-1 are furnished	Time period for furnishing details in FORM GSTR-1
(1)	(2)	(3)
1	April - June, 2019	31st July, 2019

Notification No. 12/2019 – Central Tax dated 7th March, 2019 - The Commissioner, on the recommendations of the Council, has extended the time limit for furnishing the details of outward supplies in FORM GSTR-1 under the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017, by such class of registered persons having aggregate turnover of more than 1.5 crore rupees in the preceding financial year or the current financial year, for each of the months from April, 2019 to June, 2019 till the eleventh day of the month succeeding such month.

Further, Notification No. 23/2019 – Central Tax dated 11th May, 2019 - The Commissioner, on the recommendations of the Council, has amended Notification No. 12/2019 – Central Tax dated 7th March, 2019, namely:–

In the said notification, in the first paragraph, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely: –

"Provided that the details of outward supply of goods or services or both in FORM GSTR-1 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017 for the month of April, 2019 for registered persons whose principal place of business is in the districts of Angul, Balasore, Bhadrak, Cuttack, Dhenkanal, Ganjam, Jagatsinghpur, Jajpur, Kendrapara, Keonjhar, Khordha, Mayurbhanj, Nayagarh and Puri in the State of Odisha shall be furnished electronically through the common portal, on or before the 10th June, 2019."

Notification No. 27/2019 – Central Tax dated 28th June, 2019 - The Central Government, on the recommendations of the Council, has notified the registered persons having aggregate turnover of up to 1.5 crore rupees in the preceding financial year or the current financial year, as the class of registered persons who shall follow the special procedure as mentioned below for furnishing the details of outward supply of goods or services or both.

The said registered persons shall furnish the details of outward supply of goods or services or both in FORM GSTR-1 under the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017, effected during the quarter as specified in column (2) of the Table below till the time period as specified in the corresponding entry in column (3) of the said Table, namely:-

SI. No.	Quarter for which details in FORM GSTR-1 are furnished	Time period for furnishing details in FORM GSTR-1				
(1)	(2)	(3)				
1	July-September, 2019	31st October, 2019				

Further, Notification No. 52/2019 – Central Tax dated 14th November, 2019 effective from 31st day of October, 2019 has amended Notification No. 27/2019 – Central Tax dated 28th June, 2019, namely:–

In the said notification, in the second paragraph, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely: –

"Provided that for registered persons whose principal place of business is in the State of Jammu and Kashmir, shall furnish the details of outward supply of goods or services or both in FORM GSTR-1 under the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017 effected during the quarter July-September, 2019 till 30th November, 2019.

Notification No. 24 /2020 — Central Tax dated 23rd March, 2020 effective from 30th Day of November, 2019 has further amended Notification No. 27/2019 — Central Tax dated 28th June, 2019, namely:—

In the said notification, in the second paragraph, for the first proviso, the following proviso shall be substituted, namely: – "Provided that for registered persons whose principal place of business is in the erstwhile State of Jammu and Kashmir, shall furnish the details of outward supply of goods or services or both in FORM GSTR-1 under the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017 effected during the quarter July-September, 2019 till 24th March, 2020."

Notification No. 28/2019 – Central Tax dated 28th June, 2019 - The Commissioner, on the recommendations of the Council, has extended the time limit for furnishing the details of outward supplies in FORM GSTR-1 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017, by such class of registered persons having aggregate turnover of more than 1.5 crore rupees in the preceding financial year or the current financial year, for each of the months from July, 2019 to September, 2019 till the eleventh day of the month succeeding such month.

Further, Notification No. 53/2019 – Central Tax dated 14th November, 2019 effective from 11th day of August, 2019. –The Commissioner, on the recommendations of the Council, has makes amended Notification No. 28/2019 – Central Tax dated 28th June, 2019, namely:–

In the said notification, in the first paragraph, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely: –

"Provided that for registered persons whose principal place of business is in the State of Jammu and Kashmir, the time limit for furnishing the details of outward supplies in FORM GSTR-1 of Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017, by such class of registered persons having aggregate turnover of more than 1.5 crore rupees in the preceding financial year or current financial year, for each of the months from July, 2019 to September, 2019 till 15th November, 2019."

Notification No. 57/2019 – Central Tax dated 26th November, 2019 effective from 15th Day of November, 2019 has further amended Notification No. 28/2019 – Central Tax dated 28th June, 2019, namely:—

In the said notification, for the proviso to the first paragraph, the following proviso shall be substituted, namely: –

"Provided that for registered persons whose principal place of business is in the State of Jammu and Kashmir, the time limit for furnishing the details of outward supplies in FORM GSTR-1 of Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017, by such class of registered persons having aggregate turnover of more than 1.5 crore rupees in the preceding financial year or

current financial year, for each of the months from July, 2019 to September, 2019 till 30th November, 2019."

Notification No. 63/2019 – Central Tax dated 12th December, 2019 effective from 30th Day of November, 2019 has further amended Notification No. 28/2019 – Central Tax dated 28th June, 2019, namely:—

In the said notification, for the proviso to the first paragraph, the following proviso shall be substituted, namely: –

"Provided that for registered persons whose principal place of business is in the State of Jammu and Kashmir, the time limit for furnishing the details of outward supplies in FORM GSTR-1 of Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017, by such class of registered persons having aggregate turnover of more than 1.5 crore rupees in the preceding financial year or current financial year, for each of the months from July, 2019 to September, 2019 till 20th December, 2019."

<u>Notification No. 23/2020 – Central Tax dated 23rd March, 2020</u> effective from 20th Day of December, 2019 has further amended <u>Notification No. 28/2019 – Central Tax dated 28th June, 2019</u>, namely:–

In the said notification, in the first paragraph, for the first proviso, the following proviso shall be substituted, namely: –

"Provided that for registered persons whose principal place of business is in the erstwhile State of Jammu and Kashmir, the time limit for furnishing the details of outward supplies in FORM GSTR-1 of Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017, by such class of registered persons having aggregate turnover of more than 1.5 crore rupees in the preceding financial year or current financial year, for each of the months from July, 2019 to September, 2019 till 24 th March, 2020."

Notification No. 45/2019 – Central Tax dated 9th October, 2019 - The Central Government, on the recommendations of the Council, has notified the registered persons having aggregate turnover of up to 1.5 crore rupees in the preceding financial year or the current financial year, as the class of registered persons who shall follow the special procedure as mentioned below for furnishing the details of outward supply of goods or services or both.

The said registered persons shall furnish the details of outward supply of goods or services or both in FORM GSTR-1 under the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017, effected during the quarter as specified in column (2) of the Table below till the time period as specified in the corresponding entry in column (3) of the said Table, namely:-

Table

SI. No.	Quarter for which details in FORM GSTR-1 are furnished	Time period for furnishing details in FORM GSTR-1 (3)				
(1)	(2)					
1	October, 2019 to December, 2019	31st January, 2020				
2	January, 2020 to March, 2020	30th April, 2020				

Further, Notification No. 21 /2020 – Central Tax dated 23rd March, 2020 effective from 31st Day of January, 2020 has amended Notification No. 45/2019 – Central Tax dated 9th October, 2019, namely:–

In the said notification, in the second paragraph, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely: –

"Provided that for registered persons whose principal place of business is in the erstwhile State of Jammu and Kashmir or the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir or the Union territory of Ladakh, shall furnish the details of outward supply of goods or services or both in FORM GSTR-1 under the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017 effected during the quarter October-December, 2019 till 24th March, 2020."

Notification No. 46/2019 – Central Tax dated 9th October, 2019 - The Commissioner, on the recommendations of the Council, has extended the time limit for furnishing the details of outward supplies in FORM GSTR-1 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017, by such class of registered persons having aggregate turnover of more than 1.5 crore rupees in the preceding financial year or the current financial year, for each of the months from October, 2019 to March, 2020 till the eleventh day of the month succeeding such month.

Further, Notification No. 58/2019 – Central Tax dated 26th November, 2019 effective from 11th Day of November, 2019 has amended Notification No. 46/2019 – Central Tax dated 9th October, 2019, namely:–

In the said notification, in the first paragraph, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely: –

"Provided that for registered persons whose principal place of business is in the State of Jammu and Kashmir, the time limit for furnishing the details of outward supplies in FORM GSTR-1 of Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017, by such class of registered persons having aggregate turnover of more than 1.5 crore rupees in the preceding financial year or current financial year, for the month of October, 2019 till 30th November, 2019."

Notification No. 64/2019 – Central Tax dated 12th December, 2019 effective from 30th Day of November, 2019 has further amended Notification No. 46/2019 – Central Tax dated 9th October, 2019, namely:—

In the said notification, for the proviso to the first paragraph, the following proviso shall be substituted, namely: –

"Provided that for registered persons whose principal place of business is in the State of Jammu and Kashmir, the time limit for furnishing the details of outward supplies in FORM GSTR-1 of Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017, by such class of registered persons having aggregate turnover of more than 1.5 crore rupees in the preceding financial year or current financial year, for the month of October, 2019 till 20th December, 2019."

Notification No. 76/2019 – Central Tax dated 26th December, 2019 effective from 11th Day of December, 2019 has further amended Notification No. 46/2019 – Central Tax dated 9th October, 2019, namely:—

In the said notification, in the first paragraph, after the proviso, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely: –

"Provided that for registered persons whose principal place of business is in the State of Assam, Manipur or Tripura, the time limit for furnishing the details of outward supplies in

FORM GSTR-1 of Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017, by such class of registered persons having aggregate turnover of more than 1.5 crore rupees in the preceding financial year or current financial year, for the month of November, 2019 till 31st December, 2019."

<u>Notification No. 22/2020 – Central Tax dated 23rd March, 2020</u> effective from 20th Day of December, 2019 has further amended <u>Notification No. 46/2019 – Central Tax dated 9th October, 2019</u>, namely:–

"Provided that for registered persons whose principal place of business is in the erstwhile State of Jammu and Kashmir, the time limit for furnishing the details of outward supplies in FORM GSTR-1 of Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017, by such class of registered persons having aggregate turnover of more than 1.5 crore rupees in the preceding financial year or current financial year, for the month of October, 2019 till 24th March, 2020."

ii. In the said notification, in the first paragraph, after the second proviso, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely: –

"Provided that for registered persons whose principal place of business is in the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir or the Union territory of Ladakh, the time limit for furnishing the details of outward supplies in FORM GSTR-1 of Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017, by such class of registered persons having aggregate turnover of more than 1.5 crore rupees in the preceding financial year or current financial year, for the months of November, 2019 to February till 24th March, 2020."

Notification No. 27/2020 – Central Tax dated 23rd March, 2020 - The Central Government, on the recommendations of the Council, has notified the registered persons having aggregate turnover of up to 1.5 crore rupees in the preceding financial year or the current financial year, as the class of registered persons who shall follow the special procedure as mentioned below for furnishing the details of outward supply of goods or services or both.

The said registered persons shall furnish the details of outward supply of goods or services or both in FORM GSTR-1 under the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017, effected during the quarter as specified in column (2) of the Table below till the time period as specified in the corresponding entry in column (3) of the said Table, namely:-

Table

SI. No.	Quarter for which details in FORM GSTR-1 are furnished	Time period for furnishing details in FORM GSTR-1				
(1)	(2)	(3)				
1	April, 2020 to June, 2020	31 st July, 2020				
2	July, 2020 to September, 2020	31st October, 2020				

Notification No. 28/2020 – Central Tax dated 23rd March, 2020 - The Commissioner, on the recommendations of the Council, has extended the time limit for furnishing the details of outward supplies in FORM GSTR-1 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017, by such class of registered persons having aggregate turnover of more than 1.5 crore rupees in the preceding financial year or the current financial year, for each of the months

from **April,2020 to September, 2020** till the eleventh day of the month succeeding such month.

Notification No. 74/2020 – Central Tax dated 15th October, 2020 - The Central Government, on the recommendations of the Council, has notified the registered persons having aggregate turnover of up to 1.5 crore rupees in the preceding financial year or the current financial year, as the class of registered persons who shall follow the special procedure as mentioned below for furnishing the details of outward supply of goods or services or both.

The said registered persons shall furnish the details of outward supply of goods or services or both in FORM GSTR-1 under the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017, effected during the quarter as specified in column (2) of the Table below till the time period as specified in the corresponding entry in column (3) of the said Table, namely:-

Table

SI. No.	Quarter for which details in FORM GSTR-1 are furnished	Time period for furnishing details in FORM GSTR-1				
(1)	(2)	(3)				
1	October, 2020 to December, 2020	13th January, 2021				
2	January, 2021 to March, 2021	13th April, 2021				

Notification No 75/2020 – Central Tax dated 15th October, 2020 - The Commissioner, on the recommendations of the Council, has extended the time limit for furnishing the details of outward supplies in FORM GSTR-1 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017, by such class of registered persons having aggregate turnover of more than 1.5 crore rupees in the preceding financial year or the current financial year, for each of the months from October, 2020 to March, 2021 till the eleventh day of the month succeeding such month.

Further, Notification No. 83/2020 – Central Tax dated 10th November, 2020 effective from 1st day of January, 2021 has superseded Notification No. 74/2020 – Central Tax dated 15th October, 2020 and Notification No 75/2020 – Central Tax dated 15th October, 2020 and the Commissioner, on the recommendations of the Council, hereby extends the time limit for furnishing the details of outward supplies in FORM GSTR-1 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017 (hereafter in this notification referred to as the said rules), for each of the tax periods, till the eleventh day of the month succeeding such tax period:

Provided that the time limit for furnishing the details of outward supplies in FORM GSTR-1 of the said rules for the class of registered persons required to furnish return for every quarter under proviso to sub-section (1) of section 39 of the said Act, shall be extended till the thirteenth day of the month succeeding such tax period.

Further, Notification No. 12/2021 – Central Tax dated 1st May, 2021 has amended Notification No. 83/2020 – Central Tax dated 10th November, 2020, namely: —

In the said notification, after the proviso, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:-

"Provided further that the time limit for furnishing the details of outward supplies in FORM GSTR-1 of the said rules for the registered persons required to furnish return under sub-

section (1) of section 39 of the said Act, for the tax period April, 2021, shall be extended till the twenty-sixth day of the month succeeding the said tax period."

Further, Notification No. 17/2021 – Central Tax dated 1st June, 2021 has further amended Notification No. 83/2020 – Central Tax dated 10th November, 2020, namely: —

In the said notification, in the second proviso, after the word and figure "April, 2021", the words and figure "and May, 2021" shall be inserted.

Further, Notification No. 25/2022- Central Tax dated 13th December, 2022 has further amended Notification No. 83/2020 - Central Tax dated 10th November, 2020, namely: —

In the said notification, after the second proviso, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:-

"Provided also that the time limit for furnishing the details of outward supplies in FORM GSTR-1 of the said rules for the tax period November, 2022, for the registered persons required to furnish return under subsection (1) of section 39 of the said Act whose principal place of business is in the districts of Chennai, Tiruvallur, Chengalpattu, Kancheepuram, Tiruvannamalai, Ranipet, Vellore, Villupuram, Cuddalore, Thiruvarur, Nagapattinam, Mayiladuthurai and Thanjavur in the State of Tamil Nadu, shall be extended till the thirteenth day of the month succeeding the said tax period."

Further, Notification No. 11/2023- Central Tax dated 24th May, 2023 effective from 11.05.2023 has further amended Notification No. 83/2020 - Central Tax dated 10th November, 2020, namely:

In the said notification, after the third proviso, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:-

"Provided also that the time limit for furnishing the details of outward supplies in FORM GSTR-1 of the said rules for the tax period April, 2023, for the registered persons required to furnish return under subsection (1) of section 39 of the said Act whose principal place of business is in the State of Manipur, shall be extended till the thirty-first day of May, 2023."

Further, Notification No. 14/2023- Central Tax dated 19th June, 2023 effective from 31.05.2023 has further amended Notification No. 83/2020 - Central Tax dated 10th November, 2020, namely:

In the said notification, in the fourth proviso:-

- (i) for the words, letter and figure "tax period April, 2023" the words, letter and figure "tax periods April 2023 and May 2023" shall be substituted;
- (ii) for the words, letters and figure "thirty-first day of May, 2023", the words, letter and figure "thirtieth day of June, 2023" shall be substituted.

Further, Notification No. 18/2023- Central Tax dated 19th June, 2023 effective from 30.06.2023 has further amended Notification No. 83/2020 - Central Tax dated 10th November, 2020, namely:

In the said notification, in the fourth proviso:-

- (i) for the words, letter and figure "tax periods April 2023 and May 2023", the words, letter and figure "tax periods April 2023, May 2023 and June 2023" shall be substituted;
- (ii) for the words, letters and figure "thirtieth day of June, 2023", the words, letter and figure "thirty-first day of July, 2023" shall be substituted.

9.1.2.1 Departmental Clarifications - System based reconciliation of information furnished in FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2 with FORM GSTR-3B - <u>Circular No.</u> 7/7/2017-GST dated 01st September, 2017

Sections 37, 38 and section 39 of the CGST Act, 2017(hereinafter referred to as 'the Act') read with rules 59, 60 and 61 of the CGST Rules, 2017(hereinafter referred to as 'the Rules') require every registered person to furnish details of outward supplies made in a month in FORM GSTR-1, details of inward supplies received in a month in FORM GSTR-2 and a return in FORM GSTR-3 by the 10th, 15th and 20thof the next month respectively. Keeping in view that taxpayers may face certain issues in the initial days after the introduction of GST, the GST Council extended the date for filing of FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2 for the months of July and August, 2017 and approved the filing of a simplified return in FORM GSTR-3Bfor these two months by the notified due dates after making the due payment of tax.

- 2. Registered persons opting to utilize transitional credit available under section 140 of the Act read with the rules made there under for discharging the tax liability for the month of July, 2017 were required to file FORM GST TRAN -1 on or before 28th August, 2017. This transitional credit was to be credited to the electronic credit ledger and be available for discharging the tax liability.
- 3. As per the provisions of sub-rule (5) of rule 61 of the Rules, the return in FORM GSTR-3B was required to be furnished when the due dates for filing of FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2 have been extended. After the return in FORM GSTR-3B has been furnished, the process of reconciliation between the information furnished in FORM GSTR3B with that furnished in FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2 would be carried out in accordance with the provisions of sub-rule (6) of rule 61 of the Rules.
- 4. The detailed procedure for reconciliation of information furnished in FORM GSTR-3 and FORM GSTR-3B is detailed in succeeding paras.

Furnishing of information in FORM GSTR-1 & FORM GSTR-2:

- 5. It may be noted that after the registered person has filed his return in FORM GSTR3B and the statement of outward supplies in FORM GSTR-1, the inward supplies shall be auto drafted for all registered persons (corresponding recipients of supply) and made available to them in FORM GSTR-2A as per sub-rule (3) of rule 59 of the Rules. FORM GSTR-2A is the exact replica of FORM GSTR-2 containing only those details that are auto populated from the details furnished in FORM GSTR-1 by the corresponding suppliers. Based on the details communicated in FORM GSTR-2A, the registered person shall prepare the statement of inward supplies in FORM GSTR-2 by:-
- a. adding, deleting or modifying the invoice level details communicated in FORM GSTR-2A;
- b. adding information pertaining to details that are required to be furnished in GSTR-2 but are not part of FORM GSTR-2A like details of imports, details of supplies attracting reverse charge that have been received by registered person;
- c. providing details of supplies received from composition suppliers and exempt, nil-rated & non GST inward supplies;

- d. providing details of advances paid on inward supplies attracting reverse charge, if any, along with adjustments;
- e. providing details of reversal of ITC as per the provisions of rules 37, 39, 42 and 43 of the Rules, if any; and f. providing HSN wise summary details of inward supplies.

Correction of erroneous details furnished in FORM GSTR-3B:

6. In case the registered person intends to amend any details furnished in FORM GSTR3B, it maybe done in the FORM GSTR-1 or FORM GSTR-2, as the case may be. For example, while preparing and furnishing the details in FORM GSTR-1, if the outward supplies have been under reported or excess reported in FORM GSTR-3B, the same maybe correctly reported in the FORM GSTR-1. Similarly, if the details of inward supplies or the eligible ITC have been reported less or more than what they should have been, the same maybe reported correctly in the FORM GSTR-2. This will get reflected in the revised output tax liability or eligible ITC, as the case may be, of the registered person. The details furnished in FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2 will be auto-populated and reflected in the return in FORM GSTR-3 for that particular month.

Action on the system-based reconciliation:

7. After the registered person has furnished the statement of inward supplies in FORM GSTR-2 by the extended date, the common portal shall auto-draft Part-A of the return in FORM GSTR-3 for the said month based on the information furnished in FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2. Based on the revised figures of output tax liability and eligible input tax credit, Table 12 of Part B of FORM GSTR-3 shall be made available. The common portal would populate the correct figures of tax payable in column (2) of Table 12 of FORM GSTR3, based on the information furnished in FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2. The tax paid through the electronic cash ledger and electronic credit ledger in the return in FORM GSTR3B shall be displayed by the system in column (3) to (7) of the Table 12 of Part B of FORM GSTR-3. Where there is no difference between the details of output tax liability and eligible input tax credit furnished in FORM GSTR-3B and the details furnished in FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2, the amount of tax payable and tax paid shall be the same in FORM GSTR-3B and FORM GSTR-3. The person can sign and submit FORM GSTR-3 without any additional payment of tax.

Additional payment of taxes:

8. Where the tax payable by a registered person as per FORM GSTR-3is more than what has been paid as per FORM GSTR-3B, the common portal would show another instance of Table 12 for making additional payment of taxes, in accordance with the mandate of clause (b) of sub-rule (6) of rule 61. As the tax payable in column (2) of Table 12 of FORM GSTR-3 is more than what was shown in FORM GSTR-3B, the additional amount of tax payable can be paid by debiting the electronic cash or credit ledger as per the provisions contained in section 49 of the Act along with applicable interest on delayed payment of tax starting from 26th day of August, 2017 till the date of debit in the electronic cash or credit ledger. If the eligible ITC claimed by the person in FORM GSTR-2 is less than the ITC claimed and utilised by the registered person in FORM GSTR-3B, the same would be added to his output tax liability and shall have to be paid by him along with interest by debiting the electronic cash or credit ledger as per the provisions contained in section 49 of the Act before submitting the return in FORM GSTR-3 to complete the process. It may be noted that where the transitional credit as declared in FORM GST TRAN-1 is credited to the electronic credit ledger, the same can be utilised for the payment of the said additional tax liability.

Additional claim of eligible ITC:

9. Where the eligible ITC claimed by the taxpayer in FORM GSTR-3B is less that the ITC eligible as per the details furnished in FORM GSTR-2, the additional amount of ITC shall be credited to the electronic credit ledger of the registered person when he submits the return in FORM GSTR-3 (in accordance with clause (c) of sub-rule (6) of rule 61). However, simultaneously, if there is an increase in the output tax liability, the registered person can utilise this additional amount of ITC eligible as per the details furnished in FORM GSTR-2 along with the balance in the electronic cash ledger, if required, for the payment of the increased output tax liability and submit his return in FORM GSTR-3.

Reduction in output tax liability:

10. Where the output tax liability of the registered person as per the details furnished in FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2 is less than the output tax liability as per the details furnished in the FORM GSTR-3B and the same is not offset by a corresponding reduction in the input tax credit to which he is entitled, the excess shall be carried forward to the next month's return to be offset against the output liability of the next month by the taxpayer when he signs and submits the return in FORM GSTR-3. However, simultaneously, if there is a decrease in the eligible input tax credit, the same will be adjusted against the above mentioned reduction in output tax liability and the balance, if any, of the reduction in output tax liability shall be carried forward to the next month's return to be offset against the output liability of the next month.

Submission of GSTR-3B without payment of taxes:

- 11. Where, for some reasons, the registered person has only submitted the return in FORM GSTR-3B and has not made the payment of taxes by debiting the same from his electronic cash or credit ledger, the return shall still be subjected to the reconciliation process as detailed above. Such registered person should furnish the details in FORM GSTR-1, FORM GSTR-2 and sign and submit the return in FORM GSTR-3 along with the payment of the due taxes as per the provisions of section 49 of the Act. However, since the payment was not made on or before the due date, the registered person shall be liable for payment of interest on delayed payment of tax starting from 26th day of August, 2017 till the date of debit in the electronic cash and / or credit ledger but will not be liable to pay any late fee provided the requisite return in FORM GSTR-3B was submitted on or before the due date.
- 12. Where the registered person has not submitted the return in FORM GSTR-3B, he is required to furnish the details in FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2 and sign and submit the return in FORM GSTR-3 along with the payment of the due taxes as per the provisions of section 49 of the Act. However, since the payment was not made on or before the due date, the registered person shall be liable for payment of interest on delayed payment of tax starting from 26th day of August, 2017 till the date of debit in the electronic cash and / or credit ledger. No late fee, however, would be levied for late filing of return in terms of section 47 of the Act, in accordance with the recommendation of the GST Council, as notified vide Notification No. 28/2017-Central tax dated 01.09.2017.

Processing of information furnished:

13. After submission of the information in FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2, the process of matching as per section 41, 42 and 43 of the Act read with rules 69 to 76 of the Rules shall be carried out as if these details were submitted in the regular course. Any amendment in the details furnished in FORM GSTR-1 and GSTR-2 shall be done following the procedure laid

down under sub-section (3) of section 37 and sub-section (5) of section 38 of the Act respectively. The return shall be considered to be a valid return when the tax payable as per FORM GSTR-3 has been paid in full after which the return shall be taken up for matching.

9.1.2.2 Departmental Clarifications - Due date for generation of FORM GSTR-2A and FORM GSTR-1A in accordance with the extension of due date for filing FORM GSTR-1 and GSTR-2 respectively - <u>Circular No.15 /15/2017 - GST dated 6th November, 2017</u>

Please refer to Notification No. 30/2017-Central Tax dated 11th September 2017, and Notification 54/2017-Central Tax, dated 30th October, 2017 whereby the dates for filing FORM GSTR-1, FORM GSTR-2 and FORM GSTR-3 for the month of July, 2017 were extended. Queries have been received regarding the due dates for the generation of FORM GSTR-2A and FORM GSTR-1A in light of the said extension of dates. Therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 168 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (hereinafter referred to as 'the Act'), for the purpose of uniformity in the implementation of the Act, the following is clarified:

1. Sub-section (1) of section 37 of the Act read with sub-rule (3) of rule 59 of the CGST Rules, 2017 (hereinafter referred to as 'the Rules') provides that the details furnished in FORM GSTR-1 by the supplier shall be made available electronically to the registered person (hereinafter referred to as 'the recipient') in FORM GSTR-2A after the due date for filing of FORM GSTR-1. Sub-section (2) of Section 38 read with sub-rule (1) of rule 60 of the said Rules provides for furnishing of details in FORM- GSTR-2 after the 10th but before the 15th of the month succeeding the tax period. Further, sub-section (1) of section 38 read with subrule (1) of rule 60 provides that on the basis of the details contained in FORM GSTR-2A, the recipient shall prepare and furnish the details of inward supply in FORM GSTR-2 after verifying, validating, modifying or deleting, the details, if required. Since the due dates for furnishing the details in FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2 have been extended, it is hereby clarified that the due date of FORM GSTR-2A is also extended. The details furnished in FORM GSTR-1 are available to the recipient in FORM GSTR-2A from 11th of October, 2017. These details are also available in FORM GSTR-2 and can be verified, validated, modified or deleted to prepare details in FORM GSTR-2 which is required to be furnished not later than the 30th November, 2017. It is further clarified that the details in FORM GSTR-2A are also available in his FORM GSTR-2 and the recipient may take necessary action on the same, prior to furnishing the details in his FORM GSTR-2. FORM GSTR-2A is a read-only document made available to the recipient electronically so that he has a record of all the invoices received from various suppliers during a given tax period.

2. Sub-section (3) of section 38 of the Act read with sub-rule (4) of rule 59 of the Rules provides that the details of inward supplies added, corrected or deleted by the recipient in FORM GSTR-2 shall be made available to the concerned supplier electronically in FORM GSTR-1A. Further, sub-section (2) of section 37 of the Act read with sub-rule (4) of rule 59 of the Rules provides that once these details are made available electronically through the common portal to the supplier in FORM GSTR-1A, the supplier shall either accept or reject the modifications made by the recipient on or before the 17th day of the month succeeding the tax period but not before the 15th day, and accordingly, FORM GSTR-1 shall stand amended to the extent of modifications accepted by the supplier. In this regard, it is hereby clarified that as the dates for furnishing the details in FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2 have been extended, the due date for furnishing of FORM GSTR-1A for July 2017 is also extended. Therefore, the details in FORM GSTR1A shall be made available to the supplier from the 1st of December to the 6th of December, 2017 for the month of July 2017.

9.1.2.3 Departmental Clarifications - Filing of Returns under GST- <u>Circular No.</u> <u>26/26/2017-GST dated 29th December , 2017</u>

The GST Council, in its 23rd meeting held at Guwahati on 10th November 2017, has taken certain decisions in regard to filing of returns by taxpayers. Subsequently, various representations have been received seeking clarifications on various aspects of return filing such as return filing dates, applicability and quantum of late fee, amendment of errors in submitting / filing of FORM GSTR-3B and other related queries. In order to consolidate the information in various notifications and circulars regarding return filing and to ensure uniformity in implementation across field formations, the Board, in exercise of its powers conferred under section 168 (1) of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 hereby clarifies the following issues:

1. Return Filing Calendar: 1.1 Dates for filing of FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-3B have been put in a calendar format for ease of understanding as under:

Return Filing Dates		January 201	January 2018 F		February 2018		March 2018		April 2018			May 2018
		10	20	10	15	20	10	20	10	20	30	10
Up to 1.5	GSTR - 3B		Dec 3B			Jan 3B		Feb 3B		Mar 3B		Apr 3B
Crore	GSTR -1	Jul - Sep 2017			Oct - Dec 2017						Jan- Mar 2017	
Greater than	GSTR - 3B		Dec 3B			Jan 3B		Feb 3B		Mar 3B		Apr 3B
1.5 Crore	GSTR -1	July to Nov 2017		Dec 2017			Jan 2018		Feb 2018			Mar 2018

1.2 It may be noted that all registered persons are required to file their FORM GSTR-3B on a monthly basis in terms of Notification No. 35/2017-Central Tax (referred to as "CT" hereinafter) dated 15th September, 2017 and 56/2017-CT dated 15th November 2017. Further,

Notification No. 71/2017-CT and Notification No. 72/2017 – CT both dated 29th December 2017 (superseding Notification No. 57/2017-CT and 58/2017-CT both dated 15th November 2017) have been issued to notify the due dates for filing of outward supply statement in FORM GSTR-1 for various months / quarters (as depicted in the calendar above) by registered persons having aggregate turnover in the previous financial year or current financial year of upto1.5 Crores rupees and above 1.5 Crores rupees respectively. Since, the option of quarterly filing was not available earlier, many taxpayers have already filed their FORM GSTR-1 for the month of July, such taxpayers shall not file these details again and shall only file details for the month of August and September, 2017. For those, who have not filed their FORM GSTR-1 for the month of July, they shall also file their FORM GSTR-1 for the month of August and September, 2017.

- 1.3 It has been further decided that the time period of filing of FORM GSTR-2 and FORM GSTR -3 for the months of July 2017 to March 2018 would be worked out by a Committee of officers and communicated later.
- 1.4 Registered persons opting for Composition scheme are required to file their returns quarterly in FORM GSTR-4. The due date for filing of FORM GSTR-4 for the quarter ending September 2017 has been extended to 24th December 2017 vide Notification No. 59/2017-CT dated 15th November 2017. For the remaining quarters, the last date for filing of FORM GSTR-4 is within eighteen days after the end of such quarter.
- 1.5 It is also clarified that the registered person will self-assess his aggregate turnover in terms of Section 2(6) of the CGST Act, 2017 for the previous financial year or the current financial year (in case of new registrants). Based on this self-assessed turnover, the registered person with turnover up to Rs. 1.5 Crore will be required to file FORM GSTR-1 on quarterly basis instead of on monthly basis. It is also clarified that the registered person may opt to file FORM GSTR-1 on monthly basis if he so wishes even though his aggregate turnover is up to Rs. 1.5 Crore. Once he falls in this bracket or if he chooses to file return on monthly basis, the registered person will not have the option to change the return filing periodicity for the entire financial year. In cases, where the registered person wrongly reports his aggregate turnover and opts to file FORM GSTR-1 on quarterly basis, he may be liable for punitive action under the CGST Act, 2017.

2. Applicability and quantum of late fee:

- 2.1 The late fee for the months of July, August and September for late filing of FORM GSTR 3B has already been waived off vide Notification No. 28/2017-CT dated 1 st September 2017 and 50/2017-CT dated 24th October 2017.
- 2.2 It has been decided that for subsequent months, i.e. October 2017 onwards, the amount of late fee payable, by a taxpayer whose tax liability for that month was "NIL", will be Rs. 20/-per day (Rs. 10/- per day each under CGST & SGST Acts) instead of Rs. 200/- per day (Rs. 100/- per day each under CGST & SGST Acts). For other taxpayers, whose tax liability for that month was not "NIL", late fee payable will be Rs. 50/- per day (Rs. 25/- per day each under CGST & SGST Acts) instead of Rs. 200/- per day (Rs. 100/- per day each under CGST & SGST Acts). Notification No. 64/2017-CT dated 15th November 2017 has already been issued in this regard.

3. Amendment / corrections / rectification of errors:

- 3.1 Various representations have been received wherein registered persons have requested for clarification on the procedure for rectification of errors made while filing their FORM GSTR-3B. In this regard, Circular No. 7/7/2017-GST dated 1st September 2017 was issued which clarified that errors committed while filing FORM GSTR 3B may be rectified while filing FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2 of the same month. Further, in the said circular, it was clarified that the system will automatically reconcile the data submitted in FORM GSTR-3B with FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2, and the variations if any will either be offset against output tax liability or added to the output tax liability of the subsequent months of the registered person.
- 3.2 Since, the GST Council has decided that the time period of filing of FORM GSTR-2 and FORM GSTR -3 for the month of July 2017 to March 2018 would be worked out by a Committee of officers, the system based reconciliation prescribed under <u>Circular No. 7/7/2017-GST dated 1st September 2017</u> can only be operationalized after the relevant notification is issued. The said circular is therefore kept in abeyance till such time.
- 3.3 The common errors while submitting FORM GSTR-3B and the steps needed to be taken to rectify the same are provided in the <u>table annexed</u> herewith. The registered person needs to decide at which stage of filing of FORM GSTR-3B he is currently at and also the error committed by him. The corresponding column in the table provides the steps to be followed by him to rectify such error.
- 4. It is clarified that as return in FORM GSTR-3B do not contain provisions for reporting of differential figures for past month(s), the said figures may be reported on net basis alongwith the values for current month itself in appropriate tables i.e. Table No. 3.1, 3.2, 4 and 5, as the

case may be. It may be noted that while making adjustment in the output tax liability or input tax credit, there can be no negative entries in the FORM GSTR-3B. The amount remaining for adjustment, if any, may be adjusted in the return(s) in FORM GSTR3B of subsequent month(s) and, in cases where such adjustment is not feasible, refund may be claimed. Where adjustments have been made in FORM GSTR-3B of multiple months, corresponding adjustments in FORM GSTR-1 should also preferably be made in the corresponding months.

- 5. Where the taxpayer has committed an error in submitting (before offsetting and filing) the information in FORM GSTR-3B, a provision for editing the same has been provided. The facility to edit the information can be used only before offsetting the liability and editing will not be permitted after offsetting the liability. Hence, every care should be taken to ensure the accuracy of the figures before proceeding to offset the liabilities.
- 6. It is further clarified that the information furnished by the registered person in the return in FORM GSTR-3B would be reconciled by the department's system with the information furnished in FORM GSTR-1 and discrepancies, if any, shall be dealt with in accordance with the relevant provisions of the CGST Act, 2017 and rules made thereunder. Detailed instructions regarding reconciliation of information furnished in FORM GSTR-3B with that contained in FORM GSTR-2 and FORM GSTR-3 will be issued in due course of time.

9.1.2.4 Departmental Clarifications - Clarifications on refund related issues- <u>Circular No.</u> 45/19/2018-GST dated 30th May, 2018

The Board vide Circular No. 17/17/2017 – GST dated 15th November 2017, No. 24/24/2017 – GST dated 21st December 2017 and No. 37/11/2018 – GST dated 15th March, 2018 has laid down the procedure for manual filing and processing of different types of refund claims under GST and clarified the exports related refund issues.

- 2. Representations have been received seeking clarification on certain refund related issues. In order to clarify these issues and with a view to ensure uniformity in the implementation of the provisions of the law 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 (CGST Act for short) hereby clarifies the issues raised as below:
- 3. Claim for refund filed by an Input Service Distributor, a person paying tax under section 10 or a non-resident taxable person:
- 3.1 Doubts have been raised in case of claims for refund filed by an Input Service Distributor (ISD for short), a person paying tax under section 10 of the CGST Act (composition taxpayer for short) or a non-resident taxable person in light of para 2.0 of Circular No. 24/24/2017-GST dated 21.12.2017 which mandates that the refund claim for a tax period may be filed only after filing the details in FORM GSTR-1 for the said tax period and that it is also to be ensured that

a valid return in FORM GSTR-3B has been filed for the last tax period before the one in which the refund application is being filed.

- 3.2 In this regard, attention is invited to sub-section (1) of section 37 of the CGST Act read with rule 59 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017 (CGST Rules for short) which mandates that every registered person, other than an Input Service Distributor or a non-resident taxable person or a person paying tax under the provisions of section 10 or section 51 or section 52, shall furnish the details of outward supplies of goods or services or both effected during a tax period in FORM GSTR-1. Further, as per sub-section (2) of section 39 of the CGST Act read with rule 62 of the CGST Rules, a composition taxpayer is required to furnish the return in FORM GSTR-4; as per sub-section (4) of section 39 of the CGST Act read with rule 65 of the CGST Rules, an ISD is required to furnish the return in FORM GSTR-6 and as per sub-section (5) of section 39 of the CGST Act read with rule 63 of the CGST Rules, a non-resident taxable person is required to furnish the return in FORM GSTR-5.
- 3.3 Thus, it is clarified that in case of a claim for refund of balance in the electronic cash ledger filed by an ISD or a composition taxpayer; and the claim for refund of balance in the electronic cash and/or credit ledger by a non-resident taxable person, the filing of the details in FORM GSTR-1 and the return in FORM GSTR-3B is not mandatory. Instead, the return in FORM GSTR-4 filed by a composition taxpayer, the details in FORM GSTR-6 filed by an ISD and the return in FORM GSTR-5 filed by a non-resident taxable person shall be sufficient for claiming the said refund.

4. Application for refund of integrated tax paid on export of services and supplies made to a Special Economic Zone developer or a Special Economic Zone unit:

- 4.1 It has been represented that while filing the return in FORM GSTR-3B for a given tax period, certain registered persons committed errors in declaring the export of services on payment of integrated tax or zero rated supplies made to a Special Economic Zone developer or a Special Economic Zone unit on payment of integrated tax. They have shown such supplies in the Table under column 3.1(a) instead of showing them in column 3.1(b) of FORM GSTR-3B whilst they have shown the correct details in Table 6A or 6B of FORM GSTR-1 for the relevant tax period and duly discharged their tax liabilities. Such registered persons are unable to file the refund application in FORM GST RFD-01A for refund of integrated tax paid on the export of services or on supplies made to a SEZ developer or a SEZ unit on the GST common portal because of an in-built validation check in the system which restricts the refund amount claimed (integrated tax/cess) to the amount of integrated tax/cess mentioned under column 3.1(b) of FORM GSTR-3B (zero rated supplies) filed for the corresponding tax period.
- 4.2 In this regard, it is clarified that for the tax periods commencing from 01.07.2017 to 31.03.2018, such registered persons shall be allowed to file the refund application in FORM GST RFD-01A on the common portal subject to the condition that the amount of refund of integrated tax/cess claimed shall not be more than the aggregate amount of integrated tax/cess mentioned in the Table under columns 3.1(a), 3.1(b) and 3.1(c) of FORM GSTR-3B filed for the corresponding tax period.

5. Refund of unutilized input tax credit of compensation cess availed on inputs in cases where the final product is not subject to the levy of compensation cess:

5.1 Doubts have been raised whether an exporter is eligible to claim refund of unutilized input tax credit of compensation cess paid on inputs, where the final product is not leviable to compensation cess. For instance, cess is levied on coal, which is an input for the manufacture of aluminum products, whereas cess is not levied on aluminum products.

- 5.2 In this regard, section 16(2) of the Integrated Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (IGST Act for short) states that, subject to the provisions of section 17(5) of the CGST Act, credit of input tax may be availed for making zero rated supplies. Further, as per section 8 of the Goods and Services Tax (Compensation to States) Act, 2017, (hereafter referred to as the Cess Act), all goods and services specified in the Schedule to the Cess Act are leviable to cess under the Cess Act; and vide section 11 (2) of the Cess Act, section 16 of the IGST Act is mutatis mutandis made applicable to inter-State supplies of all such goods and services. Thus, it implies that all supplies of such goods and services are zero rated under the Cess Act. Moreover, as section 17(5) of the CGST Act does not restrict the availment of input tax credit of compensation cess on coal, it is clarified that a registered person making zero rated supply of aluminum products under bond or LUT may claim refund of unutilized credit including that of compensation cess paid on coal.
- 5.3 Such registered persons may also make zero-rated supply of aluminum products on payment of integrated tax but they cannot utilize the credit of the compensation cess paid on coal for payment of integrated tax in view of the proviso to section 11(2) of the Cess Act, which allows the utilization of the input tax credit of cess, only for the payment of cess on the outward supplies. Accordingly, they cannot claim refund of compensation cess in case of zero-rated supply on payment of integrated tax.
- 6. Whether bond or Letter of Undertaking (LUT) is required in the case of zero rated supply of exempted or non-GST goods and whether refund can be claimed by the exporter of exempted or non-GST goods?
- 6.1 As per section 16(2) of the IGST Act, credit of input tax may be availed for making zero rated supplies, notwithstanding that such supply is an exempt supply. Whereas, as per section 2 (47) of the CGST Act, exempt supply includes non-taxable supply. Further, as per section 16(3) of the IGST Act, a registered person making zero rated supply shall be eligible to claim refund when he either makes supply of goods or services or both under bond or letter of undertaking (LUT) or makes such supply on payment of integrated tax.
- 6.2 However, in case of zero rated supply of exempted or non-GST goods, the requirement for furnishing a bond or LUT cannot be insisted upon. It is thus, clarified that in respect of refund claims on account of export of non-GST and exempted goods without payment of integrated tax; LUT/bond is not required. Such registered persons exporting non-GST goods shall comply with the requirements prescribed under the existing law (i.e. Central Excise Act, 1944 or the VAT law of the respective State) or under the Customs Act, 1962, if any.
- 6.3 Further, the exporter would be eligible for refund of unutilized input tax credit of central tax, state tax, union territory tax, integrated tax and compensation cess in such cases.
- 7. What is the scope of the restriction imposed by rule 96(10) of the CGST Rules, regarding non-availment of the benefit of notification Nos. 48/2017-Central Tax dated the 18.10.2017, 40/2017-Central Tax (Rate) dated 23.10.2017, 41/2017-Integrated Tax (Rate) dated 23.10.2017, 78/2017-Customs dated 13.10.2017 or 79/2017-Customs dated 13.10.2017?
- 7.1 Sub-rule (10) of rule 96 of the CGST Rules seeks to prevent an exporter, who is receiving goods from suppliers availing the benefit of certain specified notifications under which they supply goods without payment of tax or at reduced rate of tax, from exporting goods under payment of integrated tax. This is to ensure that the exporter does not utilise the input tax

credit availed on other domestic supplies received for making the payment of integrated tax on export of goods.

- 7.2 However, the said restriction is not applicable to an exporter who has procured goods from suppliers who have not availed the benefits of the specified notifications for making their outward supplies. Further, the said restriction is also not applicable to an exporter who has procured goods from suppliers who have, in turn, received goods from registered persons availing the benefits of these notifications since the exporter did not directly procure these goods without payment of tax or at reduced rate of tax.
- 7.3 Thus, the restriction under sub-rule (10) of rule 96 of the CGST Rules is only applicable to those exporters who are directly receiving goods from those suppliers who are availing the benefit under notification No. 48/2017-Central Tax dated the 18th October, 2017, notification No. 40/2017-Central Tax (Rate) dated the 23rd October, 2017, or notification No. 41/2017-Integrated Tax (Rate) dated the 23rd October, 2017 or notification No. 78/2017- Customs dated the 13th October, 2017 or notification No. 79/2017-Customs dated the 13th October, 2017.
- 7.4 Further, there might be a scenario where a manufacturer might have imported capital goods by availing the benefit of Notification No. 78/2017-Customs dated 13.10.2017 or 79/2017-Customs dated 13.10.2017. Thereafter, goods manufactured from such capital goods may be supplied to an exporter. It is hereby clarified that this restriction does not apply to such inward supplies of an exporter.

9.1.2.5 Departmental Clarifications - Mentioning details of inter-State supplies made to unregistered persons in Table 3.2 of FORM GSTR-3B and Table 7B of FORM GSTR-1-Circular No. 89/08/2019-GST dated 18th February, 2019

A registered supplier is required to mention the details of inter -State supplies made to unregistered persons, composition taxable persons and UIN holders in Table 3.2 of FORM GSTR-3B. Further, the details of all inter-State supplies made to unregistered persons where the invoice value is up to Rs 2.5 lakhs (rate-wise) are required to be reported in Table 7B of FORM GSTR-1.

- 2. It has been brought to the notice of the Board that a number of registered persons have not reported the details of inter-State supplies made to unregistered persons in Table 3.2 of FORM GSTR-3B. However, the said details have been mentioned in Table 7B of FORM GSTR-1. In order to ensure uniformity in the implementation of the provisions of law 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(CGST Act for short), hereby issues the following instructions.
- 3. It is pertinent to mention that apportionment of IGST collected on inter–State supplies made to unregistered persons in the State where such supply takes place is based on the information reported in Table 3.2 of FORM GSTR-3B by the registered person. As such, non-mentioning of the said information results in –
- (i) non-apportionment of the due amount of IGST to the State where such supply takes place; and

- (ii) a mis-match in the quantum of goods or services or both actually supplied in a State and the amount of integrated tax apportioned between the Centre and that State, and consequent non-compliance of sub-section (2) of section 17 of the Integrated Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017.
- 4. Accordingly, it is instructed that the registered persons making inter-State supplies to unregistered persons shall report the details of such supplies along with the place of supply in Table 3.2 of FORM GSTR-3B and Table 7B of FORM GSTR-1 as mandated by the law. Contravention of any of the provisions of the Act or the rules made there under attracts penal action under the provisions of section 125 of the CGST Act.

9.1.2.6 Departmental Clarifications - Restriction in availment of input tax credit in terms of sub-rule (4) of rule 36 of CGST Rules, 2017 - <u>Circular No. 123/42/2019– GST dated 11th November, 2019</u>

Sub-rule (4) to rule 36 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017 (hereinafter referred to as the CGST Rules) has been inserted vide <u>notification No. 49/2019- Central Tax, dated 09.10.2019</u>. The said sub-rule provides restriction in availment of input tax credit (ITC) in respect of invoices or debit notes, the details of which have not been uploaded by the suppliers under sub-section (1) of section 37of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (hereinafter referred to as the CGST Act).

- 2. 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 various issues in succeeding paragraphs.
- 3. The conditions and eligibility for the ITC that may be availed by the recipient shall continue to be governed as per the provisions of Chapter V of the CGST Act and the rules made thereunder. This being a new provision, the restriction is not imposed through the common portal and it is the responsibility of the taxpayer that credit is availed in terms of the said rule and therefore, the availment of restricted credit in terms of sub-rule (4) of rule 36 of CGST Rules shall be done on self-assessment basis by the tax payers. Various issues relating to implementation of the said sub-rule have been examined and the clarification on each of these points is as under: -

SI. No	Issue	Clarification
1.	What are the invoices / debit notes on which the restriction under rule 36(4) of the CGST Rules shall apply?	The restriction of availment of ITC is imposed only in respect of those invoices / debit notes, details of which are required to be uploaded by the suppliers under subsection (1) of section 37 and which have not been uploaded. Therefore, taxpayers may avail full ITC in respect of IGST paid on import, documents issued under RCM, credit received from ISD etc. which are outside the ambit of sub-section (1) of section 37, provided that eligibility conditions for availment of ITC are met in respect of the same. The restriction of 36(4) will be applicable only on the invoices / debit notes on which credit is availed after 09.10.2019.
2.	Whether the said restriction is to be	

	calculated supplier wise or on consolidated basis?	eligible credit from all suppliers against all supplies whose details have been uploaded by the suppliers. Further, the calculation would be based on only those invoices which are otherwise eligible for ITC. Accordingly, those invoices on which ITC is not available under any of the provision (say under sub-section (5) of section 17) would not be considered for calculating 20 per cent. of the eligible credit available.					
3.	FORM GSTR-2A being a dynamic document, what would be the amount of input tax credit that is admissible to the taxpayers for a particular tax period in respect of invoices / debit notes whose details have not been uploaded by the suppliers?	The amount of input tax credit in respect of the invoices / debit notes whose details have not been uploaded by the suppliers shall not exceed 20% of the eligible input tax credit available to the recipient in respect of invoices or debit notes the details of which have been uploaded by the suppliers under sub- section (1) of section 37 as on the due date of filing of the returns in FORM GSTR-1 of the suppliers for the said tax period. The taxpayer may					
4.	How much ITC a registered tax payer can avail in his FORM GSTR-3B in a month in case the details of some of the invoices have not been uploaded by the suppliers under subsection (1) of section 37.	availed by a registered person in respect of invoices or debit notes, the details of which have not been uploaded by the suppliers under subsection (1) of section 37, shall not exceed 20 per cent. of the eligible credit available in respect of invoices or debit notes the details of which have been uploaded by the suppliers under subsection (1) of					
		Case 1	Details of suppliers' invoices for which recipient is eligible to take ITC Suppliers have furnished in FORM GSTR-1 80 invoices involving ITC of Rs. 6 lakhs as on the due date of furnishing of the details of	20% of eligible credit where invoices are uploaded Rs. 1,20,000/-	Eligible ITC to be taken in GSTR-3B to be filed by 20 th Nov. Rs. 6,00,000 (i.e. amount of eligible ITC available, as per details uploaded		
			outward supplies by the suppliers.		by the suppliers) + Rs.		

					1,20,000 (i.e. 20% of amount of eligible ITC available, as per details uploaded by the suppliers) = Rs. 7,20,000/-	
		Case 2	Suppliers have furnished in FORM GSTR-1 80 invoices involving ITC of Rs. 7 lakhs as on the due date of furnishing of the details of outward supplies by the suppliers.	Rs.1,40,000/-	Rs 7,00,000 + Rs. 1,40,000 = Rs. 8,40,000/-	
		Case 3	Suppliers have furnished in FORM GSTR-1 75 invoices having ITC of Rs. 8.5 lakhs as on the due date of furnishing of the details of outward supplies by the suppliers.	Rs. 1,70,000/-	Rs. 8,50,000/- + Rs. 1,50,000/-* = Rs. 10,00,000 * The additional amount of ITC availed shall be limited to ensure that the total ITC availed does not exceed the total eligible ITC.	
5.	When can balance ITC		nce ITC may be cl		xpayer in any	
	be claimed in case availment of ITC is restricted as per the provisions of rule 36(4)?	of the succeeding months provided details of requisite invoices are uploaded by the suppliers. He can claim proportionate ITC as and when details of some invoices are uploaded by the suppliers provided that credit on				

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	Case	"R" may avail balance ITC of Rs. 2.8 lakhs in			
	1	case suppliers upload details of some of the			
	invoices for the tax period involving ITC of Rs. 2.3 lakhs out of invoices involving ITC of Rs. 4				
		lakhs details of which had not been uploaded			
		by the suppliers. [Rs. 6 lakhs + Rs. 2.3 lakhs =			
		Rs. 8.3 lakhs]			
	Case	"R" may avail balance ITC of Rs. 1.6 lakhs in			
	2	case suppliers upload details of some of the			
		invoices involving ITC of Rs. 1.3 lakhs out of outstanding invoices involving Rs. 3 lakhs. [Rs.			
		7 lakhs + Rs. 1.3 lakhs = Rs. 8.3 lakhs]			

9.1.2.7 Departmental Clarifications - Standard Operating Procedure to be followed in case of non-filers of returns - <u>Circular No. 129/48/2019 - GST dated 24th December, 2019</u>.

Doubts have been raised across the field formations in respect of the appropriate procedure to be followed in case of non-furnishing of return under section 39 or section 44 or section 45 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (hereinafter referred to as the "CGST Act"). It has further been brought to the notice that divergent practices are being followed in case of non-furnishing of the said returns.

- 2. The matter has been examined. In order to clarify the issue and to ensure uniformity in the implementation of the provisions of the law across field formations, the Board, in exercise of its powers conferred by section 168 (1) of the CGST Act, hereby issues the following clarifications and guidelines.
- 3. Section 46 of the CGST Act read with rule 68 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017 (hereinafter referred to as the "CGST Rules") requires issuance of a notice in FORM GSTR-3A to a registered person who fails to furnish return under section 39 or section 44 or section 45 (hereinafter referred to as the "defaulter") requiring him to furnish such return within fifteen days. Further section 62 provides for assessment of non-filers of return of registered persons who fails to furnish return under section 39 or section 45 even after service of notice under section 46. FORM GSTR-3A provides as under:

"Notice to return defaulter u/s 46 for not filing return

Tax Period - Type of Return -

Being a registered taxpayer, you are required to furnish return for the supplies made or received and to discharge resultant tax liability for the aforesaid tax period by due date. It has been noticed that you have not filed the said return till date.

- 1. You are, therefore, requested to furnish the said return within 15 days failing which the tax liability may be assessed u/s 62 of the Act, based on the relevant material available with this office. Please note that in addition to tax so assessed, you will also be liable to pay interest and penalty as per provisions of the Act.
- 2. Please note that no further communication will be issued for assessing the liability.
- 3. The notice shall be deemed to have been withdrawn in case the return referred above, is filed by you before issue of the assessment order. "

As such, no separate notice is required to be issued for best judgment assessment under section 62 and in case of failure to file return within 15 days of issuance of FORM GSTR3A, the best judgment assessment in FORM ASMT-13 can be issued without any further communication.

- 4. Following guidelines are hereby prescribed to ensure uniformity in the implementation of the provisions of law across the field formations:
- (i) Preferably, a system generated message would be sent to all the registered persons 3 days before the due date to nudge them about filing of the return for the tax period by the due date.
- (ii) Once the due date for furnishing the return under section 39 is over, a system generated mail / message would be sent to all the defaulters immediately after the due date to the effect that the said registered person has not furnished his return for the said tax period; the said mail/message is to be sent to the authorized signatory as well as the proprietor/partner/director/karta, etc.
- (iii) Five days after the due date of furnishing the return, a notice in FORM GSTR-3A (under section 46 of the CGST Act read with rule 68 of the CGST Rules) shall be issued electronically to such registered person who fails to furnish return under section 39, requiring him to furnish such return within fifteen days;
- (iv) In case the said return is still not filed by the defaulter within 15 days of the said notice, the proper officer may proceed to assess the tax liability of the said person under section 62 of the CGST Act, to the best of his judgement taking into account all the relevant material which is available or which he has gathered and would issue order under rule 100 of the CGST Rules in FORM GST ASMT-13. The proper officer would then be required to upload the summary thereof in FORM GST DRC07;
- (v) For the purpose of assessment of tax liability under section 62 of the CGST Act, the proper officer may take into account the details of outward supplies available in the statement furnished under section 37 (FORM GSTR-1), details of supplies auto populated in FORM GSTR-2A, information available from e-way bills, or any other information available from any other source, including from inspection under section 71;
- (vi)In case the defaulter furnishes a valid return within thirty days of the service of assessment order in FORM GST ASMT-13, the said assessment order shall be deemed to have been withdrawn in terms of provision of sub-section (2) of section 62 of the CGST Act. However, if the said return remains unfurnished within the statutory period of 30 days from issuance of

order in FORM ASMT-13, then proper officer may initiate proceedings under section 78 and recovery under section 79 of the CGST Act;

5. Above general guidelines may be followed by the proper officer in case of non furnishing of return. In deserving cases, based on the facts of the case, the Commissioner may resort to provisional attachment to protect revenue under section 83 of the CGST Act before issuance of FORM GST ASMT-13. 6. Further, the proper officer would initiate action under sub-section (2) of section 29 of the CGST Act for cancellation of registration in cases where the return has not been furnished for the period specified in section 29.

9.1.2.8 Departmental Clarifications - 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) - Circular No. 136/06/2020-GST dated 3rd April, 2020

The spread of Novel Corona Virus (COVID-19) across many countries of the world, including India, has caused immense loss to the lives of people and resultantly impacted the trade and industry. In view of the emergent situation and challenges faced by taxpayers in meeting the compliance requirements under various provisions of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (hereinafter referred to as the "CGST Act"), Government has announced various relief measures relating to statutory and regulatory compliance matters across sectors.

2. Government has issued following notifications in order to provide relief to the taxpayers:

S. No.	Notification	Remarks
1.	30/2020- Central	Amendment in the CGST Rules so as to allow taxpayers opting for the Composition Scheme for the financial year 2020-21 to file their option in FORM CMP-02 till 30th June, 2020 and to allow cumulative application of the condition in rule 36(4) for the months of February, 2020 to August, 2020 in the return for tax period of September, 2020.
2.	31/2020- Central	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 is notified for those registered persons having aggregate turnover above Rs. 5 Crore and NIL rate of interest is notified for those registered persons having aggregate turnover below Rs. 5 Crore in the preceding financial year, for the tax periods of February, 2020 to April, 2020. This lower rate of interest shall be subject to condition that due tax is paid by filing return in FORM GSTR-3B by the date(s) as specified in the Notification.
3.	32/2020- Central	Notification under section 128 of CGST Act for waiver of late fee for delay in furnishing returns in FORM GSTR-3B for the tax periods of February, 2020 to April, 2020 provided the return in FORM GSTR-3B by the date as specified in the Notification.

4.	Notification 33/2020- C Tax, 03.04.2020	Central dated	Notification under section 128 of CGST Act for waiver of late fee for delay in furnishing the statement of outward supplies in FORM GSTR-1 for taxpayers for the tax periods March, 2020 to May, 2020 and for quarter ending 31st March 2020 if the same are furnished on or before 30th day of June, 2020.
5.	Notification 34/2020- C Tax, 03.04.2020	Central dated	Extension of due date of furnishing statement, containing the details of payment of self-assessed tax in FORM GST CMP- 08 for the quarter ending 31st March, 2020 till the 7th day of July, 2020 and filing FORM GSTR-4 for the financial year ending 31st March, 2020 till the 15th day of July, 2020.
6.	Notification 35/2020- C Tax, 03.04.2020	Central	Notification under section 168A of CGST Act for extending due date of compliance which falls during the period from the 20th day of March, 2020 to the 29th day of June, to 30th day of June, 2020.

3. Various issues relating to above mentioned notifications have been examined. 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 each of these issues as under:-

S. No.	Issue	Clarification	
1.	measures that have been	The said class of taxpayers, as per the <u>notification No. 34/2020-Central Tax</u> , dated 03.04.2020, have been allowed, to, — (i) furnish the statement of details of payment of self- assessed tax	
	toy under the	07.07.2020; and	
		tax under section 10 the CGST Act	by 15.07.2020.
		2. In addition to the above, taxpayers opting for the composition scheme for the financial year 2020-21, have been allowed, as per the notification No. 30/2020- Central Tax, dated 03.04.2020, to, —	
		(i) file an intimation in FORM GST CMP-02 by 30.06.2020; and (ii) furnish the statement in FORM GST ITC-03 till 31.07.2020.	
2.	of furnishing I FORM GSTR-3B t for the months of February, March and April, 2020 has been	1. The due dates for furnishing FORM GSTR-3B for the months of February, March and April, 2020 has not been extended through any of the notifications referred in para 2 above.	
		2. However, as per notification No. 31/2020- Central Tax, dated 03.04.2020, NIL rate of interest for first 15 days after the due date of filing return in FORM GSTR-3B and reduced rate of interest @ 9% thereafter has been notified for those registered persons whose aggregate turnover in the preceding financial year is above Rs. 5 Crore.	

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the month succeeding such month ed as Nil for first 15 days from the				
subject to the condition that the returns in FORM GSTR-3B on or				
TR-3B for the said months are not lune, 2020 then interest at 18% perdue date of return, till the date or on, regular late fee shall also be ability for penalty.				
1. As explained above, the rate of interest has been notified as Nil for first 15 days from the due date, and 9 per cent per annum thereafter, for the said months. The same can be explained through an illustration.				
for delayed filing of return for the of filing being 20.04.2020) may be				
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in	S. No.	Date of filing GSTR-3B	No. of days of delay	Whether condition for reduced interest is fulfilled?	Interest
5	1	02.05.2020	11	Yes	Zero interest
	2	20.05.2020	30		Zero interest for 15 days + interest rate @9% p.a. for 15 days
	3	20.06.2020	61		Zero interest for 15 days + interest rate @9% p.a. for 46 days
	4	24.06.2020	65		Zero interest for 15 days + interest rate @9% p.a. for 50 days

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		5	30.06.2020	71	NO	Interest of for 71 benefit interest)	rate @ days of	18% p.a. (i.e. no reduced
5.	conditions attached for availing the NIL rate of interest for the months of February, March and April, 2020, for a registered person whose aggregate	remains unchanged. The rate of interest has been notified as Nil for said months. 2. The conditions for availing the NIL rate of interest is that registered person must furnish the returns in FORM GSTR-3B or before the date as mentioned in the notification No. 31/2020- Certax, dated 03.04.2020. 3. In case the return for the said months are not furnished on or be the date mentioned in the notification then interest at 18% per and shall be charged from the due date of return, till the date on which return is filed as explained in the illustration at sl.no (4) above, again along with liability for penalty.						is that the R-3B on or 20- Central n or before per annum which the ve, against
6.	Whether the due date of furnishing the statement of outward supplies in FORM GSTR-1 under section 37 has been extended for the months of February, March and April 2020?	notifi levial state the ta 31st	cation No. 33 ble under secti ment of outwar ax periods Marc	/2020- C on 47 ha d supplie ch, 2020,	entral Tax, cost been waived in FORM GS April 2020, Ma	lated 03.0 d for delay STR-1 und ay, 2020 a	04.2020 y in fur der Sec and qua	on the control of the
7.	rule 36(4) of the CGST Rules would apply	has cond perso Marc cond in FO furnis	notification No. been inserted ition shall not ons in the return th, April, May, ition shall apply DRM GSTR-3E shed with cumths in accordant	in CGS apply to in some in FOF June, June, June of the ulative actions.	F Rules 2017 Input tax cred RM GSTR-3B Ily and Augus Ively for the sa Itax period of Iljustment of i	T to proving the total t	ide that by the conths of but that and that er, 202 credit for	t the said registered f February, at the said the return 20 shall be
8.	What will be the status of e-way bills which have expired during the lockdown period?	Issue of an durin the v	ed under the pro e-way bill ger g the period 20	ovisions o nerated ur Oth day o	f 168A of the 0 nder rule 138 f March, 2020	CGST Act, of the CG to 15th c	where ST Ru lay of <i>I</i>	the validity les expires April, 2020,
9.	measures that have been	notifi of ta spec	er the provision cation No. 35/2 expayers have ified in sub-sec	020- Cen been all	tral Tax, dated owed to furn	d 03.04.20 hish the r	<mark>)20</mark> , the especti	e said class ve returns

	-	for the months of March, 2020 to May, 2020 on or before the 30th day of June, 2020.
10.	measures that have been specifically taken	Under the provisions of section 168A of the CGST Act, in terms of notification No. 35/2020- Central Tax, dated 03.04.2020, the said class of taxpayers have been allowed to furnish the statement specified in section 52, for the months of March, 2020 to May, 2020 on or before the 30th day of June, 2020.
11.	compliance of some of the provisions of the CGST Act is falling during the	Vide notification No. 35/2020- Central Tax, dated 03.04.2020, issued under the provisions of 168A of the CGST Act, except for few provisions covered in exclusion clause, any time limit for completion or compliance of any action which falls during the period from the 20th day of March, 2020 to the 29th day of June, 2020, and where completion or compliance of such action has not been made within such time, has been extended to 30th day of June, 2020.

9.1.2.9 Departmental Clarifications - Clarification relating to application of sub-rule (4) of rule 36 of the CGST Rules, 2017 for the months of February, 2020 to August, 2020-Circular No. 142/12/2020- GST dated 9th October, 2020

Vide <u>Circular No. 123/42/2019 – GST dated 11th November, 2019</u>, various issues relating to implementation of sub-rule (4) of rule 36 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017 (hereinafter referred to as the CGST Rules) relating to availment of input tax credit (ITC) in respect of invoices or debit notes, the details of which have not been uploaded by the suppliers under sub-section (1) of section 37of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (hereinafter referred to as the CGST Act) were clarified.

2. Keeping the situation prevailing in view of measures taken to contain the spread of COVID-19 pandemic, vide <u>notification No. 30/2020-CT</u>, <u>dated 03.04.2020</u>, it had been prescribed that the condition made under sub-rule (4) of rule 36 of the CGST Rules shall apply cumulatively for the tax period February, March, April, May, June, July and August, 2020 and that the return in FORM GSTR-3B for the tax period September, 2020 shall be furnished with the cumulative adjustment of input tax credit for the said months.

- 3. To ensure uniformity in the implementation of the said provisions across the field formations, the Board, in exercise of its powers conferred under section 168(1) of the CGST Act hereby clarifies certain issues in succeeding paragraphs.
- 3.1 It is re-iterated that the clarifications issued earlier vide <u>Circular No. 123/42/2019 GST dated 11.11.2019</u> shall still remain applicable, except for the cumulative application as prescribed in proviso to sub-rule (4) of rule 36 of the CGST Rules. Accordingly, all the taxpayers are advised to ascertain the details of invoices uploaded by their suppliers under subsection (1) of section 37 of the CGST Act for the periods of February, March, April, May, June, July and August, 2020, till the due date of furnishing of the statement in FORM GSTR-1 for the month of September, 2020 as reflected in GSTR-2As.
- 3.2 Taxpayers shall reconcile the ITC availed in their FORM GSTR-3Bs for the period February, 2020 to August, 2020 with the details of invoices uploaded by their suppliers of the said months, till the due date of furnishing FORM GSTR-1 for the month of September, 2020. The cumulative amount of ITC availed for the said months in FORM GSTR-3B should not exceed 110% of the cumulative value of the eligible credit available in respect of invoices or debit notes the details of which have been uploaded by the suppliers under sub-section (1) of section 37 of the CGST Act, till the due date of furnishing of the statements in FORM GSTR-1 for the month of September, 2020.
- 3.3 It may be noted that availability of 110% of the cumulative value of the eligible credit available in respect of invoices or debit notes the details of which have been uploaded by the suppliers under sub-section (1) of section 37 of the CGST Act does not mean that the total credit can exceed the tax amount as reflected in the total invoices for the supplies received by the taxpayer i.e. the maximum credit available in terms of provisions of section 16 of the CGST Act.
- 3.4 The excess ITC availed arising out of reconciliation during this period, if any, shall be required to be reversed in Table 4(B)(2) of FORM GSTR-3B, for the month of September, 2020. Failure to reverse such excess availed ITC on account of cumulative application of subrule (4) of rule 36 of the CGST Rules would be treated as availment of ineligible ITC during the month of September, 2020.
- 4. The manner of cumulative reconciliation for the said months in terms of proviso to subrule (4) of rule 36 of the CGST Rules is explained by way of illustration, in a tabulated form, below.

Tax period	Eligible ITC as per the provisions of Chapter V of the CGST Act and the rules made thereunder, except rule 36(4)	GSTR-3B of the respective	Invoices on which ITC is eligible and uploaded by the suppliers till due date of FORM GSTR-1 for the tax period of September, 2020	Effect of cumulative application of rule 36(4) on availability of ITC.
Feb, 2020	300	300	270	Maximum eligible ITC in terms of rule 36 (4) is
March, 2020	400	400	380	2450 + [10% of 2450] =2695. Taxpayer had
April, 2020	500	500	450	availed ITC of 2750. Therefore, ITC of 55

May, 2020	350	350	320	[2750-2695] would be
June, 2020	450	450	400	required to be reversed as mentioned in para
July, 2020	550	550	480	3.4. above.
August, 2020	200	200	150	
TOTAL	2750	2750	2450	
	ITC R	eversal required	to the extent of 55	
September, 2020	500	385	350	10% Rule shall apply independently for September, 2020

In the FORM GSTR-3B for the month of September, 2020, the tax payer shall avail ITC of 385 under Table 4(A) and would reverse ITC of 55 under Table 4(B)(2)

9.1.2.10 Departmental Clarifications - Mandatory furnishing of correct and proper information of inter-State supplies and amount of ineligible/blocked Input Tax Credit and reversal thereof in return in FORM GSTR-3B and statement in FORM GSTR-1-Circular No. 170/02/2022-GST dated 6th July, 2022

The process of return filing has been simplified over a period of time. With effect from December 2020, FORM GSTR-3B is getting auto-generated on the portal by way of autopopulation of input tax credit (ITC) from FORM GSTR-2B (auto-generated inward supply statement) and auto-population of liabilities from FORM GSTR-1 (Outward supply statement), with an editing facility to the registered person. However, it has been observed that there still are some infirmities in information being furnished by the registered person in relation to inter-State supplies effected to unregistered person, registered person paying tax under section 10 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (composition taxable persons) and UIN holders. Also, there appears to be lack of clarity regarding reporting of information about reversal of Input Tax Credit (hereinafter referred to as the "ITC") as well as ineligible ITC in Table 4 of FORM GSTR-3B.

2. It is desirable that correct reporting of information is done by the registered person in FORM GSTR-3B and FORM GSTR-1 so as to ensure correct accountal and accurate settlement of funds between the Central and State Governments. Accordingly, in order to ensure uniformity in return filing, the Board, in exercise of its powers conferred under subsection (1) of section 168 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (hereinafter referred to as the "CGST Act"), hereby clarifies various issues in succeeding paragraphs.

3. Furnishing of information regarding inter-State supplies made to unregistered persons, composition taxable persons and UIN holders:

3.1 It has been noticed that a number of registered persons are not reporting the correct details of inter-State supplies made to unregistered persons, to registered person paying tax under section 10 of the CGST Act (composition taxable persons) and to UIN holders, as required to be declared in Table 3.2 of FORM GSTR-3B, under the notion that the taxable value of the

same along with tax payable has already been reported in Table 3.1 of the said FORM. In certain cases, it has also been noticed that the address of unregistered person are captured incorrectly by the supplier, especially those belonging to banking, insurance, finance, stock broking, telecom, digital payment facilitators, OTT platform services providers and Ecommerce operators, leading to wrong declaration of Place of Supply (PoS) in both the invoices issued under section 31 of the CGST Act, as well as in Table 3.2 of FORM GSTR3B.

- 3.2 In this context, it may be noted that the information sought in Table 3.2 of FORM GSTR-3B is required to be furnished, place of supply-wise, even though the details of said supplies are already part of the supplies declared in Table 3.1 of the said FORM. For assisting the registered persons, Table 3.2 of FORM GSTR-3B is being auto-populated on the portal based on the details furnished by them in their FORM GSTR-1.
- 3.3 Accordingly, it is hereby advised that the registered persons making inter-State supplies
 - (i) to the unregistered persons, shall also report the details of such supplies, place of supply-wise, in Table 3.2 of FORM GSTR-3B and Table 7B or Table 5 or Table 9/10 of FORM GSTR-1, as the case may be;
 - (ii) to the registered persons paying tax under section 10 of the SGST/CGST Act (composition taxable persons) and to UIN holders, shall also report the details of such supplies, place of supply-wise, in Table 3.2 of FORM GSTR-3B and Table 4A or 4C or 9 of FORM GSTR-1, as the case may be, as mandated by the law.
 - (iii) shall update their customer database properly with correct State name and ensure that correct PoS is declared in the tax invoice and in Table 3.2 of FORM GSTR-3B while filing their return, so that tax reaches the Consumption State as per the principles of destination-based taxation system.
- 3.4 It is further advised that any amendment carried out in Table 9 or Table 10 of FORM GSTR-1 or any entry in Table 11 of FORM GSTR-1 relating to such supplies should also be given effect to while reporting the figures in Table 3.2 of FORM GSTR-3B.

4. Furnishing of information regarding ITC availed, reversal thereof and ineligible ITC in Table 4 of GSTR-3B

- 4.1 Table 4(A) of the FORM GSTR-3B is getting auto-populated from various entries of FORM GSTR-2B. However, various reversals of ITC on account of rule 42 and 43 of the CGST Rules or for any other reasons are required to be made by the registered person, on his own ascertainment, in Table 4(B) of the said FORM. It has been observed that different practices are being followed to report ineligible ITC as well as various reversals of ITC in FORM GSTR-3B.
- 4.2 It may be noted that the amount of Net ITC Available as per Table 4(C) of FORM GSTR-3B gets credited into the electronic credit ledger (ECL) of the registered person. Therefore, it is important that any reversal of ITC or any ITC which is ineligible under any provision of the CGST Act should not be part of Net ITC Available in Table 4(C) and accordingly, should not get credited into the ECL of the registered person.
- 4.3 In this context, it is pertinent to mention that the facility of static month-wise autodrafted statement in FORM GSTR-2B for all registered persons has been introduced from August, 2020. The statement provides invoice-wise total details of ITC available to the registered person including the details of the ITC on account of import of goods. Further, details of the said statement are auto-populated in Table 4 of return in FORM GSTR-3B which are editable

in the hands of registered person. It may be noted that the entire set of data that is available in FORM GSTR-2B is carried to the table 4 in FORM GSTR-3B, except for the details regarding ITC that is not available to the registered person either on account of limitation of time period as delineated in sub-section (4) of section 16 of the CGST Act or where the recipient of an intra-State supply is located in a different State / UT than that of place of supply. It is pertinent to mention that the ineligible ITC, which was earlier not part of calculation of eligible/available ITC, is now part of calculation of eligible/available ITC in view of auto-population of Table 4(A) of FORM GTSR-3B from various tables of FORM GTSR-2B. Thereafter, the registered person is required to identify ineligible ITC as well as the reversal of ITC to arrive at the Net ITC available, which is to be credited to the ECL. In light of the above, the procedure to be followed by registered person is being detailed hereunder for correct reporting of information in the return:

- A. Total ITC (eligible as well as ineligible) is being auto-populated from statement in FORM GSTR-2B in different fields of Table 4A of FORM GSTR-3B (except for the ineligible ITC on account of limitation of time period as delineated in subsection (4) of section 16 of the CGST Act or where the recipient of an intra-State supply is located in a different State / UT than that of place of supply).
- B. Registered person will report reversal of ITC, which are absolute in nature and are not reclaimable, such as on account of rule 38 (reversal of credit by a banking company or a financial institution), rule 42 (reversal on input and input services on account of supply of exempted goods or services), rule 43 (reversal on capital goods on account of supply of exempted goods or services) of the CGST Rules and for reporting ineligible ITC under section 17(5) of the CGST Act in Table 4 (B) (1).
- C. Registered person will report reversal of ITC, which are not permanent in nature and can be reclaimed in future subject to fulfilment of specific conditions, such as on account of rule 37 of CGST Rules (non-payment of consideration to supplier within 180 days), section 16(2)(b) and section 16(2)(c) of the CGST Act in Table 4 (B) (2). Such ITC may be reclaimed in Table 4(A)(5) on fulfilment of necessary conditions. Further, all such reclaimed ITC shall also be shown in Table 4(D)(1). Table 4 (B) (2) may also be used by registered person for reversal of any ITC availed in Table 4(A) in previous tax periods because of some inadvertent mistake.
- D. Therefore, the net ITC Available will be calculated in Table 4 (C) which is as per the formula (4A [4B (1) + 4B (2)]) and same will be credited to the ECL of the registered person.
- E. As the details of ineligible ITC under section 17(5) are being provided in Table 4(B), no further details of such ineligible ITC will be required to be provided in Table 4(D)(1).
- F. ITC not available, on account of limitation of time period as delineated in subsection (4) of section 16 of the CGST Act or where the recipient of an intraState supply is located in a different State / UT than that of place of supply, may be reported by the registered person in Table 4D (2). Such details are available in Table 4 of FORM GSTR-2B.
- 4.4 Accordingly, it is clarified that the reversal of ITC of ineligible credit under section 17(5) or any other provisions of the CGST Act and rules thereunder is required to be made under Table 4(B) and not under Table 4(D) of FORM GSTR3B.

9.1.2.11 Departmental Clarifications - Clarification to deal with difference in Input Tax Credit (ITC) availed in FORM GSTR-3B as compared to that detailed in FORM GSTR-2A for FY 2017-18 and 2018-19- Circular No. 183/15/2022-GST dated 27th December, 2022

Section 16 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (hereinafter referred to as "CGST Act") provides for eligibility and conditions for availing Input Tax Credit (ITC). During the initial period of implementation of GST, during the financial years 2017-18 and 2018-19, in many cases, the suppliers have failed to furnish the correct details of outward supplies in their FORM GSTR-1, which has led to certain deficiencies or discrepancies in FORM GSTR-2A of their recipients. However, the concerned recipients may have availed input tax credit on the said supplies in their returns in FORM GSTR-3B. The discrepancies between the amount of ITC availed by the registered persons in their returns in FORM GSTR3B and the amount as available in their FORM GSTR-2A are being noticed by the tax officers during proceedings such as scrutiny/ audit/ investigation etc. due to such credit not flowing to FORM GSTR-2A of the said registered persons. Such discrepancies are considered by the tax officers as representing ineligible ITC availed by the registered persons, and are being flagged seeking explanation from the registered persons for such discrepancies and/or for reversal of such ineligible ITC.

- 2. It is mentioned that FORM GSTR-2A could not be made available to the taxpayers on the common portal during the initial stages of implementation of GST. Further, restrictions regarding availment of ITC by the registered persons upto certain specified limit beyond the ITC available as per FORM GSTR-2A were provided under rule 36(4) of Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017 (hereinafter referred to as "CGST Rules") only with effect from 9th October 2019. However, the availability of ITC was subjected to restrictions and conditions specified in Section 16 of CGST Act from 1st July, 2017 itself. In view of this, various representations have been received from the trade as well as the tax authorities, seeking clarification regarding the manner of dealing with such discrepancies between the amount of ITC availed by the registered persons in their FORM GSTR-3B and the amount as available in their FORM GSTR-2A during FY 2017-18 and FY 2018-19.
- 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 as follows:

SI. Vo.	Scenario	Clarification
	GSTR-1 for a tax period but has filed the return in FORM GSTR-3B for said tax period, due to which the supplies made in	In such cases, the difference in ITC claimed by the registered person in his return in FORM GSTR-3B and that available in FORM GSTR-2A may be handled by following the procedure provided in para 4 below.

b.	Where the supplier has filed FORM GSTR-									
	Where the supplier has filed FORM GSTR- 1 as well as return in FORM GSTR-3B for a									
	tax period, but has failed to report a									
	particular supply in FORM GSTR-1, due to									
	which the said supply does not get reflected									
	in FORM GSTR-2A of the recipient.									
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In such cases, the difference in ITC claimed by the registered person in his return in FORM GSTR-3B and that available in FORM GSTR-2A may be handled by following the procedure provided in para 4 below.

B2B supply, in his FORM GSTR-1, due to below. which the said supply does not get reflected in FORM GSTR-2A of the said registered person.

Where supplies were made to a registered In such cases, the difference in ITC claimed person and invoice is issued as per Rule 46 by the registered person in his return of CGST Rules containing GSTIN of the in FORM GSTR-3B and that available in recipient, but supplier has wrongly reported FORM GSTR-2A may be handled by the said supply as B2C supply, instead of following the procedure provided in para 4

GSTR-1.

Where the supplier has filed FORM GSTR-In such cases, the difference in ITC claimed 1 as well as return in **FORM GSTR-3B** for a by the registered person in his return in tax period, but he has declared the supply FORM GSTR-3B and that available in with wrong GSTIN of the recipient in **FORM** FORM GSTR-2A may be handled by following the procedure provided in para 4 below.

> In addition, the proper officer of the actual recipient shall intimate the concerned jurisdictional tax authority of the registered person, whose GSTIN has been mentioned wrongly, that ITC on those transactions is required to be disallowed, if claimed by such recipients in their FORM GSTR-3B. However, allowance of ITC to the actual recipient shall not depend on the completion of the action by the tax authority of such registered person, whose GSTIN has been mentioned wrongly, and such action will be pursued as an independent action.

- 4. The proper officer shall first seek the details from the registered person regarding all the invoices on which ITC has been availed by the registered person in his FORM GSTR 3B but which are not reflecting in his FORM GSTR 2A. He shall then ascertain fulfillment of the following conditions of Section 16 of CGST Act in respect of the input tax credit availed on such invoices by the said registered person:
 - i) that he is in possession of a tax invoice or debit note issued by the supplier or such other tax paying documents;
 - ii) that he has received the goods or services or both:
 - iii) that he has made payment for the amount towards the value of supply, along with tax payable thereon, to the supplier.

Besides, the proper officer shall also check whether any reversal of input tax credit is required to be made in accordance with section 17 or section 18 of CGST Act and also whether the said input tax credit has been availed within the time period specified under sub-section (4) of section 16 of CGST Act.

- 4.1 In order to verify the condition of clause (c) of sub-section (2) of Section 16 of CGST Act that tax on the said supply has been paid by the supplier, the following action may be taken by the proper officer:
- 4.1.1 In case, where difference between the ITC claimed in FORM GSTR-3B and that available in FORM GSTR 2A of the registered person in respect of a supplier for the said financial year exceeds Rs 5 lakh, the proper officer shall ask the registered person to produce a certificate for the concerned supplier from the Chartered Accountant (CA) or the Cost Accountant (CMA), certifying that supplies in respect of the said invoices of supplier have actually been made by the supplier to the said registered person and the tax on such supplies has been paid by the said supplier in his return in FORM GSTR 3B. Certificate issued by CA or CMA shall contain UDIN. UDIN of the certificate issued by CAs can be verified from ICAI website https://udin.icai.org/search-udin and that issued by CMAs can be verified from ICMAI website https://eicmai.in/udin/VerifyUDIN.aspx .
- 4.1.2 In cases, where difference between the ITC claimed in FORM GSTR-3B and that available in FORM GSTR 2A of the registered person in respect of a supplier for the said financial year is upto Rs 5 lakh, the proper officer shall ask the claimant to produce a certificate from the concerned supplier to the effect that said supplies have actually been made by him to the said registered person and the tax on said supplies has been paid by the said supplier in his return in FORM GSTR 3B.
- 4.2 However, it may be noted that for the period FY 2017-18, as per proviso to section 16(4) of CGST Act, the aforesaid relaxations shall not be applicable to the claim of ITC made in the FORM GSTR-3B return filed after the due date of furnishing return for the month of September, 2018 till the due date of furnishing return for March, 2019, if supplier had not furnished details of the said supply in his FORM GSTR-1 till the due date of furnishing FORM GSTR 1 for the month of March, 2019.
- 5. It may also be noted that the clarifications given hereunder are case specific and are applicable to the bonafide errors committed in reporting during FY 2017-18 and 2018-19. Further, these guidelines are clarificatory in nature and may be applied as per the actual facts and circumstances of each case and shall not be used in the interpretation of the provisions of law.
- 6. These instructions will apply only to the ongoing proceedings in scrutiny/audit/ investigation, etc. for FY 2017-18 and 2018-19 and not to the completed proceedings. However, these instructions will apply in those cases for FY 2017-18 and 2018-19 where any adjudication or appeal proceedings are still pending.

9.2 ¹[Communication of details of inward supplies and input tax credit. [Section 38]

Section 38	01.07.2017 to	Furnishing details of inward supplies.
	30.09.2022	(1) Verification i.e. verify, validate, modify or delete,
		of the details of inward supplies and credit or debit notes received that have not been declared

by the supplier under sub-section (1) of section 37.

Every registered person, other than an Input Service Distributor or a non-resident taxable person or a person paying tax under the provisions of section 10 or section 51 or section 52, shall verify, validate, modify or delete, if required, the details relating to outward supplies and credit or debit notes communicated under sub-section (1) of section 37 to prepare the details of his inward supplies and credit or debit notes and may include therein, the details of inward supplies and credit or debit notes received by him in respect of such supplies that have not been declared by the supplier under sub-section (1) of section 37.

(2) Time limit for furnishing the details of inward supplies of taxable goods or services or both, including inward supplies of goods or services or both on which the tax is payable on reverse charge basis under this Act and inward supplies of goods or services or both taxable under the Integrated Goods and Services Tax Act or on which integrated goods and services tax is payable under section 3 of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975, and credit or debit notes received. – Extension of time limit for furnishing such details - Any extension of time limit notified by the Commissioner of State tax or Commissioner of Union territory tax shall be deemed to be notified by the Commissioner.

Every registered person, other than an Input Service Distributor or a non-resident taxable person or a person paying tax under the provisions of section 10 or section 51 or section 52, shall furnish, electronically, the details of inward supplies of taxable goods or services or both, including inward supplies of goods or services or both on which the tax is payable on reverse charge basis under this Act and inward supplies of goods or services or both taxable under the Integrated Goods and Services Tax Act or on which integrated goods and services tax is payable under section 3 of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975, and credit or debit notes received in respect of such supplies during a tax period after the tenth day but on or before the fifteenth day of the month succeeding the tax period in such form and manner as may be prescribed:

Provided that the Commissioner may, for reasons to be recorded in writing, by notification, extend the time limit for furnishing such details for such class of taxable persons as may be specified therein:

	Provided further that any extension of time limit notified by the Commissioner of State tax or Commissioner of Union territory tax shall be deemed to be notified by the Commissioner.
(3)	The details of supplies modified, deleted or included by the recipient and furnished under sub-section (2) shall be communicated to the supplier concerned.
	The details of supplies modified, deleted or included by the recipient and furnished under sub-section (2) shall be communicated to the supplier concerned in such manner and within such time as may be prescribed.
(4)	The details of supplies modified, deleted or included by the recipient in the return furnished under sub-section (2) or sub-section (4) of section 39 shall be communicated to the supplier concerned.
	The details of supplies modified, deleted or included by the recipient in the return furnished under subsection (2) or sub-section (4) of section 39 shall be communicated to the supplier concerned in such manner and within such time as may be prescribed.
(5)	Rectification of error or omission in details furnished under sub-section (2) for any tax period and which have remained unmatched under section 42 or section 43 and payment of the tax and interest, if any Time limit for rectification of error or omission in respect of the details furnished under sub-section (2).
	Any registered person, who has furnished the details under sub-section (2) for any tax period and which have remained unmatched under section 42 or section 43, shall, upon discovery of any error or omission therein, rectify such error or omission in the tax period during which such error or omission is noticed in such manner as may be prescribed, and shall pay the tax and interest, if any, in case there is a short payment of tax on account of such error or omission, in the return to be furnished for such tax period:
	Provided that no rectification of error or omission in respect of the details furnished under sub-section (2) shall be allowed after furnishing of the return under section 39 for the month of September following the end of the financial year to which such details pertain,

	or furnishing of the relevant annual return, whichever is earlier.
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Notes

Substituted Section 38 w.e.f. 01.10.2022 vide section 104 of the Finance Act, 2022 which comes into force by Notification No. 18/2022 – Central Tax dated 28.09.2022.

¹ [Section 38(1)	01.10.2022 to till date	The details of outward supplies furnished by the registered persons under sub-section (1) of section 37 and an auto-generated statement containing the details of input tax credit shall be made available electronically to the recipients of such supplies. The details of outward supplies furnished by the registered persons under sub-section (1) of section 37 and of such other supplies as may be prescribed, and an auto-generated statement containing the details of input tax credit shall be made available electronically to the recipients of such supplies in such form and manner, within such time, and subject to such conditions and restrictions as may be prescribed.					
Section 38(2)	01.10.2022 to till date	The contents of the auto-generated statement under sub-section (1) The auto-generated statement under sub-section (1) shall consist of— (a) details of inward supplies in respect of which credit of input tax may be available to the recipient; and (b) details of supplies in respect of which such credit cannot be availed, whether wholly or partly, by the recipient, on account of the details of the said supplies being furnished under sub-section (1) of section 37,— (i) by any registered person within such period of taking registration as may be prescribed; or (ii) by any registered person, who has defaulted in payment of tax and where such default has continued for such period as may be prescribed; or (iii) by any registered person, the output tax payable by whom in accordance with the					

	statement of outward supplies furnished by him under the said sub-section during such period, as may be prescribed, exceeds the output tax paid by him during the said period by such limit as may be prescribed; or
(iv)	by any registered person who, during such period as may be prescribed, has availed credit of input tax of an amount that exceeds the credit that can be availed by him in accordance with clause (a), by such limit as may be prescribed; or
(v)	by any registered person, who has defaulted in discharging his tax liability in accordance with the provisions of sub-section (12) of section 49 subject to such conditions and restrictions as may be prescribed; or
(vi)	by such other class of persons as may be prescribed.]

9.2.1.1 Departmental Notifications – Due dates / Extention of time period for filing of details of outward supplies in FORM GSTR-2.

Notification No. 19/2017 - Central Tax dated 08th August, 2017 effective from 8th day of August, 2017 - The Commissioner, on the recommendations of the Council, has extended the time limit for furnishing the details specified in sub-section (2) of section 38 of the said Act for the month as specified in column (2) of the Table below, within the period as specified in the corresponding entry in column (3) of the said Table, namely:-

Table

SI. No.	Month	Time period for filing of details of inward supplies in FORM GSTR-2
(1)	(2)	(3)
1.	July, 2017	6th to 10th September, 2017
2.	August, 2017	21st to 25th September, 2017.

Notification No. 29/2017 – Central Tax dated 5th September, 2017 has superseded Notification No. 18/2017-Central Tax, dated the 8th August, 2017, Notification No. 19/2017 – Central Tax dated 08th August, 2017, and Notification No. 20/2017-Central Tax, dated the 8th August, 2017 and the Commissioner, on the recommendations of the Council, has extended the time limit for furnishing the details or return, as the case may be, specified in sub-section (1) of section 37, sub-section (2) of section 38 and sub-section (1) of section 39 of the said

Act as specified in column (3) of the Table below for the month as specified in column (2) of the said Table, till the time period as specified in the corresponding entry in column (4) of the said Table, namely:-

Table

SI. No.	Month	Details/Return	Time period for furnishing of details/Return
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1.	July, 2017	FORM GSTR-1	Upto 10th September, 2017
		FORM GSTR-2	11 – 25th September, 2017
		FORM GSTR-3	Upto 30th September, 2017
2.	August, 2017	FORM GSTR-1	Upto 5th October, 2017
		FORM GSTR-2	6 – 10th October, 2017
		FORM GSTR-3	Upto 15th October, 2017

Further, Notification No. 30/2017 – Central Tax dated 11th September, 2017 has superseded Notification No. 29/2017 – Central Tax dated 5th September, 2017 and the Commissioner, on the recommendations of the Council, has extended the time limit for furnishing the details or return, as the case may be, under sub-section (1) of section 37, sub-section (2) of section 38 and sub-section (1) of section 39 of the said Act, as specified in column (2) of the Table below for the month of July, 2017, for such class of taxable persons or registered persons, as the case may be, as specified in the corresponding entry in column (3) of the said Table till the time period as specified in the corresponding entry in column (4) of the said Table, namely:-

Table

SI. No.	Details/return	Class of taxable/registered persons	Time period for furnishing of details/return
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1.	GSTR-1	Having turnover of more than one hundred crore rupees	Upto 3rd October, 2017
		Having turnover of upto one hundred crore rupees	Upto 10th October, 2017
2.	GSTR-2	All	Upto 31st October, 2017
3.	GSTR-3	All	Upto 10th November, 2017

Further, Notification No. 54 /2017 - Central Tax dated 30th October, 2017 has further amended Notification No. 30/2017 - Central Tax dated 11th September, 2017, namely:-

in the table,

a) against SI. No. 2, in column (4), for the words, figures and letters "Upto 31st October, 2017", the words, figures and letters "Upto 30th November, 2017" shall be substituted;

b) against SI. No. 3, in column (4), for the words, figures and letters "Upto 10th November, 2017", the words, figures and letters "Upto 11th December, 2017" shall be substituted.

9.2.2.1 Departmental Clarifications - System based reconciliation of information furnished in FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2 with FORM GSTR-3B - <u>Circular No. 7/7/2017-GST dated 01st September, 2017</u>

Sections 37, 38 and section 39 of the CGST Act, 2017(hereinafter referred to as 'the Act') read with rules 59, 60 and 61 of the CGST Rules, 2017(hereinafter referred to as 'the Rules') require every registered person to furnish details of outward supplies made in a month in FORM GSTR-1, details of inward supplies received in a month in FORM GSTR-2 and a return in FORM GSTR-3 by the 10th, 15th and 20thof the next month respectively. Keeping in view that taxpayers may face certain issues in the initial days after the introduction of GST, the GST Council extended the date for filing of FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2 for the months of July and August, 2017 and approved the filing of a simplified return in FORM GSTR-3Bfor these two months by the notified due dates after making the due payment of tax.

- 2. Registered persons opting to utilize transitional credit available under section 140 of the Act read with the rules made there under for discharging the tax liability for the month of July, 2017 were required to file FORM GST TRAN -1 on or before 28th August, 2017. This transitional credit was to be credited to the electronic credit ledger and be available for discharging the tax liability.
- 3. As per the provisions of sub-rule (5) of rule 61 of the Rules, the return in FORM GSTR-3B was required to be furnished when the due dates for filing of FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2 have been extended. After the return in FORM GSTR-3B has been furnished, the process of reconciliation between the information furnished in FORM GSTR3B with that furnished in FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2 would be carried out in accordance with the provisions of sub-rule (6) of rule 61 of the Rules.
- 4. The detailed procedure for reconciliation of information furnished in FORM GSTR-3 and FORM GSTR-3B is detailed in succeeding paras.

Furnishing of information in FORM GSTR-1 & FORM GSTR-2:

- 5. It may be noted that after the registered person has filed his return in FORM GSTR3B and the statement of outward supplies in FORM GSTR-1, the inward supplies shall be auto drafted for all registered persons (corresponding recipients of supply) and made available to them in FORM GSTR-2A as per sub-rule (3) of rule 59 of the Rules. FORM GSTR-2A is the exact replica of FORM GSTR-2 containing only those details that are auto populated from the details furnished in FORM GSTR-1 by the corresponding suppliers. Based on the details communicated in FORM GSTR-2A, the registered person shall prepare the statement of inward supplies in FORM GSTR-2 by:-
- a. adding, deleting or modifying the invoice level details communicated in FORM GSTR-2A;
- b. adding information pertaining to details that are required to be furnished in GSTR-2 but are not part of FORM GSTR-2A like details of imports, details of supplies attracting reverse charge that have been received by registered person;

- c. providing details of supplies received from composition suppliers and exempt, nil-rated & non GST inward supplies;
- d. providing details of advances paid on inward supplies attracting reverse charge, if any, along with adjustments;
- e. providing details of reversal of ITC as per the provisions of rules 37, 39, 42 and 43 of the Rules, if any; and f. providing HSN wise summary details of inward supplies.

Correction of erroneous details furnished in FORM GSTR-3B:

6. In case the registered person intends to amend any details furnished in FORM GSTR3B, it maybe done in the FORM GSTR-1 or FORM GSTR-2, as the case may be. For example, while preparing and furnishing the details in FORM GSTR-1, if the outward supplies have been under reported or excess reported in FORM GSTR-3B, the same maybe correctly reported in the FORM GSTR-1. Similarly, if the details of inward supplies or the eligible ITC have been reported less or more than what they should have been, the same maybe reported correctly in the FORM GSTR-2. This will get reflected in the revised output tax liability or eligible ITC, as the case may be, of the registered person. The details furnished in FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2 will be auto-populated and reflected in the return in FORM GSTR-3 for that particular month.

Action on the system-based reconciliation:

7. After the registered person has furnished the statement of inward supplies in FORM GSTR-2 by the extended date, the common portal shall auto-draft Part-A of the return in FORM GSTR-3 for the said month based on the information furnished in FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2. Based on the revised figures of output tax liability and eligible input tax credit, Table 12 of Part B of FORM GSTR-3 shall be made available. The common portal would populate the correct figures of tax payable in column (2) of Table 12 of FORM GSTR3, based on the information furnished in FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2. The tax paid through the electronic cash ledger and electronic credit ledger in the return in FORM GSTR3B shall be displayed by the system in column (3) to (7) of the Table 12 of Part B of FORM GSTR-3. Where there is no difference between the details of output tax liability and eligible input tax credit furnished in FORM GSTR-3B and the details furnished in FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2, the amount of tax payable and tax paid shall be the same in FORM GSTR-3B and FORM GSTR-3. The person can sign and submit FORM GSTR-3 without any additional payment of tax.

Additional payment of taxes:

8. Where the tax payable by a registered person as per FORM GSTR-3is more than what has been paid as per FORM GSTR-3B, the common portal would show another instance of Table 12 for making additional payment of taxes, in accordance with the mandate of clause (b) of sub-rule (6) of rule 61. As the tax payable in column (2) of Table 12 of FORM GSTR-3 is more than what was shown in FORM GSTR-3B, the additional amount of tax payable can be paid by debiting the electronic cash or credit ledger as per the provisions contained in section 49 of the Act along with applicable interest on delayed payment of tax starting from 26th day of August, 2017 till the date of debit in the electronic cash or credit ledger. If the eligible ITC claimed by the person in FORM GSTR-2 is less than the ITC claimed and utilised by the registered person in FORM GSTR-3B, the same would be added to his output tax liability and shall have to be paid by him along with interest by debiting the electronic cash or credit ledger as per the provisions contained in section 49 of the Act before submitting the return in FORM

GSTR-3 to complete the process. It may be noted that where the transitional credit as declared in FORM GST TRAN-1 is credited to the electronic credit ledger, the same can be utilised for the payment of the said additional tax liability.

Additional claim of eligible ITC:

9. Where the eligible ITC claimed by the taxpayer in FORM GSTR-3B is less that the ITC eligible as per the details furnished in FORM GSTR-2, the additional amount of ITC shall be credited to the electronic credit ledger of the registered person when he submits the return in FORM GSTR-3 (in accordance with clause (c) of sub-rule (6) of rule 61). However, simultaneously, if there is an increase in the output tax liability, the registered person can utilise this additional amount of ITC eligible as per the details furnished in FORM GSTR-2 along with the balance in the electronic cash ledger, if required, for the payment of the increased output tax liability and submit his return in FORM GSTR-3.

Reduction in output tax liability:

10. Where the output tax liability of the registered person as per the details furnished in FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2 is less than the output tax liability as per the details furnished in the FORM GSTR-3B and the same is not offset by a corresponding reduction in the input tax credit to which he is entitled, the excess shall be carried forward to the next month's return to be offset against the output liability of the next month by the taxpayer when he signs and submits the return in FORM GSTR-3. However, simultaneously, if there is a decrease in the eligible input tax credit, the same will be adjusted against the above mentioned reduction in output tax liability and the balance, if any, of the reduction in output tax liability shall be carried forward to the next month's return to be offset against the output liability of the next month.

Submission of GSTR-3B without payment of taxes:

- 11. Where, for some reasons, the registered person has only submitted the return in FORM GSTR-3B and has not made the payment of taxes by debiting the same from his electronic cash or credit ledger, the return shall still be subjected to the reconciliation process as detailed above. Such registered person should furnish the details in FORM GSTR-1, FORM GSTR-2 and sign and submit the return in FORM GSTR-3 along with the payment of the due taxes as per the provisions of section 49 of the Act. However, since the payment was not made on or before the due date, the registered person shall be liable for payment of interest on delayed payment of tax starting from 26th day of August, 2017 till the date of debit in the electronic cash and / or credit ledger but will not be liable to pay any late fee provided the requisite return in FORM GSTR-3B was submitted on or before the due date.
- 12. Where the registered person has not submitted the return in FORM GSTR-3B, he is required to furnish the details in FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2 and sign and submit the return in FORM GSTR-3 along with the payment of the due taxes as per the provisions of section 49 of the Act. However, since the payment was not made on or before the due date, the registered person shall be liable for payment of interest on delayed payment of tax starting from 26th day of August, 2017 till the date of debit in the electronic cash and / or credit ledger. No late fee, however, would be levied for late filing of return in terms of section 47 of the Act, in accordance with the recommendation of the GST Council, as notified vide Notification No. 28/2017-Central tax dated 01.09.2017.

Processing of information furnished:

13. After submission of the information in FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2, the process of matching as per section 41, 42 and 43 of the Act read with rules 69 to 76 of the Rules shall be carried out as if these details were submitted in the regular course. Any amendment in the details furnished in FORM GSTR-1 and GSTR-2 shall be done following the procedure laid down under sub-section (3) of section 37 and sub-section (5) of section 38 of the Act respectively. The return shall be considered to be a valid return when the tax payable as per FORM GSTR-3 has been paid in full after which the return shall be taken up for matching.

9.2.2.2 Departmental Clarifications - Due date for generation of FORM GSTR-2A and FORM GSTR-1A in accordance with the extension of due date for filing FORM GSTR-1 and GSTR-2 respectively - <u>Circular No.15 /15/2017 – GST dated 6th November</u>, 2017

Please refer to Notification No. 30/2017-Central Tax dated 11th September 2017, and Notification 54/2017-Central Tax, dated 30th October, 2017 whereby the dates for filing FORM GSTR-1, FORM GSTR-2 and FORM GSTR-3 for the month of July, 2017 were extended. Queries have been received regarding the due dates for the generation of FORM GSTR-2A and FORM GSTR-1A in light of the said extension of dates. Therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 168 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (hereinafter referred to as 'the Act'), for the purpose of uniformity in the implementation of the Act, the following is clarified:

1. Sub-section (1) of section 37 of the Act read with sub-rule (3) of rule 59 of the CGST Rules, 2017 (hereinafter referred to as 'the Rules') provides that the details furnished in FORM GSTR-1 by the supplier shall be made available electronically to the registered person (hereinafter referred to as 'the recipient') in FORM GSTR-2A after the due date for filing of FORM GSTR-1. Sub-section (2) of Section 38 read with sub-rule (1) of rule 60 of the said Rules provides for furnishing of details in FORM- GSTR-2 after the 10th but before the 15th of the month succeeding the tax period. Further, sub-section (1) of section 38 read with subrule (1) of rule 60 provides that on the basis of the details contained in FORM GSTR-2A, the recipient shall prepare and furnish the details of inward supply in FORM GSTR-2 after verifying, validating, modifying or deleting, the details, if required. Since the due dates for furnishing the details in FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2 have been extended, it is hereby clarified that the due date of FORM GSTR-2A is also extended. The details furnished in FORM GSTR-1 are available to the recipient in FORM GSTR-2A from 11th of October, 2017. These details are also available in FORM GSTR-2 and can be verified, validated, modified or deleted to prepare details in FORM GSTR-2 which is required to be furnished not later than the 30th November, 2017. It is further clarified that the details in FORM GSTR-2A are also available in

his FORM GSTR-2 and the recipient may take necessary action on the same, prior to furnishing the details in his FORM GSTR-2. FORM GSTR-2A is a read-only document made available to the recipient electronically so that he has a record of all the invoices received from various suppliers during a given tax period.

2. Sub-section (3) of section 38 of the Act read with sub-rule (4) of rule 59 of the Rules provides that the details of inward supplies added, corrected or deleted by the recipient in FORM GSTR-2 shall be made available to the concerned supplier electronically in FORM GSTR-1A. Further, sub-section (2) of section 37 of the Act read with sub-rule (4) of rule 59 of the Rules provides that once these details are made available electronically through the common portal to the supplier in FORM GSTR-1A, the supplier shall either accept or reject the modifications made by the recipient on or before the 17th day of the month succeeding the tax period but not before the 15th day, and accordingly, FORM GSTR-1 shall stand amended to the extent of modifications accepted by the supplier. In this regard, it is hereby clarified that as the dates for furnishing the details in FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2 have been extended, the due date for furnishing of FORM GSTR-1A for July 2017 is also extended. Therefore, the details in FORM GSTR1A shall be made available to the supplier from the 1st of December to the 6th of December, 2017 for the month of July 2017.

9.2.2.3 Departmental Clarifications - Filing of Returns under GST- Circular No. 26/26/2017-GST dated 29th December , 2017

The GST Council, in its 23rd meeting held at Guwahati on 10th November 2017, has taken certain decisions in regard to filing of returns by taxpayers. Subsequently, various representations have been received seeking clarifications on various aspects of return filing such as return filing dates, applicability and quantum of late fee, amendment of errors in submitting / filing of FORM GSTR-3B and other related queries. In order to consolidate the information in various notifications and circulars regarding return filing and to ensure uniformity in implementation across field formations, the Board, in exercise of its powers conferred under section 168 (1) of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 hereby clarifies the following issues:

1. Return Filing Calendar: 1.1 Dates for filing of FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-3B have been put in a calendar format for ease of understanding as under:

Return Filing Dates		January 2018		February 2018		March 2018		April 2018		May 2018		
		20	10	15	20	10	20	10	20	30	10	
GSTR - 3B		Dec 3B			Jan 3B		Feb 3B		Mar 3B		Apr 3B	
GSTR -1	Jul - Sep 2017			Oct - Dec 2017						Jan- Mar 2017		
GSTR - 3B		Dec 3B			Jan 3B		Feb 3B		Mar 3B		Apr 3B	
GSTR -1	July to Nov 2017		Dec 2017			Jan 2018		Feb 2018			Mar 2018	
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- 1.2 It may be noted that all registered persons are required to file their FORM GSTR-3B on a monthly basis in terms of Notification No. 35/2017-Central Tax (referred to as "CT" hereinafter) dated 15th September, 2017 and 56/2017-CT dated 15th November 2017. Further, Notification No. 71/2017-CT and Notification No. 72/2017 CT both dated 29th December 2017 (superseding Notification No. 57/2017-CT and 58/2017-CT both dated 15th November 2017) have been issued to notify the due dates for filing of outward supply statement in FORM GSTR-1 for various months / quarters (as depicted in the calendar above) by registered persons having aggregate turnover in the previous financial year or current financial year of upto1.5 Crores rupees and above 1.5 Crores rupees respectively. Since, the option of quarterly filing was not available earlier, many taxpayers have already filed their FORM GSTR-1 for the month of July, such taxpayers shall not file these details again and shall only file details for the month of August and September, 2017. For those, who have not filed their FORM GSTR-1 for the month of July, they shall also file their FORM GSTR-1 for the month of August and September, 2017.
- 1.3 It has been further decided that the time period of filing of FORM GSTR-2 and FORM GSTR -3 for the months of July 2017 to March 2018 would be worked out by a Committee of officers and communicated later.
- 1.4 Registered persons opting for Composition scheme are required to file their returns quarterly in FORM GSTR-4. The due date for filing of FORM GSTR-4 for the quarter ending September 2017 has been extended to 24th December 2017 vide Notification No. 59/2017-CT dated 15th November 2017. For the remaining quarters, the last date for filing of FORM GSTR-4 is within eighteen days after the end of such quarter.
- 1.5 It is also clarified that the registered person will self-assess his aggregate turnover in terms of Section 2(6) of the CGST Act, 2017 for the previous financial year or the current financial year (in case of new registrants). Based on this self-assessed turnover, the registered person with turnover up to Rs. 1.5 Crore will be required to file FORM GSTR-1 on quarterly basis instead of on monthly basis. It is also clarified that the registered person may opt to file FORM GSTR-1 on monthly basis if he so wishes even though his aggregate turnover is up to Rs. 1.5 Crore. Once he falls in this bracket or if he chooses to file return on monthly basis, the

registered person will not have the option to change the return filing periodicity for the entire financial year. In cases, where the registered person wrongly reports his aggregate turnover and opts to file FORM GSTR-1 on quarterly basis, he may be liable for punitive action under the CGST Act, 2017.

2. Applicability and quantum of late fee:

- 2.1 The late fee for the months of July, August and September for late filing of FORM GSTR 3B has already been waived off vide Notification No. 28/2017-CT dated 1 st September 2017 and 50/2017-CT dated 24th October 2017.
- 2.2 It has been decided that for subsequent months, i.e. October 2017 onwards, the amount of late fee payable, by a taxpayer whose tax liability for that month was "NIL", will be Rs. 20/per day (Rs. 10/- per day each under CGST & SGST Acts) instead of Rs. 200/- per day (Rs. 100/- per day each under CGST & SGST Acts). For other taxpayers, whose tax liability for that month was not "NIL", late fee payable will be Rs. 50/- per day (Rs. 25/- per day each under CGST & SGST Acts) instead of Rs. 200/- per day (Rs. 100/- per day each under CGST & SGST Acts). Notification No. 64/2017-CT dated 15th November 2017 has already been issued in this regard.

3. Amendment / corrections / rectification of errors:

- 3.1 Various representations have been received wherein registered persons have requested for clarification on the procedure for rectification of errors made while filing their FORM GSTR-3B. In this regard, Circular No. 7/7/2017-GST dated 1st September 2017 was issued which clarified that errors committed while filing FORM GSTR 3B may be rectified while filing FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2 of the same month. Further, in the said circular, it was clarified that the system will automatically reconcile the data submitted in FORM GSTR-3B with FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2, and the variations if any will either be offset against output tax liability or added to the output tax liability of the subsequent months of the registered person.
- 3.2 Since, the GST Council has decided that the time period of filing of FORM GSTR-2 and FORM GSTR -3 for the month of July 2017 to March 2018 would be worked out by a Committee of officers, the system based reconciliation prescribed under <u>Circular No. 7/7/2017-GST dated 1st September 2017</u> can only be operationalized after the relevant notification is issued. The said circular is therefore kept in abeyance till such time.
- 3.3 The common errors while submitting FORM GSTR-3B and the steps needed to be taken to rectify the same are provided in the <u>table annexed</u> herewith. The registered person needs

to decide at which stage of filing of FORM GSTR-3B he is currently at and also the error committed by him. The corresponding column in the table provides the steps to be followed by him to rectify such error.

- 4. It is clarified that as return in FORM GSTR-3B do not contain provisions for reporting of differential figures for past month(s), the said figures may be reported on net basis alongwith the values for current month itself in appropriate tables i.e. Table No. 3.1, 3.2, 4 and 5, as the case may be. It may be noted that while making adjustment in the output tax liability or input tax credit, there can be no negative entries in the FORM GSTR-3B. The amount remaining for adjustment, if any, may be adjusted in the return(s) in FORM GSTR3B of subsequent month(s) and, in cases where such adjustment is not feasible, refund may be claimed. Where adjustments have been made in FORM GSTR-3B of multiple months, corresponding adjustments in FORM GSTR-1 should also preferably be made in the corresponding months.
- 5. Where the taxpayer has committed an error in submitting (before offsetting and filing) the information in FORM GSTR-3B, a provision for editing the same has been provided. The facility to edit the information can be used only before offsetting the liability and editing will not be permitted after offsetting the liability. Hence, every care should be taken to ensure the accuracy of the figures before proceeding to offset the liabilities.
- 6. It is further clarified that the information furnished by the registered person in the return in FORM GSTR-3B would be reconciled by the department's system with the information furnished in FORM GSTR-1 and discrepancies, if any, shall be dealt with in accordance with the relevant provisions of the CGST Act, 2017 and rules made thereunder. Detailed instructions regarding reconciliation of information furnished in FORM GSTR-3B with that contained in FORM GSTR-2 and FORM GSTR-3 will be issued in due course of time.

9.3 Furnishing of returns. [Section 39]

Section 39(1)	01.07.2017 to 09.11.2020	Furnishing of a return, electronically, of inward and outward supplies of goods or services or both, input tax credit availed, tax payable, tax paid and such other particulars as may be prescribed, on or before the twentieth day of the month succeeding such calendar month or part thereof.
		Every registered person, other than an Input Service Distributor or a non-resident taxable person or a person paying tax under the provisions of section 10 or section 51 or section 52 shall, for every calendar month or part thereof, furnish, in such form and manner as may be prescribed, a return, electronically, of inward and outward supplies of goods or services or both, input tax credit availed, tax

	10.11.2020 to till date	payable, tax paid and such other particulars as may be prescribed, on or before the twentieth day of the month succeeding such calendar month or part thereof. Furnishing of a return, electronically, of inward and outward supplies of goods or services or both, input tax credit availed, tax payable, tax paid and such other particulars, in such form and manner, and within such time, as may be prescribed: The Government may notify² certain class of registered persons who shall furnish a return for every quarter or part thereof, subject to such conditions³ and restrictions as may be specified therein. ¹[Every registered person, other than an Input Service Distributor or a non-resident taxable person or a person paying tax under the provisions of section 10 or section 51 or section 52 shall, for every calendar month or part thereof, furnish, a return, electronically, of inward and outward supplies of goods or services or both, input tax credit availed, tax payable, tax paid and such other particulars, in such form and manner, and within such time, as may be prescribed:
		Provided that the Government may, on the recommendations of the Council, notify ² certain class of registered persons who shall furnish a return for every quarter or part thereof, subject to such conditions ³ and restrictions as may be specified therein.
		 Substituted w.e.f. 10.11.2020 vide Clause (a) of Section 97 of Finance Act 2019 for sub-sections (1) and (2) of section 39, which has come into force through Notification No. 81/2020 – Central Tax dated 10.11.2020. The Government notifies the certain class of registered persons who shall furnish a return for every quarter or part thereof from January, 2021 onwards vide Notification No. 84/2020 – Central Tax dated 10th November, 2020. The Government notifies the special procedure to be followed w.e.f. 1st January, 2021 by the certain class of registered persons who shall furnish a return for every quarter or part thereof from January, 2021 vide Notification No. 85/2020 – Central Tax dated 10th November, 2020.
Section 39(2)	01.07.2017 to 09.11.2020	Form and manner of furnishing a return of turnover in the State or Union territory, inward supplies of goods or services or both, tax payable and tax paid by a composition tax payer

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		A registered person paying tax under the provisions of section 10 shall, for each quarter or part thereof, furnish, in such form and manner as may be prescribed, a return, electronically, of turnover in the State or Union territory, inward supplies of goods or services or both, tax payable and tax paid within eighteen days after the end of such quarter.
	10.11.2020 to till date	Form and manner of furnishing a return of turnover in the State or Union territory, inward supplies of goods or services or both, tax payable, tax paid and such other particulars by a composition tax payer
		¹ [A registered person paying tax under the provisions of section 10, shall, for each financial year or part thereof, furnish a return, electronically, of turnover in the State or Union territory, inward supplies of goods or services or both, tax payable, tax paid and such other particulars in such form and manner, and within such time, as may be prescribed.]
		Substituted w.e.f. 10.11.2020 vide Clause (a) of Section 97 of Finance Act 2019 for sub-sections (1) and (2) of section 39, which has come into force through Notification No. 81/2020 – Central Tax dated 10.11.2020.
Section 39(3)	01.07.2017 to till date	Form and manner of furnishing a return for the month in which TDS deductions have been made by a registered person required to deduct tax at source under the provisions of section 51.
		Every registered person required to deduct tax at source under the provisions of section 51 shall furnish, in such form and manner as may be prescribed, a return, electronically, for the month in which such deductions have been made within ten days after the end of such month.
Section 39(4)	01.07.2017 to till date	Form and manner of furnishing a return for every calendar month or part thereof, by an Input Service Distributor.
		Every taxable person registered as an Input Service Distributor shall, for every calendar month or part thereof, furnish, in such form and manner as may be prescribed, a return, electronically, within thirteen days after the end of such month.
Section 39(5)	01.07.2017 to 30.09.2022	Form and manner of furnishing a return for every calendar month or part thereof, by a non-resident taxable person.

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		Every registered non-resident taxable person shall, for every calendar month or part thereof, furnish, in such form and manner as may be prescribed, a return, electronically, within twenty days after the end of a calendar month or within seven days after the last day of the period of registration specified under sub-section (1) of section 27, whichever is earlier.
	01.10.2022 to till date	Form and manner of furnishing a return for every calendar month or part thereof, by a non-resident taxable person.
		Every registered non-resident taxable person shall, for every calendar month or part thereof, furnish, in such form and manner as may be prescribed, a return, electronically, within ¹ [thirteen] days after the end of a calendar month or within seven days after the last day of the period of registration specified under sub-section (1) of section 27, whichever is earlier.
		1. Substituted w.e.f. 01.10.2022 for the word "twenty", the
		word "thirteen" vide clause (a) of section 105 of the
		Finance Act, 2022 which comes into force by Notification No. 18/2022 – Central Tax dated 28.09.2022.
		No. 10/2022 - Gentral Tax dated 20.05.2022.
Section 39(6)	01.07.2017 to till date	Power to Commissioner to extend the time limit for furnishing the returns under this section for specified class of registered persons.
		The Commissioner may, for reasons to be recorded in writing, by notification, extend the time limit for furnishing the returns under this section for such class of registered persons as may be specified therein:
First Proviso	01.07.2017 to till date	Extension of time limit notified by the Commissioner of State tax or Union territory tax shall be deemed to be notified by the Commissioner.
		Provided that any extension of time limit notified by the Commissioner of State tax or Union territory tax shall be deemed to be notified by the Commissioner.
Section 39(7)	01.07.2017 to 09.11.2020	Time limit to pay to the Government the tax due as per the return
	50.11.2020	Every registered person, who is required to furnish a return under sub-section (1) or sub-section (2) or sub-section (3) or sub-section (5), shall pay to the Government the tax due as per such return not later than the last date on which he is required to furnish such return.
	10.11.2020 to till date	Time limit to pay to the Government the tax due as per the return

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		¹ [Every registered person who is required to furnish a return under sub-section (1), other than the person referred to in the proviso thereto, or sub-section (3) or sub-section (5), shall pay to the Government the tax due as per such return not later than the last date on which he is required to furnish such return: 1. Substituted w.e.f. 10.11.2020 Clause (b) of Section 97 of Finance Act 2019 for sub-section (7) of section 39, which has come into force through Notification No. 81/2020 —
		Central Tax dated 10.11.2020.
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First Proviso	01.07.2017 to 30.09.2022	Form, manner and time limit to pay to the Government, the tax due
	00.03.2022	Provided that every registered person furnishing return under the proviso to sub-section (1) shall pay to the Government, the tax due taking into account inward and outward supplies of goods or services or both, input tax credit availed, tax payable and such other particulars during a month, in such form and manner, and within such time, as may be prescribed.
	01.10.2022 to till date	Form , manner and time limit to pay to the Government, the tax due
		¹ [Provided that every registered person furnishing return under the proviso to sub-section (1) shall pay to the Government, in such form and manner, and within such time, as may be prescribed,—
		(a) an amount equal to the tax due taking into account inward and outward supplies of goods or services or both, input tax credit availed, tax payable and such other particulars during a month; or
		(b) in lieu of the amount referred to in clause (a), an amount determined in such manner and subject to such conditions and restrictions as may be prescribed.]
		Provided further that every registered person furnishing return under sub-section (2) shall pay to the Government, the tax due taking into account turnover in the State or Union territory, inward supplies of goods or services or both, tax payable, and such other particulars during a quarter, in such form and manner, and within such time, as may be prescribed.]

Section 39(8)	01.07.2017 to till date	1. Substituted w.e.f. 01.10.2022 for the proviso vide clause (b) of section 105 of the Finance Act, 2022 which comes into force by Notification No. 18/2022 – Central Tax dated 28.09.2022. Specified registered person to furnish a return for every tax period whether or not any supplies of goods or services or both have been made during such tax period. Every registered person who is required to furnish a return under sub-section (1) or sub-section (2) shall furnish a return for every tax period whether or not any supplies of goods or services or both have been made during such tax period.
Section 39(9)	01.07.2017 to 30.09.2022	Rectification of omission or incorrect particulars and payment of interest. Subject to the provisions of sections 37 and 38, if any registered person after furnishing a return under subsection (1) or sub-section (2) or sub-section (3) or subsection (4) or sub-section (5) discovers any omission or incorrect particulars therein, other than as a result of scrutiny, audit, inspection or enforcement activity by the tax authorities, he shall rectify such omission or incorrect particulars ^{\$\{\frac{1}{2}\}} in the return to be furnished for the month or quarter during which such omission or incorrect particulars are noticed,] subject to payment of interest under this Act: \$\$. In sub-section (9),— (i) for the words "in the return to be furnished for the month or quarter during which such omission or incorrect particulars are noticed", the words "in such form and manner as may be prescribed" shall be substituted vide clause (c) of Section 17 of the Central Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Act, 2018 which will come into force through Notification yet to be notified.
	01.10.2022 to till date	Rectification of omission or incorrect particulars and payment of interest. ¹ [Where] any registered person after furnishing a return under sub-section (1) or sub-section (2) or sub-section (3) or sub-section (4) or sub-section (5) discovers any omission or incorrect particulars therein, other than as a result of scrutiny, audit, inspection or enforcement activity by the tax authorities, he shall rectify such omission or incorrect particulars ^{\$in the return to be furnished for the month or quarter during which such omission or incorrect}

		particulars are noticed,] subject to payment of interest under this Act:
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		1. Substituted w.e.f. 01.10.2022 for the words and figures
		"Subject to the provisions of sections 37 and 38, if", vide
		clause (c) (i) of section 105 of the Finance Act, 2022
		which comes into force by Notification No. 18/2022 -
		Central Tax dated 28.09.2022.
		\$. In sub-section (9),— (i) for the words "in the return to be
		furnished for the month or quarter during which such
		omission or incorrect particulars are noticed", the words
		"in such form and manner as may be prescribed" shall be
		substituted vide clause (c) of Section 17 of the Central
		Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Act, 2018 which
		will come into force through Notification yet to be notified.
First Proviso	01.07.2017	Time limit for rectification of omission or incorrect
	to	particulars
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		Provided that no such rectification of any omission or incorrect particulars shall be allowed after the due date for
		furnishing of return for the month of September or second
		quarter following \$[the end of the financial year,] or the
		actual date of furnishing of relevant annual return,
		whichever is earlier.
		\$. In sub-section (9),— in the proviso, for the words "the end
		of the financial year", the words "the end of the financial
		year to which such details pertain" shall be substituted
		vide clause (c) of Section 17 of the Central Goods and
		Services Tax (Amendment) Act, 2018 which will come
		into force through Notification yet to be notified.
	01.10.2022 to till date	Provided that no such rectification of any omission or incorrect particulars shall be allowed after ¹ [the thirtieth day
		of November] following \$[the end of the financial year,] or the actual date of furnishing of relevant annual return,
		whichever is earlier.
		1. Substituted w.e.f. 01.10.2022 in the proviso, for the words
		"the due date for furnishing of return for the month of
		September or second quarter", vide clause (c) (ii) of
		section 105 of the Finance Act, 2022 which comes into
		force by Notification No. 18/2022 - Central Tax dated
		<u>28.09.2022</u> .
		\$. In sub-section (9),— in the proviso, for the words "the end
		of the financial year", the words "the end of the financial
		year to which such details pertain" shall be substituted

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		vide clause (c) of Section 17 of the Central Goods and	
		Services Tax (Amendment) Act, 2018 which will come	
		into force through Notification yet to be notified.	
Section 39(10)	01.07.2017 to till date	Furnishing a return for a tax period not allowed if the return for any of the previous tax periods has not been furnished.	
		A registered person shall not be allowed to furnish a return for a tax period if the return for any of the previous tax periods has not been furnished by him:	
	01.10.2022 to till date	Furnishing a return for a tax period not allowed if the return for any of the previous tax periods ¹ [or the details of outward supplies under sub-section (1) of section 37 for the said tax period has not been furnished The Government may, by notification, allow a registered person or a class of registered persons to furnish the return, even if he has not furnished the returns for one or more previous tax periods or has not furnished the details of outward supplies under sub-section (1) of section 37 for the said tax period.	
		A registered person shall not be allowed to furnish a return for a tax period if the return for any of the previous tax periods ¹ [or the details of outward supplies under subsection (1) of section 37 for the said tax period has not been furnished by him:	
		Provided that the Government may, on the recommendations of the Council, by notification, subject to such conditions and restrictions as may be specified therein, allow a registered person or a class of registered persons to furnish the return, even if he has not furnished the returns for one or more previous tax periods or has not furnished the details of outward supplies under sub-section (1) of section 37 for the said tax period.].	
		 Substituted w.e.f. 01.10.2022 for the words "has not been furnished by him", vide clause (d) of section 105 of the <u>Finance Act, 2022</u> which comes into force by <u>Notification</u> <u>No. 18/2022 – Central Tax dated 28.09.2022</u>. 	
Section 39(11)	01.10.2023 to till date	Furnishing a return for a tax period not allowed after the expiry of a period of three years from the due date of furnishing the said return.	
		A registered person shall not be allowed to furnish a return for a tax period after the expiry of a period of three years from the due date of furnishing the said return:	

		Inserted sub-section (11) vide Section 143 of the Finance Act 2023 and has come into force w.e.f. 01.10.2023 as the Central Government has appointed the 1st day of October, 2023, as the date on which the provisions have come into force vide Notification No. 28/2023—Central Tax dated 31.07.2023.	
First Proviso	01.10.2023 to date	The Government may, by notification, allow a registered person or a class of registered persons allow a registered person or a class of registered persons to furnish the return for a tax period, even after the expiry of the said period of three years from the due date of furnishing the said return. Provided that the Government may, on the recommendations of the Council, by notification, subject to such conditions and restrictions as may be specified therein, allow a registered person or a class of registered persons to furnish the return for a tax period, even after the expiry of the said period of three years from the due date of furnishing the said return."	
		Inserted the proviso vide Section 143 of the Finance Act 2023 and has come into force w.e.f. 01.10.2023 as the Central Government has appointed the 1st day of October, 2023, as the date on which the provisions have come into force vide Notification No. 28/2023—Central Tax dated 31.07.2023.	

9.3.1.1 Departmental Notifications – Special procedure for furnishing of return and payment of tax by registered persons paying tax under the provisions of section 10 of the said Act or by availing the benefit of Notification No. 02/2019– Central Tax (Rate), dated the 7th March, 2019.

Notification No. 21 /2019 – Central Tax dated 23rd April, 2019 - The Central Government, on the recommendations of the Council, has notified the registered persons paying tax under the provisions of section 10 of the said Act or by availing the benefit of Notification No. 02/2019—Central Tax (Rate), dated the 7th March, 2019, (hereinafter referred to as "the said notification") as the class of registered persons who shall follow the special procedure as mentioned below for furnishing of return and payment of tax.

The said persons shall furnish a statement, every quarter or, as the case may be, part thereof containing the details of payment of self-assessed tax in FORM GST CMP-08 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017, till the 18th day of the month succeeding such quarter.

The said persons shall furnish a return for every financial year or, as the case may be, part thereof in FORM GSTR-4 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017, on or before the 30th day of April following the end of such financial year.

The registered persons paying tax by availing the benefit of the said notification, in respect of the period for which he has availed the said benefit, shall be deemed to have complied with the provisions of section 37 and section 39 of the said Act if they have furnished FORM GST CMP-08 and FORM GSTR-4 as provided in para 2 and para 3 above.

Notification No. 12/2020 – Central Tax dated 21st March, 2020 has amended Notification No. 21 /2019 – Central Tax dated 23rd April, 2019, namely:–

In the said notification, in paragraph 2, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely: –

"Provided that the said persons who have, instead of furnishing the statement containing the details of payment of self-assessed tax in FORM GST CMP-08 have furnished a return in FORM GSTR-3Bunder the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017 (hereinafter referred to as the said rules) for the tax periods in the financial year 2019-20, such taxpayers shall not be required to furnish the statement in outward supply of goods or services or both in FORM GSTR1 of the said rules or the statement containing the details of payment of self-assessed tax in FORM GST CMP-08 for all the tax periods in the financial year 2019-20."

Further, Notification No. 34/2020 – Central Tax dated 3rd April, 2020 has amended Notification No. 21 /2019 – Central Tax dated 23rd April, 2019, namely:–

In the said notification,-

(i) in the second paragraph, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely: -

"Provided that the said persons shall furnish a statement, containing the details of payment of self-assessed tax in FORM GST CMP-08 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017, for the quarter ending 31st March, 2020, till the 7 th day of July, 2020.";

(ii) in the third paragraph, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely: –

"Provided that the said persons shall furnish the return in FORM GSTR-4 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017, for the financial year ending 31st March, 2020, till the 15th day of July, 2020."

Further, Notification No. 59/2020 – Central Tax dated 13th July, 2020 has amended Notification No. 21 /2019 – Central Tax dated 23rd April, 2019, namely:–

In the said notification, in the third paragraph, in the first proviso, for the figures, letters and words "15th day of July, 2020", the figures, letters and words "31st day of August, 2020" shall be substituted.

Further, Notification No. 64/2020 - Central Tax dated 31st August, 2020 has amended Notification No. 21 /2019 - Central Tax dated 23rd April, 2019, namely:-

In the said notification, in the third paragraph, in the first proviso, for the figures, letters and words "31st day of August, 2020", the figures, letters and words "31st day of October, 2020" shall be substituted.

Further, Notification No. 10/2021 – Central Tax dated 1st May, 2021 effective from 30th day of April, 2021 has amended Notification No. 21 /2019 – Central Tax dated 23rd April, 2019 , namely:–

In the said notification, in the third paragraph, after the first proviso, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely: —

"Provided further that the said persons shall furnish the return in FORM GSTR-4 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017, for the financial year ending 31st March, 2021, upto the 31st day of May, 2021."

Further, Notification No. 25/2021 – Central Tax dated 1st June, 2021 effective from 31st day of May, 2021 has amended Notification No. 21 /2019 – Central Tax dated 23rd April, 2019 , namely:–

In the said notification, in the third paragraph, in the second proviso, for the figures, letters and words "31st day of May, 2021", the figures, letters and words "31st day of July, 2021" shall be substituted.

9.3.1.2 Departmental Notifications – Class of persons under proviso to section 39(1).

Notification No. 84/2020 – Central Tax dated 10th November, 2020 - The Government, on the recommendations of the Council, has notified the registered persons, other than a person referred to in section 14 of the Integrated Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (13 of 2017), having an aggregate turnover of up to five crore rupees in the preceding financial year, and who have opted to furnish a return for every quarter, under sub-rule (1) of rule 61A of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017 (hereafter in this notification referred to as the said rules) as the class of persons who shall, subject to the following conditions and restrictions, furnish a return for every quarter from January, 2021 onwards, and pay the tax due every month in accordance with the proviso to sub-section (7) of section 39 of the said Act, namely: —

- (i) the return for the preceding month, as due on the date of exercising such option, has been furnished:
- (ii) where such option has been exercised once, they shall continue to furnish the return as per the selected option for future tax periods, unless they revise the same.
- (2) A registered person whose aggregate turnover crosses five crore rupees during a quarter in a financial year shall not be eligible for furnishing of return on quarterly basis from the first month of the succeeding quarter.
- (3) For the registered person falling in the class specified in column (2) of the Table below, who have furnished the return for the tax period October, 2020 on or before 30th November, 2020, it shall be deemed that they have opted under sub-rule (1) of rule 61A of the said rules for the monthly or quarterly furnishing of return as mentioned in column (3) of the said Table:-

SI. No.	Class of registered person	Deemed Option
(1)	(2)	(3)
1.	Registered persons having aggregate turnover of up to 1.5 crore rupees, who have furnished FORM GSTR-1 on quarterly basis in the current financial year	Quarterly return
2.	Registered persons having aggregate turnover of up to 1.5 crore rupees, who have furnished FORM GSTR-1 on monthly basis in the current financial year	Monthly return
3.	Registered persons having aggregate turnover more than 1.5 crore rupees and up to 5 crore rupees in the preceding financial year	Quarterly return

(4) The registered persons referred to in column (2) of the said Table, may change the default option electronically, on the common portal, during the period from the 5th day of December, 2020 to the 31st day of January, 2021.

9.3.1.3 Departmental Notifications – Special procedure for making payment by class of persons under proviso to section 39(1).

Notification No. 85/2020 – Central Tax dated 10th November, 2020 effective from 1st day of January, 2021- The Central Government, on the recommendations of the Council, has notified the registered persons, notified under proviso to sub-section (1) of section 39 of the said Act, who have opted to furnish a return for every quarter or part thereof, as the class of persons who may, in first month or second month or both months of the quarter, follow the special procedure such that the said persons may pay the tax due under proviso to sub-section (7) of section 39 of the said Act, by way of making a deposit of an amount in the electronic cash ledger equivalent to, -

- (i) thirty five per cent. of the tax liability paid by debiting the electronic cash ledger in the return for the preceding quarter where the return is furnished quarterly; or
- (ii) the tax liability paid by debiting the electronic cash ledger in the return for the last month of the immediately preceding quarter where the return is furnished monthly:

Provided that no such amount may be required to be deposited-

- (a) for the first month of the quarter, where the balance in the electronic cash ledger or electronic credit ledger is adequate for the tax liability for the said month or where there is nil tax liability;
- (b) for the second month of the quarter, where the balance in the electronic cash ledger or electronic credit ledger is adequate for the cumulative tax liability for the first and the second month of the quarter or where there is nil tax liability:

Provided further that registered person shall not be eligible for the said special procedure unless he has furnished the return for a complete tax period preceding such month.

Explanation- For the purpose of this notification, the expression "a complete tax period" means a tax period in which the person is registered from the first day of the tax period till the last day of the tax period.

9.3.1.4 Departmental Notifications – Due dates / Extention of time period for filing of details of outward supplies in FORM GSTR-3.

Notification No. 20/2017 – Central Tax dated 08th August, 2017 effective from 8th day of August, 2017 - The Commissioner, on the recommendations of the Council, hereby extends the time limit for furnishing the return under sub-section (1) of section 39 of the said Act for the month as specified in column (2) of the Table below, within the period as specified in the corresponding entry in column (3) of the said Table, namely:-

Table

Serial Number	Month	Time period for filing of details in FORM GSTR-3
(1)	(2)	(3)
1.	July, 2017	11th to 15th September, 2017
2.	August, 2017	26th to 30th September, 2017.

Notification No. 29/2017 – Central Tax dated 5th September, 2017 has superseded Notification No. 18/2017-Central Tax, dated the 8th August, 2017, Notification No. 19/2017 – Central Tax dated 08th August, 2017, and Notification No. 20/2017 – Central Tax dated 08th August, 2017 and the Commissioner, on the recommendations of the Council, has extended the time limit for furnishing the details or return, as the case may be, specified in sub-section (1) of section 37, sub-section (2) of section 38 and sub-section (1) of section 39 of the said Act as specified in column (3) of the Table below for the month as specified in column (2) of the said Table, till the time period as specified in the corresponding entry in column (4) of the said Table, namely:-

Table

SI. No.	Month	Details/Return	Time period for furnishing of details/Return
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1.	July, 2017	FORM GSTR-1	Upto 10th September, 2017
		FORM GSTR-2	11 – 25th September, 2017
		FORM GSTR-3	Upto 30th September, 2017
2.	August, 2017	FORM GSTR-1	Upto 5th October, 2017

FORM GSTR-2	6 – 10th October, 2017
FORM GSTR-3	Upto 15th October, 2017

Further, Notification No. 30/2017 – Central Tax dated 11th September, 2017 has superseded Notification No. 29/2017 – Central Tax dated 5th September, 2017 and the Commissioner, on the recommendations of the Council, has extended the time limit for furnishing the details or return, as the case may be, under sub-section (1) of section 37, sub-section (2) of section 38 and sub-section (1) of section 39 of the said Act, as specified in column (2) of the Table below for the month of July, 2017, for such class of taxable persons or registered persons, as the case may be, as specified in the corresponding entry in column (3) of the said Table till the time period as specified in the corresponding entry in column (4) of the said Table, namely:-

Table

SI. No.	Details/return	Class of taxable/registered persons	Time period for furnishing of details/return
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1.	GSTR-1	Having turnover of more than one hundred crore rupees	Upto 3rd October, 2017
		Having turnover of upto one hundred crore rupees	Upto 10th October, 2017
2.	GSTR-2	All	Upto 31st October, 2017
3.	GSTR-3	All	Upto 10th November, 2017

Further, Notification No. 54 /2017 - Central Tax dated 30th October, 2017 has further amended Notification No. 30/2017 - Central Tax dated 11th September, 2017, namely:-

in the table,

- a) against SI. No. 2, in column (4), for the words, figures and letters "Upto 31st October, 2017", the words, figures and letters "Upto 30th November, 2017" shall be substituted;
- b) against SI. No. 3, in column (4), for the words, figures and letters "Upto 10th November, 2017", the words, figures and letters "Upto 11th December, 2017" shall be substituted.

9.3.1.5 Departmental Notifications – Due dates / Extention of time period for filing of details in FORM GSTR-3B.

Notification No. 21/2017 – Central Tax dated 08th August, 2017 effective from 08th August, 2017 - The Commissioner, on the recommendations of the Council, has specified that the return for the month as specified in column (2) of the Table below shall be furnished in FORM GSTR-3B electronically through the common portal before the dates as specified in the corresponding entry in column (3) of the said Table, namely:-

Table

Serial Number	Month	Date for filing of GSTR-3B
(1)	(2)	(3)
1.	July, 2017	20th August, 2017
2.	August, 2017	20th September, 2017:

Further, Notification No. 45/2018 – Central Tax dated 10th September, 2018 has amended Notification No. 21/2017 – Central Tax dated 08th August, 2017, namely:—

In the said notifications, in the first paragraph, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:-

"Provided that the return in FORM GSTR-3B of the said rules to be filed for the period from July, 2017 to November, 2018 by the taxpayers who have obtained Goods and Services Tax Identification Number (GSTIN) in terms of notification No. 31/2018 – Central Tax dated the 06th August, 2018 published in the Gazette of India vide number G.S.R.742(E), dated the 06th August, 2018, shall be furnished electronically through the common portal on or before the 31st day of December, 2018."

Further, Notification No. 68/2018 – Central Tax dated 31st December, 2018 The Commissioner, on the recommendations of the Council, has further amended in Notification No. 21/2017 – Central Tax dated 08th August, 2017, namely:—

In the said notifications, in the first paragraph, in the proviso, for the words, figures and letters "July, 2017 to November, 2018" and "31st day of December, 2018", the words, figures and letters "July, 2017 to February, 2019" and "31st day of March, 2019" shall be respectively substituted.

Notification No. 23/2017 – Central Tax dated 17th August, 2017 - The Commissioner, on the recommendations of the Council, has specified the conditions in column (4) of the Table below, for furnishing the return in FORM GSTR-3B electronically through the common portal for the month of July, 2017, for such class of registered persons as mentioned in the corresponding entry in column (2) of the said Table, by the date specified in the corresponding entry in column (3) of the said Table, namely:-

Table

SI. No.	Class of registered persons	Last date for furnishing of return in FORM GSTR-3B	Conditions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1.	Registered persons entitled to avail input tax credit in terms of section 140 of the said Act read with		***

	rule 117 of the said Rules but opting not to file FORM GST TRAN1 on or before the 28th August, 2017		
2.	Registered persons entitled to avail input tax credit in terms of section 140 of the said Act read with	28th August, 2017	(i) compute the "tax payable under the said Act" for the month of July, 2017 and deposit the same in cash as per the provisions of rule 87 of the said Rules on or before the 20th August, 2017;
	rule 117 of the said Rules and opting to file FORM GST TRAN-1 on or before the 28th		(ii) file FORM GST TRAN-1 under sub-rule (1) of rule 117 of the said Rules before the filing of FORM GSTR-3B;
	August, 2017		(iii) where the amount of tax payable under the said Act for the month of July, 2017, as detailed in the return furnished in FORM GSTR-3B, exceeds the amount of tax deposited in cash as per item (i), the registered person shall pay such excess amount in cash in accordance with the provisions of rule 87 of the said Rules on or before 28th August, 2017 along with the applicable interest calculated from the 21st day of August, 2017 till the date of such deposit.
3.	Any other registered person	20th August, 2017	***

Notification No. 24/2017 - Central Tax dated 21st August, 2017 - The Board, has amended in the Notification No. 23/2017 - Central Tax dated 17th August, 2017, namely:-

in the table,

- (a) in SI. No. 1, in column (3), for the figures, letters and word "20th August, 2017", the figures, letters and word "25th August, 2017" shall be substituted;
- (b) in SI. No. 2, in column (4), in item (i), for the figures, letters and word "20th August, 2017", the figures, letters and word "25th August, 2017" shall be substituted;
- (c) in SI. No. 2, in column (4), in item (iii), for the figures, letters and words"21st day of August, 2017", the figures, letters and words"26th day of August, 2017" shall be substituted;

- (d) in SI. No. 3, in column (3), for the figures, letters and word "20th August, 2017", the figures, letters and word "25th August, 2017" shall be substituted;
- (ii) in paragraph 2, after the words "electronic credit ledger" occurring before the Explanation, the words, figures and letters "on or before 25th August, 2017" shall be inserted.

Notification No. 35/2017 - Central Tax dated 15th September, 2017 - The Commissioner, on the recommendations of the Council, has specified that the return for the month as specified in column (2) of the Table below shall be furnished in FORM GSTR-3B electronically through the common portal on or before the last dates as specified in the corresponding entry in column (3) of the said Table, namely:-

Table

SI. No.	Month	Last Date for filing of return in FORM GSTR-3B
(1)	(2)	(3)
1.	August, 2017	20th September, 2017
2.	September, 2017	20th October, 2017
3.	October, 2017	20th November, 2017
4.	November, 2017	20th December, 2017
5.	December, 2017	20th January, 2018

2. Payment of taxes for discharge of tax liability as per FORM GSTR-3B: Every registered person furnishing the return in FORM GSTR-3B shall, subject to the provisions of section 49 of the said Act, discharge his liability towards tax, interest, penalty, fees or any other amount payable under the said Act by debiting the electronic cash ledger or electronic credit ledger, as the case may be, not later than the last date, as detailed in column (3) of the said Table, on which he is required to furnish the said return.

Further, Notification No. 02/2018 - Central Tax dated 20th January, 2018 - The Central Government, on the recommendations of the Council, has amended Notification No. 35/2017 - Central Tax dated 15th September, 2017 namely:-

In the said notification, in the Table, against serial number 5, in column (3), for the figures, letters and word "20th January, 2018", the figures, letters and word "22nd January, 2018" shall be substituted.

Notification No. 46/2018 - Central Tax dated 10th September, 2018 - The Commissioner, on the recommendations of the Council, has made the amendment in Notification No. 35/2017 -Central Tax dated 15th September, 2017 namely:-

In the said notifications, in the first paragraph, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:

"Provided that the return in FORM GSTR-3B of the said rules to be filed for the period from July, 2017 to November, 2018 by the taxpayers who have obtained Goods and Services Tax Identification Number (GSTIN) in terms of notification No. 31/2018 - Central Tax dated the 06th August, 2018 published in the Gazette of India vide number G.S.R.742(E), dated the 06th

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March, 2018

August, 2018, shall be furnished electronically through the common portal on or before the 31st day of December, 2018.".

Further, <u>Notification No. 69/2018 – Central Tax dated 31st December, 2018</u> - The Commissioner, on the recommendations of the Council, has further amended in <u>Notification No. 35/2017 – Central Tax dated 15th September, 2017</u> namely:-

In the said notifications, in the first paragraph, in the proviso, for the words, figures and letters "July, 2017 to November, 2018" and "31st day of December, 2018", the words, figures and letters "July, 2017 to February, 2019" and "31st day of March, 2019" shall be respectively substituted.

Notification No. 56/2017 – Central Tax dated 15th November, 2017 - The Commissioner, on the recommendations of the Council, has specified that the return in FORM GSTR-3B for the month as specified in column (2) of the Table shall be furnished electronically through the common portal, on or before the last date as specified in the corresponding entry in column (3) of the said Table, namely:-

Sl. No. Month Last date for filing of return in FORM GSTR-3B (1) (2) (3) 1. January, 2018 20th February, 2018 2. February, 2018 20th March, 2018

20th April, 2018:

Table

2. Payment of taxes for discharge of tax liability as per FORM GSTR-3B: Every registered person furnishing the return in FORM GSTR-3B shall, subject to the provisions of section 49 of the said Act, discharge his liability towards tax, interest, penalty, fees or any other amount payable under the said Act by debiting the electronic cash ledger or electronic credit ledger, as the case may be, not later than the last date, as mentioned in column (3) of the said Table, on which he is required to furnish the said return.

Further, Notification No. 45/2018 – Central Tax dated 10th September, 2018 has amended Notification No. 56/2017 – Central Tax dated 15th November, 2017, namely:—

In the said notifications, in the first paragraph, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:-

"Provided that the return in FORM GSTR-3B of the said rules to be filed for the period from July, 2017 to November, 2018 by the taxpayers who have obtained Goods and Services Tax Identification Number (GSTIN) in terms of notification No. 31/2018 – Central Tax dated the 06th August, 2018 published in the Gazette of India vide number G.S.R.742(E), dated the 06th August, 2018, shall be furnished electronically through the common portal on or before the 31st day of December, 2018."

Further, Notification No. 68/2018 – Central Tax dated 31st December, 2018 The Commissioner, on the recommendations of the Council, has further amended in Notification No. 56/2017 – Central Tax dated 15th November, 2017, namely:—

In the said notifications, in the first paragraph, in the proviso, for the words, figures and letters "July, 2017 to November, 2018" and "31st day of December, 2018", the words, figures and letters "July, 2017 to February, 2019" and "31st day of March, 2019" shall be respectively substituted.

Notification No. 16 /2018 – Central Tax dated 23rd March, 2018 - The Commissioner, on the recommendations of the Council, has specified that the return in FORM GSTR-3B for the month as specified in column (2) of the Table below shall be furnished electronically through the common portal, on or before the last date as specified in the corresponding entry in column (3) of the said Table, namely:-

Table

SI. No.	Month	Last date for filing of return in FORM GSTR-3B
(1)	(2)	(3)
1.	April, 2018	20th May, 2018
2.	May, 2018	20th June, 2018
3.	June, 2018	20th July, 2018:

2. Payment of taxes for discharge of tax liability as per FORM GSTR-3B: Every registered person furnishing the return in FORM GSTR-3B shall, subject to the provisions of section 49 of the Act, discharge his liability towards tax, interest, penalty, fees or any other amount payable under the Act by debiting the electronic cash ledger or electronic credit ledger, as the case may be, not later than the last date, as mentioned in column (3) of the said Table, on which he is required to furnish the said return.

Further, Notification No. 23/2018 - Central Tax dated 18th May, 2018, has amended Notification No. 16 /2018 - Central Tax dated 23rd March, 2018, namely:-

In the said notification, in the Table, against serial number 1, in column (3), for the figures, letters and word "20th May, 2018", the figures, letters and word "22nd May, 2018" shall be substituted.

Notification No. 46/2018 – Central Tax dated 10th September, 2018 - The Commissioner, on the recommendations of the Council, has made the amendment in Notification No. 16 /2018 – Central Tax dated 23rd March, 2018 namely:-

In the said notifications, in the first paragraph, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:-

"Provided that the return in FORM GSTR-3B of the said rules to be filed for the period from July, 2017 to November, 2018 by the taxpayers who have obtained Goods and Services Tax Identification Number (GSTIN) in terms of notification No. 31/2018 – Central Tax dated the 06th August, 2018 published in the Gazette of India vide number G.S.R.742(E), dated the 06th August, 2018, shall be furnished electronically through the common portal on or before the 31st day of December, 2018."

Further, Notification No. 69/2018 – Central Tax dated 31st December, 2018 - The Commissioner, on the recommendations of the Council, has further amended in Notification No. 16/2018 – Central Tax dated 23rd March, 2018 namely:-

In the said notifications, in the first paragraph, in the proviso, for the words, figures and letters "July, 2017 to November, 2018" and "31st day of December, 2018", the words, figures and letters "July, 2017 to February, 2019" and "31st day of March, 2019" shall be respectively substituted.

Notification No. 34/2018 – Central Tax dated 10th August, 2018 - The Commissioner, on the recommendations of the Council, has specified that the return in FORM GSTR-3B of the said rules for each of the months from **July**, 2018 to **March**, 2019 shall be furnished electronically through the common portal, on or before the twentieth day of the month succeeding such month.

2. Payment of taxes for discharge of tax liability as per FORM GSTR-3B.— Every registered person furnishing the return in FORM GSTR-3B of the said rules shall, subject to the provisions of section 49 of the said Act, discharge his liability towards tax, interest, penalty, fees or any other amount payable under the said Act by debiting the electronic cash ledger or electronic credit ledger, as the case may be, not later than the last date, as specified in the first paragraph, on which he is required to furnish the said return.

Further, Notification No. 35/2018 – Central Tax dated 21st August, 2018 has amended Notification No. 34/2018 – Central Tax dated 10th August, 2018, namely:-

In the first paragraph of the said notification, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:-

"Provided that the return in FORM GSTR-3B for the month of July, 2018 shall be furnished electronically through the common portal, on or before the 24th August, 2018.".

Further, Notification No. 36/2018 - Central Tax dated 24th August, 2018 has amended Notification No. 34/2018 - Central Tax dated 10th August, 2018 , namely:-

In the first paragraph of the said notification, after the proviso, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:—

"Provided further that the return in FORM GSTR-3B for the months of July, 2018 and August, 2018, for—

- (i) registered persons in the State of Kerala;
- (ii) registered persons whose principal place of business is in Kodagu district in the State of Karnataka; and
- (iii) registered persons whose principal place of business is in Mahe in the Union territory of Puducherry

shall be furnished electronically through the common portal, on or before the 5th October, 2018 and 10th October, 2018 respectively.".

Further, Notification No. 47/2018 – Central Tax dated 10th September, 2018 - The Commissioner, on the recommendations of the Council, has further amended in Notification No. 34/2018 – Central Tax dated 10th August, 2018, namely:—

In the said notification in the first paragraph, after the second proviso, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:—

"Provided also that the return in FORM GSTR-3B of the said rules to be filed for the period from July, 2017 to November, 2018 by the taxpayers who have obtained Goods and Services

Tax Identification Number (GSTIN) in terms of notification No. 31/2018 – Central Tax dated the 06th August, 2018 published in the Gazette of India vide number G.S.R.742(E), dated the 06th August, 2018, shall be furnished electronically through the common portal on or before the 31st day of December, 2018.".

Further, Notification No. 55/2018 – Central Tax dated 21st October, 2018 - The Commissioner, on the recommendations of the Council, has further amended in No. 34/2018 – Central Tax dated 10th August, 2018, namely:—

In the said notification in the first paragraph, after the third proviso, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely: –

"Provided also that the return in FORM GSTR-3B for the month of September, 2018 shall be furnished electronically through the common portal, on or before the 25th October, 2018.".

Further, Notification No. 62/2018 – Central Tax dated 29th November, 2018 - The Commissioner, on the recommendations of the Council, has further amended in Notification No. 34/2018 – Central Tax dated 10th August, 2018, namely:—

In the said notification, in the first paragraph, after the fourth proviso, the following provisos shall be inserted, namely: –

"Provided also that the return in FORM GSTR-3B of the said rules for the month of September, 2018 and October, 2018 for registered persons whose principal place of business is in Srikakulam district in the State of Andhra Pradesh shall be furnished electronically through the common portal, on or before the 30th November, 2018:

Provided also that the return in FORM GSTR-3B of the said rules for the month of October, 2018 for registered persons whose principal place of business is in Cuddalore, Thiruvarur, Puddukottai, Dindigul, Nagapatinam, Theni, Thanjavur, Sivagangai, Tiruchirappalli, Karur and Ramanathapuram in the State of Tamil Nadu shall be furnished electronically through the common portal, on or before the 20th December, 2018.".

Further, Notification No. 70/2018 – Central Tax dated 31st December, 2018 - The Commissioner, on the recommendations of the Council, has further amended in No. 34/2018 – Central Tax dated 10th August, 2018, namely:—

In the said notification, in the first paragraph, in the third proviso, for the words, figures and letters "July, 2017 to November, 2018" and "31st day of December, 2018", the words, figures and letters "July, 2017 to February, 2019" and "31st day of March, 2019" shall be respectively substituted.

Further, Notification No. 09/2019 – Central Tax dated 20th February, 2019 - The Commissioner, on the recommendations of the Council, has further amended in Notification No. 34/2018 – Central Tax dated 10th August, 2018, namely:—

In the said notification, in the first paragraph, after the sixth proviso, the following provisos shall be inserted, namely: –

"Provided also that the return in FORM GSTR-3B of the said rules for the month of January, 2019 shall be furnished electronically through the common portal, on or before the 22nd February, 2019:

Provided also that the return in FORM GSTR-3B of the said rules for the month of January, 2019 for registered persons whose principal place of business is in the State of Jammu and

Kashmir shall be furnished electronically through the common portal, on or before the 28th February, 2019.".

Further, Notification No. 19/2019 – Central Tax dated 22nd April, 2019 effective from 20th day of April, 2019 - The Commissioner, on the recommendations of the Council, has further amended in Notification No. 34/2018 – Central Tax dated 10th August, 2018, namely:—

In the said notification, in the first paragraph, after the eighth proviso, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely: –

"Provided also that the return in FORM GSTR-3B of the said rules for the month of March, 2019 shall be furnished electronically through the common portal, on or before the 23rdApril, 2019.".

Notification No. 13/2019 – Central Tax dated 7th March, 2019 - The Commissioner, on the recommendations of the Council, has specified that the return in FORM GSTR-3B of the said rules for each of the months from **April, 2019 to June, 2019**, shall be furnished electronically through the common portal, on or before the twentieth day of the month succeeding such month.

2. Payment of taxes for discharge of tax liability as per FORM GSTR-3B.— Every registered person furnishing the return in FORM GSTR-3B of the said rules shall, subject to the provisions of section 49 of the said Act, discharge his liability towards tax, interest, penalty, fees or any other amount payable under the said Act by debiting the electronic cash ledger or electronic credit ledger, as the case may be, not later than the last date, as specified in the first paragraph, on which he is required to furnish the said return.

Notification No. 24/2019 – Central Tax dated 11th May, 2019 – The Commissioner, on the recommendations of the Council, has amended in Notification No. 13/2019 – Central Tax dated 7th March, 2019, namely:–

In the said notification, in the first paragraph, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:

"Provided that the return in FORM GSTR-3B of the said rules for the month of April, 2019 for registered persons whose principal place of business is in the districts of Angul, Balasore, Bhadrak, Cuttack, Dhenkanal, Ganjam, Jagatsinghpur, Jajpur, Kendrapara, Keonjhar, Khordha, Mayurbhanj, Nayagarh and Puri in the State of Odisha shall be furnished electronically through the common portal, on or before the 20th June, 2019."

Notification No. 29/2019 – Central Tax dated 28th June, 2019 - The Commissioner, on the recommendations of the Council, has specified that the return in FORM GSTR-3B of the said rules for each of the months from **July**, **2019 to September**, **2019** shall be furnished electronically through the common portal, on or before the twentieth day of the month succeeding such month.

2. Payment of taxes for discharge of tax liability as per FORM GSTR-3B. – Every registered person furnishing the return in FORM GSTR-3B of the said rules shall, subject to the provisions of section 49 of the said Act, discharge his liability towards tax, interest, penalty, fees or any other amount payable under the said Act by debiting the electronic cash ledger or electronic credit ledger, as the case may be, not later than the last date, as specified in the first paragraph, on which he is required to furnish the said return.

Notification No. 37/2019 – Central Tax dated 21st August, 2019 effective from 20th day of August, 2019 - The Commissioner, on the recommendations of the Council, has amended in Notification No. 29/2019 – Central Tax dated 28th June, 2019, namely:–

In the said notification, in the first paragraph, the following provisos shall be inserted, namely:

"Provided that the return in FORM GSTR-3B of the said rules for the month of July, 2019 shall be furnished electronically through the common portal, on or before the 22nd August, 2019:

Provided further that the return in FORM GSTR-3B of the said rules for the month of July, 2019 for registered persons whose principal place of business is in the district mentioned in column (3) of the Table below, of the State as mentioned in column (2) of the said Table, shall be furnished electronically through the common portal, on or before the 20th September, 2019:

Table

SI. No.	Name of State	Name of District
(1)	(2)	(3)
1.	Bihar	Araria, Kishanganj, Madhubani, East Champaran, Sitamarhi, Sheohar, Supaul, Darbhanga, Muzaffarpur, Saharsa, Katihar, Purnia, West Champaran
2.	Gujarat	Vadodara
3.	Karnataka	Bagalkot, Ballari, Belagavi, Chamarajanagar, Chikkamagalur, Dakshina Kannada, Davanagere, Dharwad, Gadag, Hassan, Haveri, Kalaburagi, Kodagu, Koppal, Mandya, Mysuru, Raichur, Shivamogga, Udupi, Uttara Kannada, Vijayapura, Yadgir
4.	Kerala	Idukki, Malappuram, Wayanad, Kozhikode
5.	Maharashtra	Kolhapur, Sangli, Satara, Ratnagiri, Sindhudurg, Palghar, Nashik, Ahmednagar
6.	Odisha	Balangir, Sonepur, Kalahandi, Nuapada, Koraput, Malkangiri, Rayagada, Nawarangpur
7.	Uttarakhand	Uttarkashi and Chamoli

Provided also that the return in FORM GSTR-3B of the said rules for the month of July, 2019 for registered persons whose principal place of business is in the State of Jammu and Kashmir shall be furnished electronically through the common portal, on or before the 20th September, 2019.".

Further, Notification No. 54/2019 – Central Tax dated 14th November, 2019 effective from 20th day of September, 2019- The Commissioner, on the recommendations of the Council, has further amended in Notification No. 29/2019 – Central Tax dated 28th June, 2019, namely:—

In the said notification, in the first paragraph, after the third proviso, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely: —

"Provided also that the return in FORM GSTR-3B of the said rules for the months of July to September, 2019 for registered persons whose principal place of business is in the State of Jammu and Kashmir, shall be furnished electronically through the common portal, on or before the 20th November, 2019."

Further, Notification No.60/2019 – Central Tax dated 26th November, 2019 effective from 20th Day of November, 2019 - The Commissioner, on the recommendations of the Council, has further amended in Notification No. 29/2019 – Central Tax dated 28th June, 2019, namely:—

In the said notification, in the first paragraph, for the fourth proviso, the following proviso shall be substituted, namely: –

"Provided also that the return in FORM GSTR-3B of the said rules for the months of July to September, 2019 for registered persons whose principal place of business is in the State of Jammu and Kashmir, shall be furnished electronically through the common portal, on or before the 30th November, 2019."

Further, Notification No. 66/2019 – Central Tax dated 12th December, 2019 effective from 30th Day of November, 2019 - The Commissioner, on the recommendations of the Council, has further amended in Notification No. 29/2019 – Central Tax dated 28th June, 2019, namely:—

In the said notification, in the first paragraph, for the fourth proviso, the following proviso shall be substituted, namely: –

"Provided also that the return in FORM GSTR-3B of the said rules for the months of July to September, 2019 for registered persons whose principal place of business is in the State of Jammu and Kashmir, shall be furnished electronically through the common portal, on or before the 20th December, 2019."

Further, Notification No. 26 /2020 – Central Tax dated 23rd March, 2020 effective from 20th Day of December, 2019 - The Commissioner, on the recommendations of the Council, has further amended in Notification No. 29/2019 – Central Tax dated 28th June, 2019, namely:–

In the said notification, in the first paragraph, for the fourth proviso, the following proviso shall be substituted, namely: –

"Provided also that the return in FORM GSTR-3B of the said rules for the months of July,2019 to September, 2019 for registered persons whose principal place of business is in the erstwhile State of Jammu and Kashmir, shall be furnished electronically through the common portal, on or before the 24th March, 2020."

Notification No. 44/2019 – Central Tax dated 9th October, 2019 - The Commissioner, on the recommendations of the Council, has specified that the return in FORM GSTR-3B of the said rules for each of the months from October, 2019 to March, 2020 shall be furnished

electronically through the common portal, on or before the twentieth day of the month succeeding such month.

2. Payment of taxes for discharge of tax liability as per FORM GSTR-3B. – Every registered person furnishing the return in FORM GSTR-3B of the said rules shall, subject to the provisions of section 49 of the said Act, discharge his liability towards tax, interest, penalty, fees or any other amount payable under the said Act by debiting the electronic cash ledger or electronic credit ledger, as the case may be, not later than the last date, as specified in the first paragraph, on which he is required to furnish the said return.

Further, Notification No. 61/2019 – Central Tax dated 26th November, 2019 effective from 20th Day of November, 2019 - The Commissioner, on the recommendations of the Council, has further amended in Notification No. 44/2019 – Central Tax dated 9th October, 2019, namely:—

In the said notification, in the first paragraph, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:

"Provided that the return in FORM GSTR-3B of the said rules for the month of October, 2019 for registered persons whose principal place of business is in the State of Jammu and Kashmir, shall be furnished electronically through the common portal, on or before the 30th November, 2019."

Further, Notification No. 67/2019 – Central Tax dated 12th December, 2019 effective from 30th Day of November, 2019 - The Commissioner, on the recommendations of the Council, has further amended in Notification No. 44/2019 – Central Tax dated 9th October, 2019, namely:—

In the said notification, for the proviso to the first paragraph, the following proviso shall be substituted, namely: –

"Provided that the return in FORM GSTR-3B of the said rules for the month of October, 2019 for registered persons whose principal place of business is in the State of Jammu and Kashmir, shall be furnished electronically through the common portal, on or before the 20th December, 2019."

Further, Notification No. 73/2019 – Central Tax dated 23rd December, 2019 effective from 20th Day of December, 2019 - The Commissioner, on the recommendations of the Council, has further amended in Notification No. 44/2019 – Central Tax dated 9th October, 2019, namely:—

In the said notification, after the proviso, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely: -

"Provided further that the return in FORM GSTR-3B of the said rules for the month of November, 2019 shall be furnished electronically through the common portal, on or before the 23rd December, 2019."

Further, Notification No. 77/2019 – Central Tax dated 26th December, 2019 effective from 23rd day of December, 2019 - The Commissioner, on the recommendations of the Council, has further amended in Notification No. 44/2019 – Central Tax dated 9th October, 2019, namely:—

In the first paragraph of the said notification, after the second proviso, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely: –

"Provided also that the return in FORM GSTR-3B of the said rules for the month of November, 2019 for registered persons whose principal place of business is in the State of Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya or Tripura, shall be furnished electronically through the common portal, on or before the 31st December, 2019."

Further, Notification No. 07/2020 – Central Tax dated 3rd February, 2020 - The Commissioner, on the recommendations of the Council, has further amended in Notification No. 44/2019 – Central Tax dated 9th October, 2019, namely:–

In the said notification, after the third proviso, the following provisos shall be inserted, namely:

"Provided also that the return in FORM GSTR-3B of the said rules for the months of January, 2020, February, 2020 and March, 2020 for taxpayers having an aggregate turnover of up to rupees five Crore in the previous financial year, whose principal place of business is in the States of Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Goa, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Telangana or Andhra Pradesh or the Union territories of Daman and Diu and Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Puducherry, Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep shall be furnished electronically through the common portal, on or before the 22nd February, 2020, 22nd March, 2020, and 22nd April, 2020, respectively:

Provided also that the return in FORM GSTR-3B of the said rules for the months of January, 2020, February, 2020 and March, 2020 for taxpayers having an aggregate turnover of up to rupees five Crore in the previous financial year, whose principal place of business is in the States of Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Uttarakhand, Haryana, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Meghalaya, Assam, West Bengal, Jharkhand or Odisha or the Union territories of Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh, Chandigarh and Delhi shall be furnished electronically through the common portal, on or before the 24th February, 2020, 24th March, 2020 and 24th April, 2020, respectively."

Further, Notification No. 25/2020 – Central Tax dated 23rd March, 2020 effective from 20th Day of December, 2019 - The Commissioner, on the recommendations of the Council, has further amended in Notification No. 44/2019 – Central Tax dated 9th October, 2019, namely:–

i. In the said notification, in the first paragraph, for the first proviso, the following proviso shall be substituted, namely: –

"Provided that the return in FORM GSTR-3B of the said rules for the months of October, 2019 for registered persons whose principal place of business is in the erstwhile State of Jammu and Kashmir, shall be furnished electronically through the common portal, on or before the 24th March, 2020."

ii. In the said notification, in the first paragraph, after the fifth proviso, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely: –

"Provided also that the return in FORM GSTR-3B of the said rules for the months of November, 2019 to February, 2020 for registered persons whose principal place of business is in the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir or the Union territory of Ladakh, shall be furnished electronically through the common portal, on or before the 24th March, 2020."

Further, Notification No. 42/2020 – Central Tax dated 5th May, 2020 effective from 24th Day of March, 2020- The Commissioner, on the recommendations of the Council, has further amended in Notification No. 44/2019 – Central Tax dated 9th October, 2019, namely:–

In the said notification, in the first paragraph, for the sixth proviso, the following provisos shall be substituted, namely: –

"Provided also that the return in FORM GSTR-3B of the said rules for the months of November, 2019 to February, 2020 for registered persons whose principal place of business is in the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir, shall be furnished electronically through the common portal, on or before the 24th March, 2020:

Provided also that the return in FORM GSTR-3B of the said rules for the months of November, 2019 to December, 2019 for registered persons whose principal place of business is in the Union territory of Ladakh, shall be furnished electronically through the common portal, on or before the 24th March, 2020:

Provided also that the return in FORM GSTR-3B of the said rules for the months of January, 2020 to March, 2020 for registered persons whose principal place of business is in the Union territory of Ladakh, shall be furnished electronically through the common portal, on or before the 20th May, 2020.".

Notification No. 29/2020 – Central Tax dated 23rd March, 2020 - The Commissioner, on the recommendations of the Council, has specified that the return in FORM GSTR-3B of the said rules for each of the months from **April**, **2020 to September**, **2020** shall be furnished electronically through the common portal, on or before the twentieth day of the month succeeding such month:

Provided that, for taxpayers having an aggregate turnover of up to rupees five crore rupees in the previous financial year, whose principal place of business is in the States of Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Goa, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, the Union territories of Daman and Diu and Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Puducherry, Andaman and Nicobar Islands or Lakshadweep, the return in FORM GSTR-3B of the said rules for the months of April, 2020 to September, 2020 shall be furnished electronically through the common portal, on or before the twenty-second day of the month succeeding such month:

Provided further that, for taxpayers having an aggregate turnover of up to rupees five crore rupees in the previous financial year, whose principal place of business is in the States of Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Uttarakhand, Haryana, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Meghalaya, Assam, West Bengal, Jharkhand or Odisha, the Union territories of Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh, Chandigarh or Delhi, the return in FORM GSTR-3B of the said rules for the months of April, 2020 to September, 2020 shall be furnished electronically through the common portal, on or before the twenty-fourth day of the month succeeding such month.

2. Payment of taxes for discharge of tax liability as per FORM GSTR-3B. — Every registered person furnishing the return in FORM GSTR-3B of the said rules shall, subject to the provisions of section 49 of the said Act, discharge his liability towards tax by debiting the electronic cash ledger or electronic credit ledger, as the case may be and his liability towards interest, penalty, fees or any other amount payable under the said Act by debiting the electronic cash ledger, not later than the last date, as specified in the first paragraph, on which he is required to furnish the said return.

Further, Notification No. 36/2020 – Central Tax dated 3rd April, 2020 - The Commissioner, on the recommendations of the Council, has amended in Notification No. 29/2020 – Central Tax dated 23rd March, 2020 namely:–

In the said notification, in the first paragraph, after the second proviso, the following provisos shall be inserted, namely: –

"Provided also that, for taxpayers having an aggregate turnover of more than rupees 5 crore rupees in the previous financial year, the return in FORM GSTR-3B of the said rules for the month of May, 2020 shall be furnished electronically through the common portal, on or before the 27th June, 2020:

Provided also that, for taxpayers having an aggregate turnover of up to rupees five crore rupees in the previous financial year, whose principal place of business is in the States of Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Goa, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, the Union territories of Daman and Diu and Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Puducherry, Andaman and Nicobar Islands or Lakshadweep, the return in FORM GSTR-3B of the said rules for the month of May, 2020 shall be furnished electronically through the common portal, on or before the 12th day of July, 2020:

Provided also that, for taxpayers having an aggregate turnover of up to rupees five crore rupees in the previous financial year, whose principal place of business is in the States of Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Uttarakhand, Haryana, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Meghalaya, Assam, West Bengal, Jharkhand or Odisha, the Union territories of Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh, Chandigarh or Delhi, the return in FORM GSTR-3B of the said rules for the month of May, 2020 shall be furnished electronically through the common portal, on or before the 14th day of July, 2020."

Further, Notification No. 54/2020 – Central Tax dated 24th June, 2020 - The Commissioner, on the recommendations of the Council, has amended in Notification No. 29/2020 – Central Tax dated 23rd March, 2020 namely:–

In the said notification, in the first paragraph, after the fifth proviso, the following provisos shall be inserted, namely: –

"Provided also that, for taxpayers having an aggregate turnover of up to rupees five crore rupees in the previous financial year, whose principal place of business is in the States of Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Goa, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, the Union territories of Daman and Diu and Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Puducherry, Andaman and Nicobar Islands or Lakshadweep, the return in FORM GSTR-3B of the said rules for the month of August, 2020 shall be furnished electronically through the common portal, on or before the 1 st day of October, 2020:

Provided also that, for taxpayers having an aggregate turnover of up to rupees five crore rupees in the previous financial year, whose principal place of business is in the States of Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Uttarakhand, Haryana, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Meghalaya, Assam, West Bengal, Jharkhand or Odisha, the Union territories of Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh, Chandigarh or Delhi, the return in FORM GSTR-3B of the said rules for the month of August, 2020 shall be furnished electronically through the common portal, on or before the 3 rd day of October, 2020.".

Notification No. 76/2020 - Central Tax dated 15th October, 2020 - The Commissioner, on the recommendations of the Council, has specified that the return in FORM GSTR-3B of the said

rules for each of the months from **October**, **2020 to March**, **2021** shall be furnished electronically through the common portal, on or before the twentieth day of the month succeeding such month:

Provided that, for taxpayers having an aggregate turnover of up to five crore rupees in the previous financial year, whose principal place of business is in the States of Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Goa, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, the Union territories of Daman and Diu and Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Puducherry, Andaman and Nicobar Islands or Lakshadweep, the return in FORM GSTR-3B of the said rules for the months of October, 2020 to March, 2021 shall be furnished electronically through the common portal, on or before the twenty-second day of the month succeeding such month:

Provided further that, for taxpayers having an aggregate turnover of up to five crore rupees in the previous financial year, whose principal place of business is in the States of Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Uttarakhand, Haryana, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Meghalaya, Assam, West Bengal, Jharkhand or Odisha, the Union territories of Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh, Chandigarh or Delhi, the return in FORM GSTR-3B of the said rules for the months of October, 2020 to March, 2021 shall be furnished electronically through the common portal, on or before the twenty-fourth day of the month succeeding such month.

2. Payment of taxes for discharge of tax liability as per FORM GSTR-3B. – Every registered person furnishing the return in FORM GSTR-3B of the said rules shall, subject to the provisions of section 49 of the said Act, discharge his liability towards tax by debiting the electronic cash ledger or electronic credit ledger, as the case may be and his liability towards interest, penalty, fees or any other amount payable under the said Act by debiting the electronic cash ledger, not later than the last date, as specified in the first paragraph, on which he is required to furnish the said return.

Further, Notification No. 86/2020 – Central Tax dated 10th November, 2020 - The Commissioner, on the recommendations on the Council, has rescinded Notification No. 76/2020 – Central Tax dated 15th October, 2020.

Notification No. 05/2022 – Central Tax dated 17th May, 2022 - The Commissioner, on the recommendations of the Council, has extended the due date for furnishing the return in FORM GSTR-3B for the month of April, 2022 till the 24th day of May, 2022.

Notification No. 21/2022 – Central Tax dated 21st October, 2022 - The Commissioner, on the recommendations of the Council, has extended the due date for furnishing the return in FORM GSTR-3B, for the registered persons required to furnish return under sub-section (1) of section 39 read with clause (i) of sub-rule (1) of rule 61 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017, for the month of **September, 2022** till the 21st day of October, 2022.

Notification No. 12/2023 – Central Tax dated 24th May, 2023 effective from 20th day of May, 2023 - The Commissioner, has extended the due date for furnishing the return in FORM GSTR-3B for the month of April, 2023 till the thirty first day of May, 2023, for the registered persons whose principal place of business is in the State of Manipur and are required to furnish return under sub-section (1) of section 39 read with clause (i) of sub-rule (1) of rule 61 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017.

Further, Notification No. 15/2023 - Central Tax dated 19th June, 2023 effective from 31st day of May, 2023 - The Commissioner has made the following amendment in the Notification No. 12/2023 - Central Tax dated 24th May, 2023, namely: —

- (i) for the words, letter and figure "month of April, 2023" the words, letter and figure "months of April, 2023 and May, 2023" shall be substituted;
- (ii) for the words, letters and figure "thirty-first day of May, 2023", the words, letter and figure "thirtieth day of June, 2023" shall be substituted.

Further, Notification No. 19/2023 - Central Tax dated 17th July, 2023 effective from 30th day of June, 2023 - The Commissioner has made the following amendment in the Notification No. 12/2023 - Central Tax dated 24th May, 2023, namely: —

- (i) for the words, letter and figure "months of April, 2023 and May, 2023" the words, letter and figure "months of April, 2023, May, 2023 and June, 2023" shall be substituted;
- (ii) for the words, letters and figure "thirtieth day of June, 2023", the words, letter and figure "thirty-first day of July, 2023" shall be substituted.

Notification No. 17/2023 - Central Tax dated 27th June, 2023 effective from 20th day of June, 2023. - The Commissioner has extended the due date for furnishing the return in FORM GSTR-3B for the month of May, 2023 till the thirtieth day of June, 2023, for the registered persons whose principal place of business is in the districts of Kutch, Jamnagar, Morbi, Patan and Banaskantha in the state of Gujarat and are required to furnish return under sub-section (1) of section 39 read with clause (i) of sub-rule (1) of rule 61 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017.

9.3.1.6 Departmental Notifications – Due dates / Extention of time period for furnishing the return by a composition supplier, in FORM GSTR-4.

Notification No. 41/2017 – Central Tax dated 13th October, 2017 - The Commissioner has extended the time limit for furnishing the return by a composition supplier, in FORM GSTR-4, under sub-section (2) of section 39 of the said Act read with rule 62 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017 for the quarter July to September, 2017 till the 15th day of November, 2017.

Further, Notification No. 59/2017 – Central Tax dated 15th November, 2017 - The Central Government has amended the Notification No. 41/2017 – Central Tax dated 13th October, 2017, namely:-

In the said notification, for the words, figures and letters "the 15th day of November, 2017", the words, figures and letters "the 24th day of December, 2017" shall be substituted.

Notification No. 65/2018 – Central Tax dated 29th November, 2018 - The Commissioner has extended the time limit for furnishing the return in FORM GSTR-4 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017 for the quarter July to September, 2018 under sub-section (2) of section 39 of the said Act read with rule 62 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017 by a registered person paying tax under the provisions of section 10 of the said Act whose principal place of business is in Srikakulam district in the State of Andhra Pradesh, till the 30th day of November, 2018.

9.3.1.7 Departmental Notifications – Due dates / Extention of time period for furnishing the return by a non-resident taxable person, in FORM GSTR-5.

Notification No. 60/2017 – Central Tax dated 15th November, 2017 - The Commissioner has extended the time limit for furnishing the return by a non-resident taxable person, in FORM GSTR-5, under subsection (5) of section 39 of the said Act read with rule 63 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017 for the months of July, 2017, August, 2017, September, 2017 and October, 2017 till the 11th day of December, 2017.

Further, Notification No.68/2017 – Central Tax dated 21st December, 2017 has superseded Notification No. 60/2017 – Central Tax dated 15th November, 2017 and the Commissioner has extended the time limit for furnishing the return by a non-resident taxable person, in FORM GSTR-5, under sub-section (5) of section 39 of the said Act read with rule 63 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017 for the months of July, 2017, August, 2017, September, 2017, October, 2017, November, 2017 and December, 2017 till the 31st day of January, 2018.

9.3.1.8 Departmental Notifications – Due dates / Extention of time period for furnishing the return in FORM GSTR-5A

Notification No. 25/2017 – Central Tax dated 28th August, 2017 - The Commissioner, has extended the time limit for furnishing the return for the month of July, 2017, by a person supplying online information and database access or retrieval services from a place outside India to a non-taxable online recipient referred to in section 14 of the Integrated Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 and rule 64 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017, till 15th day of September, 2017.

Further, Notification No. 42/2017 – Central Tax dated 13th October, 2017 effective from 15th day of September, 2017 has superseded Notification No. 25/2017 – Central Tax dated 28th August, 2017 and the Commissioner, has extended the time limit for furnishing the return in FORM GSTR-5A for the month of July, 2017, August, 2017 and September, 2017 by a person supplying online information and database access or retrieval services from a place outside India to a non-taxable online recipient referred to in section 14 of the Integrated Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 and rule 64 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017, till the 20th day of November, 2017.

Further, Notification No. 61/2017 – Central Tax dated 15th November, 2017 has superseded Notification No. 42/2017 – Central Tax dated 13th October, 2017 and the Commissioner, has extended the time limit for furnishing the return in FORM GSTR-5A for the month of July, 2017, August, 2017, September, 2017 and October, 2017 by a person supplying online information and database access or retrieval services from a place outside India to a non-taxable online

recipient referred to in section 14 of the Integrated Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 and rule 64 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017, till the 15th day of December, 2017.

Further, Notification No. 69/2017 – Central Tax dated 21st December, 2017 has superseded Notification No. 61/2017 – Central Tax dated 15th November, 2017 and the Commissioner, hereby extends the time limit for furnishing the return in FORM GSTR-5A for the months of July, 2017, August, 2017, September, 2017, October, 2017, November, 2017 and December, 2017 by a person supplying online information and database access or retrieval services from a place outside India to a nontaxable online recipient referred to in section 14 of the Integrated Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 and rule 64 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017, till the 31st day of January, 2018.

9.3.1.9 Departmental Notifications – Due dates / Extention of time period for filing of details in FORM GSTR-6.

Notification No.26 /2017 – Central Tax dated 28th August, 2017 - The Commissioner, has extended the time limit for furnishing the return by an Input Service Distributor under subsection (4) of section 39 of the said Act read with rule 65 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017, for the month as specified in column (2) of the Table below, till the date as specified in the corresponding entry in column (3) of the said Table, namely:-

Table

Serial Number	Month	Last Date for filing of return in FORM GSTR-6
(1)	(2)	(3)
1.	July, 2017	8th September
2.	August, 2017	23rd September

Notification No. 31/2017 – Central Tax dated 11th September, 2017 has superseded Notification No.26 /2017 – Central Tax dated 28th August, 2017 and the Commissioner, has extended the time limit for furnishing the return by an Input Service Distributor under subsection (4) of section 39 of the said Act read with rule 65 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017, for the month of July, 2017 upto the 13th October, 2017.

Further, Notification No. 43/2017 – Central Tax dated 13th October, 2017 has superseded Notification No.26 /2017 – Central Tax dated 28th August, 2017 and the Commissioner has extended the time limit for furnishing the return by an Input Service Distributor in FORM GSTR-6 under sub-section (4) of section 39 of the said Act read with rule 65 of the Central Goods

and Services Tax Rules, 2017 for the months of July, 2017, August, 2017 and September, 2017 till the 15th day of November, 2017.

Notification No. 62/2017 – Central Tax dated 15th November, 2017 has superseded Notification No. 43/2017 – Central Tax dated 13th October, 2017 and the Commissioner has extended the time limit for furnishing the return by an Input Service Distributor in FORM GSTR-6 under sub-section (4) of section 39 of the said Act read with rule 65 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017 for the month of July, 2017 till the 31st day of December, 2017.

Further, Notification No. 8/2018 – Central Tax dated 23rd January, 2018 has superseded Notification No. 62/2017 – Central Tax dated 15th November, 2017 and the Commissioner has extended the time limit for furnishing the return by an Input Service Distributor in FORM GSTR-6 under sub-section (4) of section 39 of the said Act read with rule 65 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017, for the months of July, 2017 to February, 2018, till the 31st day of March, 2018.

Further, Notification No. 19/2018 – Central Tax dated 28th March, 2018 has superseded Notification No. 8/2018 – Central Tax dated 23rd January, 2018 and the Commissioner has extended the time limit for furnishing the return by an Input Service Distributor in FORM GSTR-6 under sub-section (4) of section 39 of the said Act read with rule 65 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017, for the months of July, 2017 to April, 2018, till the 31st day of May, 2018.

Further, Notification No. 25/2018 – Central Tax dated 31st May, 2018 has superseded Notification No. 19/2018 – Central Tax dated 28th March, 2018 and the Commissioner has extended the time limit for furnishing the return by an Input Service Distributor in FORM GSTR-6 under sub-section (4) of section 39 of the said Act read with rule 65 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017, for the months of July, 2017 to June, 2018, till the 31st day of July, 2018.

Further, Notification No. 30/2018 – Central Tax dated 30th July, 2018 has superseded Notification No. 25/2018 – Central Tax dated 31st May, 2018 and the Commissioner has extended the time limit for furnishing the return by an Input Service Distributor in FORM GSTR-6 under sub-section (4) of section 39 of the said Act read with rule 65 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017, for the months of July, 2017 to August, 2018 till the 30th day of September, 2018.

9.3.1.10 Departmental Notifications – Due dates / Extention of time period for furnishing the return by a registered person required to deduct tax at source under the provisions of section 51 of the said Act in FORM GSTR-7.

Notification No. 66/2018 – Central Tax dated 29th November, 2018 - The Commissioner has extended the time limit for furnishing the return by a registered person required to deduct tax at source under the provisions of section 51 of the said Act in **FORM GSTR-7** of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017 under sub-section (3) of section 39 of the said Act read with rule 66 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017 for the months of October, 2018 to December, 2018 till the 31st day of January, 2019.

Further, Notification No. 07/2019 – Central Tax dated 31st January, 2019 - The Commissioner has amended in the Notification No. 66/2018 – Central Tax dated 29th November, 2018, namely:-

In the said notification, for the words, figures and letters "the 31st day of January, 2019", the words, figures and letters "the 28th day of February, 2019" shall be substituted.

Notification No. 8/2019 – Central Tax dated 8th February, 2019 – The Commissioner has extended the time limit for furnishing the return by a registered person required to deduct tax at source under the provisions of section 51 of the said Act in FORM GSTR-7 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017 under sub-section (3) of section 39 of the said Act read with rule 66 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017 for the month of January, 2019 till the 28th day of February, 2019.

Notification No. 18/2019 – Central Tax dated 10th April, 2019 - The Commissioner has extended the time limit for furnishing the return by a registered person required to deduct tax at source under the provisions of section 51 of the said Act in FORM GSTR-7 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017 under sub-section (3) of section 39 of the said Act read with rule 66 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017 for the month of March, 2019 till the 12th day of April, 2019.

No. 66/2018 – Central Tax dated 29th November, 2018; Notification No. 8/2019 – Central Tax dated 29th November, 2018; Notification No. 8/2019 – Central Tax dated 8th February, 2019 and Notification No. 18/2019 – Central Tax dated 10th April, 2019 and the Commissioner has extended the time limit for furnishing the return by a registered person required to deduct tax at source under the provisions of section 51 of the said Act in FORM GSTR-7 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017 under sub-section (3) of

section 39 of the said Act read with rule 66 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017 for the months of October, 2018 to July, 2019 till the 31st day of August, 2019.

Further, Notification No. 40/2019 – Central Tax dated 31st August, 2019 - The Commissioner has amended Notification No. 26/2019 – Central Tax dated 28th June, 2019, namely: -

In the said notification, after the portion beginning with the words "except as respects things done" and ending with the words, figures and letters "for the months of October, 2018 to July, 2019 till the 31st day of August, 2019", the following provisos shall be inserted, namely: –

"Provided that the return by a registered person, required to deduct tax at source under the provisions of section 51 of the said Act in FORM GSTR-7 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017 under sub-section (3) of section 39 of the said Act read with rule 66 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017, for the month of July, 2019, whose principal place of business is in the district mentioned in column (3) of the Table below, of the State as mentioned in column (2) of the said Table, shall be furnished electronically through the common portal, on or before the 20th September, 2019:—

Table

SI. No.	Name of State	Name of District
(1)	(2)	(3)
1.	Bihar	Araria, Kishanganj, Madhubani, East Champaran, Sitamarhi, Sheohar, Supaul, Darbhanga, Muzaffarpur, Saharsa, Katihar, Purnia, West Champaran.
2	Gujarat	Vadodara.
3	Karnataka	Bagalkot, Ballari, Belagavi, Chamarajanagar, Chikkamagalur, Dakshina Kannada, Davanagere, Dharwad, Gadag, Hassan, Haveri, Kalaburagi, Kodagu, Koppal, Mandya, Mysuru, Raichur, Shivamogga, Udupi, Uttara Kannada, Vijayapura, Yadgir.
4	Kerala	Idukki, Malappuram, Wayanad, Kozhikode.
5	Maharashtra	Kolhapur, Sangli, Satara, Ratnagiri, Sindhudurg, Palghar, Nashik, Ahmednagar.

6.	Odisha	Balangir, Sonepur, Kalahandi, Nuapada, Koraput, Malkangiri, Rayagada, Nawarangpur.
7	Uttarakhand	Uttarkashi and Chamoli:

Provided further that the return by a registered person, required to deduct tax at source under the provisions of section 51 of the said Act in FORM GSTR-7 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017 under sub-section (3) of section 39 of the said Act read with rule 66 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017, for the month of July, 2019, whose principal place of business is in the State of Jammu and Kashmir shall be furnished electronically through the common portal, on or before the 20th September, 2019.".

Further, Notification No. 55/2019 – Central Tax dated 14th November, 2019 effective from 20th day of September, 2019 has amended Notification No. 26/2019 – Central Tax dated 28th June, 2019, namely: -

In the said notification, in the first paragraph, after the second proviso, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely: –

"Provided also that the return by a registered person, required to deduct tax at source under the provisions of section 51 of the said Act in FORM GSTR-7 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017 under sub-section (3) of section 39 of the said Act read with rule 66 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017, for the months of July, 2019 to September, 2019, whose principal place of business is in the State of Jammu and Kashmir shall be furnished electronically through the common portal, on or before the 15th November, 2019."

Further, Notification No. 59/2019 – Central Tax dated 26th November, 2019 effective from 10 th Day of November, 2019 has amended Notification No. 26/2019 – Central Tax dated 28th June, 2019, namely: -

In the said notification, in the first paragraph, for the third proviso, the following proviso shall be substituted, namely: –

"Provided also that the return by a registered person, required to deduct tax at source under the provisions of section 51 of the said Act in FORM GSTR-7 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017 under sub-section (3) of section 39 of the said Act read with rule 66 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017, for the months of July, 2019 to

October, 2019, whose principal place of business is in the State of Jammu and Kashmir shall be furnished electronically through the common portal, on or before the 30th November, 2019."

Further, Notification No. 65/2019 – Central Tax dated 12th December, 2019 effective from 30th Day of November, 2019 has amended Notification No. 26/2019 – Central Tax dated 28th June, 2019, namely: -

In the said notification, in the first paragraph, for the third proviso, the following proviso shall be substituted, namely: –

"Provided also that the return by a registered person, required to deduct tax at source under the provisions of section 51 of the said Act in FORM GSTR-7 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017 under sub-section (3) of section 39 of the said Act read with rule 66 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017, for the months of July, 2019 to October, 2019, whose principal place of business is in the State of Jammu and Kashmir shall be furnished electronically through the common portal, on or before the 20th December, 2019."

Further, Notification No. 78/2019 – Central Tax dated 26th December, 2019 effective from 10th Day of December, 2019 has amended Notification No. 26/2019 – Central Tax dated 28th June, 2019, namely: -

In the said notification, in the first paragraph, after the third proviso, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely: –

"Provided also that the return by a registered person, required to deduct tax at source under the provisions of section 51 of the said Act in FORM GSTR-7 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017 under sub-section (3) of section 39 of the said Act read with rule 66 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017, for the month of November, 2019, whose principal place of business is in the State of Assam, Manipur or Tripura, shall be furnished electronically through the common portal, on or before the 25th December, 2019."

Further, Notification No. 20/2020 – Central Tax dated 23rd March, 2020 effective from 20 th Day of December, 2019 has amended Notification No. 26/2019 – Central Tax dated 28th June, 2019, namely: -

In the said notification, in the first paragraph, for the second and third proviso, the following provisos shall be substituted, namely: –

"Provided further that the return by a registered person, required to deduct tax at source under the provisions of section 51 of the said Act in FORM GSTR-7 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017 under sub-section (3) of section 39 of the said Act read with rule 66 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017, for the months of July, 2019 to October, 2019, whose principal place of business is in the erstwhile State of Jammu and

Kashmir shall be furnished electronically through the common portal, on or before the 24th March, 2020:

Provided also that the return by a registered person, required to deduct tax at source under the provisions of section 51 of the said Act in FORM GSTR-7 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017 under sub-section (3) of section 39 of the said Act read with rule 66 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017, for the months of November, 2019 to February, 2020, whose principal place of business is in the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir or the Union territory of Ladakh shall be furnished electronically through the common portal, on or before the 24th March, 2020."

Further, Notification No. 13/2023 – Central Tax dated 24th May, 2023 effective from 10th day of May, 2023 has amended Notification No. 26/2019 – Central Tax dated 28th June, 2019, namely: -

In the said notification, in the first paragraph, after the fourth proviso, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely: –

"Provided also that the return by a registered person, required to deduct tax at source under the provisions of section 51 of the said Act in FORM GSTR-7 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017 under subsection (3) of section 39 of the said Act read with rule 66 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017, for the month of April, 2023, whose principal place of business is in the State of Manipur, shall be furnished electronically through the common portal, on or before the thirty-first day of May, 2023."

Further, Notification No. 16/2023 – Central Tax dated 19th June, 2023 effective from 31st day of May, 2023, has amended Notification No. 26/2019 – Central Tax dated 28th June, 2019, namely: -

In the said notification, in the first paragraph, in the fifth proviso:-

- (i) for the words, letter and figure "month of April, 2023" the words, letter and figure "months of April 2023 and May 2023" shall be substituted;
- (ii) for the words, letters and figure "thirty-first day of May, 2023", the words, letter and figure "thirtieth day of June, 2023" shall be substituted.

Further, Notification No. 21/2023 – Central Tax dated 17th July, 2023 effective from 30th day of June, 2023, has amended Notification No. 26/2019 – Central Tax dated 28th June, 2019, namely: -

In the said notification, in the first paragraph, in the fifth proviso:-

- (i) for the words, letter and figure "months of April 2023 and May 2023" the words, letter and figure "months of April 2023, May 2023 and June 2023" shall be substituted;
- (ii) for the words, letters and figure "thirtieth day of June, 2023", the words, letter and figure "thirty-first day of July, 2023" shall be substituted.

Notification No. 20/2023 – Central Tax dated 17th July, 2023 - The Commissioner has extended the due date for furnishing the return in FORM GSTR-3B for the quarter ending June, 2023 till the thirty-first day of July, 2023, for the registered persons whose principal place of business is in the State of Manipur and are required to furnish return under proviso to subsection (1) of section 39 read with clause (ii) of sub-rule (1) of rule 61 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017.

9.3.2.1 Departmental Clarifications - System based reconciliation of information furnished in FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2 with FORM GSTR-3B - <u>Circular No. 7/7/2017-GST dated 01st September, 2017</u>

Sections 37, 38 and section 39 of the CGST Act, 2017(hereinafter referred to as 'the Act') read with rules 59, 60 and 61 of the CGST Rules, 2017(hereinafter referred to as 'the Rules') require every registered person to furnish details of outward supplies made in a month in FORM GSTR-1, details of inward supplies received in a month in FORM GSTR-2 and a return in FORM GSTR-3 by the 10th, 15th and 20thof the next month respectively. Keeping in view that taxpayers may face certain issues in the initial days after the introduction of GST, the GST Council extended the date for filing of FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2 for the months of July and August, 2017 and approved the filing of a simplified return in FORM GSTR-3Bfor these two months by the notified due dates after making the due payment of tax.

- 2. Registered persons opting to utilize transitional credit available under section 140 of the Act read with the rules made there under for discharging the tax liability for the month of July, 2017 were required to file FORM GST TRAN -1 on or before 28th August,2017. This transitional credit was to be credited to the electronic credit ledger and be available for discharging the tax liability.
- 3. As per the provisions of sub-rule (5) of rule 61 of the Rules, the return in FORM GSTR-3B was required to be furnished when the due dates for filing of FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2 have been extended. After the return in FORM GSTR-3B has been furnished, the process of reconciliation between the information furnished in FORM GSTR3B with that furnished in FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2 would be carried out in accordance with the provisions of sub-rule (6) of rule 61 of the Rules.
- 4. The detailed procedure for reconciliation of information furnished in FORM GSTR-3 and FORM GSTR-3B is detailed in succeeding paras.

Furnishing of information in FORM GSTR-1 & FORM GSTR-2:

- 5. It may be noted that after the registered person has filed his return in FORM GSTR3B and the statement of outward supplies in FORM GSTR-1, the inward supplies shall be auto drafted for all registered persons (corresponding recipients of supply) and made available to them in FORM GSTR-2A as per sub-rule (3) of rule 59 of the Rules. FORM GSTR-2A is the exact replica of FORM GSTR-2 containing only those details that are auto populated from the details furnished in FORM GSTR-1 by the corresponding suppliers. Based on the details communicated in FORM GSTR-2A, the registered person shall prepare the statement of inward supplies in FORM GSTR-2 by:-
- a. adding, deleting or modifying the invoice level details communicated in FORM GSTR-2A;
- b. adding information pertaining to details that are required to be furnished in GSTR-2 but are not part of FORM GSTR-2A like details of imports, details of supplies attracting reverse charge that have been received by registered person;
- c. providing details of supplies received from composition suppliers and exempt, nil-rated & non GST inward supplies;
- d. providing details of advances paid on inward supplies attracting reverse charge, if any, along with adjustments;
- e. providing details of reversal of ITC as per the provisions of rules 37, 39, 42 and 43 of the Rules, if any; and f. providing HSN wise summary details of inward supplies.

Correction of erroneous details furnished in FORM GSTR-3B:

6. In case the registered person intends to amend any details furnished in FORM GSTR3B, it maybe done in the FORM GSTR-1 or FORM GSTR-2, as the case may be. For example, while preparing and furnishing the details in FORM GSTR-1, if the outward supplies have been under reported or excess reported in FORM GSTR-3B, the same maybe correctly reported in the FORM GSTR-1. Similarly, if the details of inward supplies or the eligible ITC have been reported less or more than what they should have been, the same maybe reported correctly in the FORM GSTR-2. This will get reflected in the revised output tax liability or eligible ITC, as the case may be, of the registered person. The details furnished in FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2 will be auto-populated and reflected in the return in FORM GSTR-3 for that particular month.

Action on the system-based reconciliation:

7. After the registered person has furnished the statement of inward supplies in FORM GSTR-2 by the extended date, the common portal shall auto-draft Part-A of the return in FORM GSTR-3 for the said month based on the information furnished in FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2. Based on the revised figures of output tax liability and eligible input tax credit, Table 12 of Part B of FORM GSTR-3 shall be made available. The common portal would populate the correct figures of tax payable in column (2) of Table 12 of FORM GSTR3, based on the information furnished in FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2. The tax paid through the electronic cash ledger and electronic credit ledger in the return in FORM GSTR3B shall be displayed by the system in column (3) to (7) of the Table 12 of Part B of FORM GSTR-3. Where there is no difference between the details of output tax liability and eligible input tax credit furnished in FORM GSTR-3B and the details furnished in FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2, the amount of tax payable and tax paid shall be the same in FORM GSTR-3B and FORM GSTR-3. The person can sign and submit FORM GSTR-3 without any additional payment of tax.

Additional payment of taxes:

8. Where the tax payable by a registered person as per FORM GSTR-3is more than what has been paid as per FORM GSTR-3B, the common portal would show another instance of Table 12 for making additional payment of taxes, in accordance with the mandate of clause (b) of sub-rule (6) of rule 61. As the tax payable in column (2) of Table 12 of FORM GSTR-3 is more than what was shown in FORM GSTR-3B, the additional amount of tax payable can be paid by debiting the electronic cash or credit ledger as per the provisions contained in section 49 of the Act along with applicable interest on delayed payment of tax starting from 26th day of August, 2017 till the date of debit in the electronic cash or credit ledger. If the eligible ITC claimed by the person in FORM GSTR-2 is less than the ITC claimed and utilised by the registered person in FORM GSTR-3B, the same would be added to his output tax liability and shall have to be paid by him along with interest by debiting the electronic cash or credit ledger as per the provisions contained in section 49 of the Act before submitting the return in FORM GSTR-3 to complete the process. It may be noted that where the transitional credit as declared in FORM GST TRAN-1 is credited to the electronic credit ledger, the same can be utilised for the payment of the said additional tax liability.

Additional claim of eligible ITC:

9. Where the eligible ITC claimed by the taxpayer in FORM GSTR-3B is less that the ITC eligible as per the details furnished in FORM GSTR-2, the additional amount of ITC shall be credited to the electronic credit ledger of the registered person when he submits the return in FORM GSTR-3 (in accordance with clause (c) of sub-rule (6) of rule 61). However, simultaneously, if there is an increase in the output tax liability, the registered person can utilise this additional amount of ITC eligible as per the details furnished in FORM GSTR-2 along with the balance in the electronic cash ledger, if required, for the payment of the increased output tax liability and submit his return in FORM GSTR-3.

Reduction in output tax liability:

10. Where the output tax liability of the registered person as per the details furnished in FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2 is less than the output tax liability as per the details furnished in the FORM GSTR-3B and the same is not offset by a corresponding reduction in the input tax credit to which he is entitled, the excess shall be carried forward to the next month's return to be offset against the output liability of the next month by the taxpayer when he signs and submits the return in FORM GSTR-3. However, simultaneously, if there is a decrease in the eligible input tax credit, the same will be adjusted against the above mentioned reduction in output tax liability and the balance, if any, of the reduction in output tax liability shall be carried forward to the next month's return to be offset against the output liability of the next month.

Submission of GSTR-3B without payment of taxes:

11. Where, for some reasons, the registered person has only submitted the return in FORM GSTR-3B and has not made the payment of taxes by debiting the same from his electronic cash or credit ledger, the return shall still be subjected to the reconciliation process as detailed above. Such registered person should furnish the details in FORM GSTR-1, FORM GSTR-2 and sign and submit the return in FORM GSTR-3 along with the payment of the due taxes as per the provisions of section 49 of the Act. However, since the payment was not made on or before the due date, the registered person shall be liable for payment of interest on delayed payment of tax starting from 26th day of August, 2017 till the date of debit in the electronic cash and / or credit ledger but will not be liable to pay any late fee provided the requisite return in FORM GSTR-3B was submitted on or before the due date.

12. Where the registered person has not submitted the return in FORM GSTR-3B, he is required to furnish the details in FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2 and sign and submit the return in FORM GSTR-3 along with the payment of the due taxes as per the provisions of section 49 of the Act. However, since the payment was not made on or before the due date, the registered person shall be liable for payment of interest on delayed payment of tax starting from 26th day of August, 2017 till the date of debit in the electronic cash and / or credit ledger. No late fee, however, would be levied for late filing of return in terms of section 47 of the Act, in accordance with the recommendation of the GST Council, as notified vide Notification No. 28/2017-Central tax dated 01.09.2017.

Processing of information furnished:

13. After submission of the information in FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2, the process of matching as per section 41, 42 and 43 of the Act read with rules 69 to 76 of the Rules shall be carried out as if these details were submitted in the regular course. Any amendment in the details furnished in FORM GSTR-1 and GSTR-2 shall be done following the procedure laid down under sub-section (3) of section 37 and sub-section (5) of section 38 of the Act respectively. The return shall be considered to be a valid return when the tax payable as per FORM GSTR-3 has been paid in full after which the return shall be taken up for matching.

9.3.2.2 Departmental Clarifications - Due date for generation of FORM GSTR-2A and FORM GSTR-1A in accordance with the extension of due date for filing FORM GSTR-1 and GSTR-2 respectively - <u>Circular No.15 /15/2017 - GST dated 6th November, 2017</u>

Please refer to Notification No. 30/2017-Central Tax dated 11th September 2017, and Notification 54/2017-Central Tax, dated 30th October, 2017 whereby the dates for filing FORM GSTR-1, FORM GSTR-2 and FORM GSTR-3 for the month of July, 2017 were extended. Queries have been received regarding the due dates for the generation of FORM GSTR-2A and FORM GSTR-1A in light of the said extension of dates. Therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 168 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (hereinafter referred to as 'the Act'), for the purpose of uniformity in the implementation of the Act, the following is clarified:

1. Sub-section (1) of section 37 of the Act read with sub-rule (3) of rule 59 of the CGST Rules, 2017 (hereinafter referred to as 'the Rules') provides that the details furnished in FORM GSTR-1 by the supplier shall be made available electronically to the registered person (hereinafter referred to as 'the recipient') in FORM GSTR-2A after the due date for filing of FORM GSTR-1. Sub-section (2) of Section 38 read with sub-rule (1) of rule 60 of the said Rules provides for furnishing of details in FORM- GSTR-2 after the 10th but before the 15th of the month succeeding the tax period. Further, sub-section (1) of section 38 read with sub-rule (1) of rule 60 provides that on the basis of the details contained in FORM GSTR-2A, the

recipient shall prepare and furnish the details of inward supply in FORM GSTR-2 after verifying, validating, modifying or deleting, the details, if required. Since the due dates for furnishing the details in FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2 have been extended, it is hereby clarified that the due date of FORM GSTR-2A is also extended. The details furnished in FORM GSTR-1 are available to the recipient in FORM GSTR-2A from 11th of October, 2017. These details are also available in FORM GSTR-2 and can be verified, validated, modified or deleted to prepare details in FORM GSTR-2 which is required to be furnished not later than the 30th November, 2017. It is further clarified that the details in FORM GSTR-2A are also available in his FORM GSTR-2 and the recipient may take necessary action on the same, prior to furnishing the details in his FORM GSTR-2. FORM GSTR-2A is a read-only document made available to the recipient electronically so that he has a record of all the invoices received from various suppliers during a given tax period.

2. Sub-section (3) of section 38 of the Act read with sub-rule (4) of rule 59 of the Rules provides that the details of inward supplies added, corrected or deleted by the recipient in FORM GSTR-2 shall be made available to the concerned supplier electronically in FORM GSTR-1A. Further, sub-section (2) of section 37 of the Act read with sub-rule (4) of rule 59 of the Rules provides that once these details are made available electronically through the common portal to the supplier in FORM GSTR-1A, the supplier shall either accept or reject the modifications made by the recipient on or before the 17th day of the month succeeding the tax period but not before the 15th day, and accordingly, FORM GSTR-1 shall stand amended to the extent of modifications accepted by the supplier. In this regard, it is hereby clarified that as the dates for furnishing the details in FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2 have been extended, the due date for furnishing of FORM GSTR-1A for July 2017 is also extended. Therefore, the details in FORM GSTR1A shall be made available to the supplier from the 1st of December to the 6th of December, 2017 for the month of July 2017.

9.3.2.3 Departmental Clarifications - Filing of Returns under GST- Circular No. 26/26/2017-GST dated 29th December , 2017

The GST Council, in its 23rd meeting held at Guwahati on 10th November 2017, has taken certain decisions in regard to filing of returns by taxpayers. Subsequently, various representations have been received seeking clarifications on various aspects of return filing such as return filing dates, applicability and quantum of late fee, amendment of errors in submitting / filing of FORM GSTR-3B and other related queries. In order to consolidate the information in various notifications and circulars regarding return filing and to ensure uniformity in implementation across field formations, the Board, in exercise of its powers conferred under

section 168 (1) of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 hereby clarifies the following issues:

1. Return Filing Calendar: 1.1 Dates for filing of FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-3B have been put in a calendar format for ease of understanding as under:

Return Filing Dates		January 201	18	ı	February 2018		March	2018		April 2	018	May 2018
Keturn Filin	g Dates	10	20	10	15	20	10	20	10	20	30	10
Up to 1.5	GSTR - 3B		Dec 3B			Jan 3B		Feb 3B		Mar 3B		Apr 3B
Crore	GSTR -1	Jul - Sep 2017			Oct - Dec 2017						Jan- Mar 2017	
Greater than	GSTR - 3B		Dec 3B			Jan 3B		Feb 3B		Mar 3B		Apr 3B
1. 5 Crore	GSTR -1	July to Nov 2017		Dec 2017			Jan 2018		Feb 2018	·		Mar 2018

- 1.2 It may be noted that all registered persons are required to file their FORM GSTR-3B on a monthly basis in terms of Notification No. 35/2017-Central Tax (referred to as "CT" hereinafter) dated 15th September, 2017 and 56/2017-CT dated 15th November 2017. Further, Notification No. 71/2017-CT and Notification No. 72/2017 CT both dated 29th December 2017 (superseding Notification No. 57/2017-CT and 58/2017-CT both dated 15th November 2017) have been issued to notify the due dates for filing of outward supply statement in FORM GSTR-1 for various months / quarters (as depicted in the calendar above) by registered persons having aggregate turnover in the previous financial year or current financial year of upto1.5 Crores rupees and above 1.5 Crores rupees respectively. Since, the option of quarterly filing was not available earlier, many taxpayers have already filed their FORM GSTR-1 for the month of July, such taxpayers shall not file these details again and shall only file details for the month of August and September, 2017. For those, who have not filed their FORM GSTR-1 for the month of July, they shall also file their FORM GSTR-1 for the month of August and September, 2017.
- 1.3 It has been further decided that the time period of filing of FORM GSTR-2 and FORM GSTR -3 for the months of July 2017 to March 2018 would be worked out by a Committee of officers and communicated later.
- 1.4 Registered persons opting for Composition scheme are required to file their returns quarterly in FORM GSTR-4. The due date for filing of FORM GSTR-4 for the quarter ending September 2017 has been extended to 24th December 2017 vide Notification No. 59/2017-CT dated 15th November 2017. For the remaining quarters, the last date for filing of FORM GSTR-4 is within eighteen days after the end of such quarter.
- 1.5 It is also clarified that the registered person will self-assess his aggregate turnover in terms of Section 2(6) of the CGST Act, 2017 for the previous financial year or the current financial

year (in case of new registrants). Based on this self-assessed turnover, the registered person with turnover up to Rs. 1.5 Crore will be required to file FORM GSTR-1 on quarterly basis instead of on monthly basis. It is also clarified that the registered person may opt to file FORM GSTR-1 on monthly basis if he so wishes even though his aggregate turnover is up to Rs. 1.5 Crore. Once he falls in this bracket or if he chooses to file return on monthly basis, the registered person will not have the option to change the return filing periodicity for the entire financial year. In cases, where the registered person wrongly reports his aggregate turnover and opts to file FORM GSTR-1 on quarterly basis, he may be liable for punitive action under the CGST Act, 2017.

2. Applicability and quantum of late fee:

- 2.1 The late fee for the months of July, August and September for late filing of FORM GSTR 3B has already been waived off vide Notification No. 28/2017-CT dated 1 st September 2017 and 50/2017-CT dated 24th October 2017.
- 2.2 It has been decided that for subsequent months, i.e. October 2017 onwards, the amount of late fee payable, by a taxpayer whose tax liability for that month was "NIL", will be Rs. 20/per day (Rs. 10/- per day each under CGST & SGST Acts) instead of Rs. 200/- per day (Rs. 100/- per day each under CGST & SGST Acts). For other taxpayers, whose tax liability for that month was not "NIL", late fee payable will be Rs. 50/- per day (Rs. 25/- per day each under CGST & SGST Acts) instead of Rs. 200/- per day (Rs. 100/- per day each under CGST & SGST Acts). Notification No. 64/2017-CT dated 15th November 2017 has already been issued in this regard.

3. Amendment / corrections / rectification of errors:

- 3.1 Various representations have been received wherein registered persons have requested for clarification on the procedure for rectification of errors made while filing their FORM GSTR-3B. In this regard, Circular No. 7/7/2017-GST dated 1st September 2017 was issued which clarified that errors committed while filing FORM GSTR 3B may be rectified while filing FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2 of the same month. Further, in the said circular, it was clarified that the system will automatically reconcile the data submitted in FORM GSTR-3B with FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2, and the variations if any will either be offset against output tax liability or added to the output tax liability of the subsequent months of the registered person.
- 3.2 Since, the GST Council has decided that the time period of filing of FORM GSTR-2 and FORM GSTR -3 for the month of July 2017 to March 2018 would be worked out by a Committee of officers, the system based reconciliation prescribed under <u>Circular No.</u>

<u>7/7/2017-GST dated 1st September 2017</u> can only be operationalized after the relevant notification is issued. The said circular is therefore kept in abeyance till such time.

- 3.3 The common errors while submitting FORM GSTR-3B and the steps needed to be taken to rectify the same are provided in the <u>table annexed</u> herewith. The registered person needs to decide at which stage of filing of FORM GSTR-3B he is currently at and also the error committed by him. The corresponding column in the table provides the steps to be followed by him to rectify such error.
- 4. It is clarified that as return in FORM GSTR-3B do not contain provisions for reporting of differential figures for past month(s), the said figures may be reported on net basis alongwith the values for current month itself in appropriate tables i.e. Table No. 3.1, 3.2, 4 and 5, as the case may be. It may be noted that while making adjustment in the output tax liability or input tax credit, there can be no negative entries in the FORM GSTR-3B. The amount remaining for adjustment, if any, may be adjusted in the return(s) in FORM GSTR3B of subsequent month(s) and, in cases where such adjustment is not feasible, refund may be claimed. Where adjustments have been made in FORM GSTR-3B of multiple months, corresponding adjustments in FORM GSTR-1 should also preferably be made in the corresponding months.
- 5. Where the taxpayer has committed an error in submitting (before offsetting and filing) the information in FORM GSTR-3B, a provision for editing the same has been provided. The facility to edit the information can be used only before offsetting the liability and editing will not be permitted after offsetting the liability. Hence, every care should be taken to ensure the accuracy of the figures before proceeding to offset the liabilities.
- 6. It is further clarified that the information furnished by the registered person in the return in FORM GSTR-3B would be reconciled by the department's system with the information furnished in FORM GSTR-1 and discrepancies, if any, shall be dealt with in accordance with the relevant provisions of the CGST Act, 2017 and rules made thereunder. Detailed instructions regarding reconciliation of information furnished in FORM GSTR-3B with that contained in FORM GSTR-2 and FORM GSTR-3 will be issued in due course of time.

9.3.2.4 Departmental Clarifications - Clarifications on refund related issues- <u>Circular No.</u> 45/19/2018-GST dated 30th May, 2018

The Board vide Circular No. 17/17/2017 – GST dated 15th November 2017, No. 24/24/2017 – GST dated 21st December 2017 and No. 37/11/2018 – GST dated 15th March, 2018 has laid down the procedure for manual filing and processing of different types of refund claims under GST and clarified the exports related refund issues.

2. Representations have been received seeking clarification on certain refund related issues. In order to clarify these issues and with a view to ensure uniformity in the implementation of the provisions of the law 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 (CGST Act for short) hereby clarifies the issues raised as below:

3. Claim for refund filed by an Input Service Distributor, a person paying tax under section 10 or a non-resident taxable person:

- 3.1 Doubts have been raised in case of claims for refund filed by an Input Service Distributor (ISD for short), a person paying tax under section 10 of the CGST Act (composition taxpayer for short)or a non-resident taxable person in light of para 2.0 of Circular No. 24/24/2017-GST dated 21.12.2017 which mandates that the refund claim for a tax period may be filed only after filing the details in FORM GSTR-1 for the said tax period and that it is also to be ensured that a valid return in FORM GSTR-3B has been filed for the last tax period before the one in which the refund application is being filed.
- 3.2 In this regard, attention is invited to sub-section (1) of section 37 of the CGST Act read with rule 59 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017 (CGST Rules for short) which mandates that every registered person, other than an Input Service Distributor or a non-resident taxable person or a person paying tax under the provisions of section 10 or section 51 or section 52, shall furnish the details of outward supplies of goods or services or both effected during a tax period in FORM GSTR-1. Further, as per sub-section (2) of section 39 of the CGST Act read with rule 62 of the CGST Rules, a composition taxpayer is required to furnish the return in FORM GSTR-4; as per sub-section (4) of section 39 of the CGST Act read with rule 65 of the CGST Rules, an ISD is required to furnish the return in FORM GSTR-6 and as per sub-section (5) of section 39 of the CGST Act read with rule 63 of the CGST Rules, a non-resident taxable person is required to furnish the return in FORM GSTR-5.
- 3.3 Thus, it is clarified that in case of a claim for refund of balance in the electronic cash ledger filed by an ISD or a composition taxpayer; and the claim for refund of balance in the electronic cash and/or credit ledger by a non-resident taxable person, the filing of the details in FORM GSTR-1 and the return in FORM GSTR-3B is not mandatory. Instead, the return in FORM GSTR-4 filed by a composition taxpayer, the details in FORM GSTR-6 filed by an ISD and the return in FORM GSTR-5 filed by a non-resident taxable person shall be sufficient for claiming the said refund.

4. Application for refund of integrated tax paid on export of services and supplies made to a Special Economic Zone developer or a Special Economic Zone unit:

4.1 It has been represented that while filing the return in FORM GSTR-3B for a given tax period, certain registered persons committed errors in declaring the export of services on payment of integrated tax or zero rated supplies made to a Special Economic Zone developer or a Special Economic Zone unit on payment of integrated tax. They have shown such supplies in the Table under column 3.1(a) instead of showing them in column 3.1(b) of FORM GSTR-3B whilst they have shown the correct details in Table 6A or 6B of FORM GSTR-1 for the relevant tax period and duly discharged their tax liabilities. Such registered persons are unable to file the refund application in FORM GST RFD-01A for refund of integrated tax paid on the export of services or on supplies made to a SEZ developer or a SEZ unit on the GST common portal because of an in-built validation check in the system which restricts the refund amount claimed (integrated tax/cess) to the amount of integrated tax/cess mentioned under column 3.1(b) of FORM GSTR-3B (zero rated supplies) filed for the corresponding tax period.

4.2 In this regard, it is clarified that for the tax periods commencing from 01.07.2017 to 31.03.2018, such registered persons shall be allowed to file the refund application in FORM GST RFD-01A on the common portal subject to the condition that the amount of refund of integrated tax/cess claimed shall not be more than the aggregate amount of integrated tax/cess mentioned in the Table under columns 3.1(a), 3.1(b) and 3.1(c) of FORM GSTR-3B filed for the corresponding tax period.

5. Refund of unutilized input tax credit of compensation cess availed on inputs in cases where the final product is not subject to the levy of compensation cess:

- 5.1 Doubts have been raised whether an exporter is eligible to claim refund of unutilized input tax credit of compensation cess paid on inputs, where the final product is not leviable to compensation cess. For instance, cess is levied on coal, which is an input for the manufacture of aluminum products, whereas cess is not levied on aluminum products.
- 5.2 In this regard, section 16(2) of the Integrated Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (IGST Act for short) states that, subject to the provisions of section 17(5) of the CGST Act, credit of input tax may be availed for making zero rated supplies. Further, as per section 8 of the Goods and Services Tax (Compensation to States) Act, 2017, (hereafter referred to as the Cess Act), all goods and services specified in the Schedule to the Cess Act are leviable to cess under the Cess Act; and vide section 11 (2) of the Cess Act, section 16 of the IGST Act is mutatis mutandis made applicable to inter-State supplies of all such goods and services. Thus, it implies that all supplies of such goods and services are zero rated under the Cess Act. Moreover, as section 17(5) of the CGST Act does not restrict the availment of input tax credit of compensation cess on coal, it is clarified that a registered person making zero rated supply of aluminum products under bond or LUT may claim refund of unutilized credit including that of compensation cess paid on coal.
- 5.3 Such registered persons may also make zero-rated supply of aluminum products on payment of integrated tax but they cannot utilize the credit of the compensation cess paid on coal for payment of integrated tax in view of the proviso to section 11(2) of the Cess Act, which allows the utilization of the input tax credit of cess, only for the payment of cess on the outward supplies. Accordingly, they cannot claim refund of compensation cess in case of zero-rated supply on payment of integrated tax.

6. Whether bond or Letter of Undertaking (LUT) is required in the case of zero rated supply of exempted or non-GST goods and whether refund can be claimed by the exporter of exempted or non-GST goods?

- 6.1 As per section 16(2) of the IGST Act, credit of input tax may be availed for making zero rated supplies, notwithstanding that such supply is an exempt supply. Whereas, as per section 2 (47) of the CGST Act, exempt supply includes non-taxable supply. Further, as per section 16(3) of the IGST Act, a registered person making zero rated supply shall be eligible to claim refund when he either makes supply of goods or services or both under bond or letter of undertaking (LUT) or makes such supply on payment of integrated tax.
- 6.2 However, in case of zero rated supply of exempted or non-GST goods, the requirement for furnishing a bond or LUT cannot be insisted upon. It is thus, clarified that in respect of refund claims on account of export of non-GST and exempted goods without payment of integrated tax; LUT/bond is not required. Such registered persons exporting non-GST goods shall comply with the requirements prescribed under the existing law (i.e. Central Excise Act, 1944 or the VAT law of the respective State) or under the Customs Act, 1962, if any.

- 6.3 Further, the exporter would be eligible for refund of unutilized input tax credit of central tax, state tax, union territory tax, integrated tax and compensation cess in such cases.
- 7. What is the scope of the restriction imposed by rule 96(10) of the CGST Rules, regarding non-availment of the benefit of notification Nos. 48/2017-Central Tax dated the 18.10.2017, 40/2017-Central Tax (Rate) dated 23.10.2017, 41/2017-Integrated Tax (Rate) dated 23.10.2017, 78/2017-Customs dated 13.10.2017 or 79/2017-Customs dated 13.10.2017?
- 7.1 Sub-rule (10) of rule 96 of the CGST Rules seeks to prevent an exporter, who is receiving goods from suppliers availing the benefit of certain specified notifications under which they supply goods without payment of tax or at reduced rate of tax, from exporting goods under payment of integrated tax. This is to ensure that the exporter does not utilise the input tax credit availed on other domestic supplies received for making the payment of integrated tax on export of goods.
- 7.2 However, the said restriction is not applicable to an exporter who has procured goods from suppliers who have not availed the benefits of the specified notifications for making their outward supplies. Further, the said restriction is also not applicable to an exporter who has procured goods from suppliers who have, in turn, received goods from registered persons availing the benefits of these notifications since the exporter did not directly procure these goods without payment of tax or at reduced rate of tax.
- 7.3 Thus, the restriction under sub-rule (10) of rule 96 of the CGST Rules is only applicable to those exporters who are directly receiving goods from those suppliers who are availing the benefit under notification No. 48/2017-Central Tax dated the 18th October, 2017, notification No. 40/2017-Central Tax (Rate) dated the 23rd October, 2017, or notification No. 41/2017-Integrated Tax (Rate) dated the 23rd October, 2017 or notification No. 78/2017- Customs dated the 13th October, 2017 or notification No. 79/2017-Customs dated the 13th October, 2017.
- 7.4 Further, there might be a scenario where a manufacturer might have imported capital goods by availing the benefit of Notification No. 78/2017-Customs dated 13.10.2017 or 79/2017-Customs dated 13.10.2017. Thereafter, goods manufactured from such capital goods may be supplied to an exporter. It is hereby clarified that this restriction does not apply to such inward supplies of an exporter.

9.3.2.5 Departmental Clarifications - Processing of Applications for Cancellation of Registration submitted in FORM GST REG-16- <u>Circular No. 69/43/2018-GST dated 26th</u> <u>October, 2018</u>

The Board is in receipt of representations seeking clarifications on various issues in relation to processing of the applications for cancellation of registration filed by taxpayers in FORM GST REG-16. In order to clarify these issues and to ensure uniformity in the implementation of the provisions of law 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 the "CGST Act"), hereby clarifies the issues as detailed hereunder:

- 2. Section 29 of the CGST Act, read with rule 20 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (hereinafter referred to as the "CGST Rules") provides that a taxpayer can apply for cancellation of registration in FORM GST REG-16 in the following circumstances:
- a. Discontinuance of business or closure of business;
- b. Transfer of business on account of amalgamation, merger, de-merger, sale, lease or otherwise;
- c. Change in constitution of business leading to change in PAN;
- d. Taxable person (including those who have taken voluntary registration) is no longer liable to be registered under GST;
- e. Death of sole proprietor;
- f. Any other reason (to be specified in the application).
- 3. Rule 20 of the CGST Rules provides that the taxpayer applying for cancellation of registration shall submit the application in FORM GST REG-16 on the common portal within a period of 30 days of the "occurrence of the event warranting the cancellation". It might be difficult in some cases to exactly identify or pinpoint the day on which such an event occurs. For instance, a business may be transferred/disposed over a period of time in a piece meal fashion. In such cases, the 30-day deadline may be liberally interpreted and the taxpayers" application for cancellation of registration may not be rejected because of the possible violation of the deadline.
- 4. While initiating the application for cancellation of registration in FORM GST REG16, the Common portal captures the following information which has to be mandatorily filled in by the applicant:
- a) Address for future correspondence with mobile number and email address;
- b) Reason for cancellation;
- c) Date from which cancellation is sought;
- d) Details of the value and the input tax/tax payable on the stock of inputs, inputs contained in semi-finished goods, inputs contained in finished goods, stock of capital goods/plant and machinery;
- e) In case of transfer, merger of business, etc., particulars of registration of the entity in which the existing unit has been merged, amalgamated, or transferred (including the copy of the order of the High Court / transfer deed);
- f) Details of the last return filed by the taxpayer along with the ARN of such return filed.

On successful submission of the cancellation application, the same appears on the dashboard of the jurisdictional officer.

5. Since the cancellation of registration has no effect on the liability of the taxpayer for any acts of commission/omission committed before or after the date of cancellation, the proper officer should accept all such applications within a period of 30 days from the date of filing the application, except in the following circumstances:

- a) The application in FORM GST REG-16 is incomplete, i.e. where all the relevant particulars, as detailed in para 4 above, have not been entered;
- b) In case of transfer, merger or amalgamation of business, the new entity in which the applicant proposes to amalgamate or merge has not got registered with the tax authority before submission of the application for cancellation.

In all cases other than those listed at (a) and (b) above, the application for cancellation of registration should be immediately accepted by the proper officer and the order for cancellation should be issued in FORM GST REG-19 with the effective date of cancellation being the same as the date from which the applicant has sought cancellation in FORM GST REG-16. In any case the effective date cannot be a date earlier to the date of application for the same.

- 6. In situations referred to in (a) or (b) in para 5 above, the proper officer shall inform the applicant in writing about the nature of the discrepancy and give a time period of seven working days to the taxpayer, from the date of receipt of the said letter, to reply. If no reply is received within the specified period of seven working days, the proper officer may reject the application on the system, after giving the applicant an opportunity to be heard, recording reasons for rejection in the dialog box that opens once the "Reject" button is chosen. If reply to the query is received and the same on examination is found satisfactory, the Proper Officer may approve the application for cancellation and proceed to cancel the registration by issuing an order in FORM GST REG-19. If reply to the query is found to be not satisfactory, the Proper Officer may reject the application for cancellation on the system, after giving the applicant an opportunity to be heard. The Proper Officer must also record his reasons for rejection of the application in the dialog box that opens when the "Reject" button is chosen.
- 7. Section 45 of the CGST Act requires every registered person (other than an Input Service Distributor or a non-resident taxable person or a person paying tax under the provisions of section 10 or section 51 or section 52) whose registration has been cancelled, to file a final return in FORM GSTR-10, within three months of the effective date of cancellation or the date of order of cancellation, whichever is later. The purpose of the final return is to ensure that the taxpayer discharges any liability that he/she may have incurred under sub-section (5) of the section 29 of the CGST Act. It may be noted that the last date for furnishing of FORM GSTR-10 by those taxpayers whose registration has been cancelled on or before 30.09.2018 has been extended till 31.12.2018 vide notification No. 58/2018 Central Tax dated the 26th October, 2018.
- 8. Further, sub-section (5) of section 29 of the CGST Act, read with rule 20 of the CGST Rules states that the taxpayer seeking cancellation of registration shall have to pay, by way of debiting either the electronic credit or cash ledger, the input tax contained in the stock of inputs, semi-finished goods, finished goods and capital goods or the output tax payable on such goods, whichever is higher. For the purpose of this calculation, the stock of inputs, semi-finished goods, finished goods and capital goods shall be taken as on the day immediately preceding the date with effect from which the cancellation has been ordered by the proper officer i.e. the date of cancellation of registration. However, it is clarified that this requirement to debit the electronic credit and/or cash ledger by suitable amounts should not be a prerequisite for applying for cancellation of registration. This can also be done at the time of submission of final return in FORM GSTR-10. In any case, once the taxpayer submits the application for cancellation of his/her registration from a specified date, he/she will not be able to utilize any remaining balances in his/her electronic credit/cash ledgers from the said date except for discharging liabilities under GST Act upto the date of filing of final return in FORM GSTR-10. Therefore, the requirement to reverse the balance in the electronic credit ledger is

automatically met. In case it is later determined that the output tax liability of the taxpayer, as determined under sub-section (5) of section 29 of the CGST Act, was greater than the amount of input tax credit available, then the difference shall be paid by him/her in cash. It is reiterated that, as stated in sub-section (3) of section 29 of the CGST Act, the cancellation of registration does not, in any way, affect the liability of the taxpayer to pay any dues under the GST law, irrespective of whether such dues have been determined before or after the date of cancellation.

- 9. In case the final return in FORM GSTR-10 is not filed within the stipulated date, then notice in FORM GSTR-3A has to be issued to the taxpayer. If the taxpayer still fails to file the final return within 15 days of the receipt of notice in FORM GSTR-3A, then an assessment order in FORM GST ASMT-13 under section 62 of the CGST Act read with rule 100 of the CGST Rules shall have to be issued to determine the liability of the taxpayer under sub-section (5) of section 29 on the basis of information available with the proper officer. If the taxpayer files the final return within 30 days of the date of service of the order in FORM GST ASMT-13, then the said order shall be deemed to have been withdrawn. However, the liability for payment of interest and late fee shall continue.
- 10. Rule 68 of the CGST Rules requires issuance of notices to registered persons who fail to furnish returns under section 39 (FORM GSTR-1, FORM GSTR-3B and FORM GSTR-4), section 44 (Annual Return FORM GSTR-9 / FORM GSTR-9A / FORM GSTR-9C), section 45 (Final Return FORM GSTR-10) or section 52 (TCS Return FORM GSTR-6). It is clarified that issuance of notice would not be required for registered persons who have not made any taxable supplies during the intervening period (i.e. from the date of registration to the date of application for cancellation of registration) and has furnished an undertaking to this effect.
- 11. It is pertinent to mention here that section 29 of the CGST Act has been amended by the CGST (Amendment) Act, 2018 to provide for "Suspension" of registration. The intent of the said amendment is to ensure that a taxpayer is freed from the routine compliances, including filing returns, under GST Act during the pendency of the proceedings related to cancellation. Although the provisions of CGST (Amendment) Act, 2018 have not yet been brought into force, it will be prudent for the field formations not to issue notices for nonfiling of return for taxpayers who have already filed an application for cancellation of registration under section 29 of the CGST Act. However, the requirement of filing a final return, as under section 45 of the CGST Act, remains unchanged.
- 12. It may be noted that the information in table in FORM GST REG-19 shall be taken from the liability ledger and the difference between the amounts in Table 10 and Table 11 of FORM GST REG-16.

9.3.2.6 Departmental Clarifications - Standard Operating Procedure to be followed in case of non-filers of returns - <u>Circular No. 129/48/2019 - GST dated 24th December, 2019</u>.

Doubts have been raised across the field formations in respect of the appropriate procedure to be followed in case of non-furnishing of return under section 39 or section 44 or section 45 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (hereinafter referred to as the "CGST Act"). It has further been brought to the notice that divergent practices are being followed in case of non-furnishing of the said returns.

- 2. The matter has been examined. In order to clarify the issue and to ensure uniformity in the implementation of the provisions of the law across field formations, the Board, in exercise of its powers conferred by section 168 (1) of the CGST Act, hereby issues the following clarifications and guidelines.
- 3. Section 46 of the CGST Act read with rule 68 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017 (hereinafter referred to as the "CGST Rules") requires issuance of a notice in FORM GSTR-3A to a registered person who fails to furnish return under section 39 or section 44 or section 45 (hereinafter referred to as the "defaulter") requiring him to furnish such return within fifteen days. Further section 62 provides for assessment of non-filers of return of registered persons who fails to furnish return under section 39 or section 45 even after service of notice under section 46. FORM GSTR-3A provides as under:

"Notice to return defaulter u/s 46 for not filing return

Tax Period - Type of Return -

Being a registered taxpayer, you are required to furnish return for the supplies made or received and to discharge resultant tax liability for the aforesaid tax period by due date. It has been noticed that you have not filed the said return till date.

- 1. You are, therefore, requested to furnish the said return within 15 days failing which the tax liability may be assessed u/s 62 of the Act, based on the relevant material available with this office. Please note that in addition to tax so assessed, you will also be liable to pay interest and penalty as per provisions of the Act.
- 2. Please note that no further communication will be issued for assessing the liability.
- 3. The notice shall be deemed to have been withdrawn in case the return referred above, is filed by you before issue of the assessment order. "

As such, no separate notice is required to be issued for best judgment assessment under section 62 and in case of failure to file return within 15 days of issuance of FORM GSTR3A, the best judgment assessment in FORM ASMT-13 can be issued without any further communication.

- 4. Following guidelines are hereby prescribed to ensure uniformity in the implementation of the provisions of law across the field formations:
- (i) Preferably, a system generated message would be sent to all the registered persons 3 days before the due date to nudge them about filing of the return for the tax period by the due date.
- (ii) Once the due date for furnishing the return under section 39 is over, a system generated mail / message would be sent to all the defaulters immediately after the due date to the effect that the said registered person has not furnished his return for the said tax period; the said mail/message is to be sent to the authorized signatory as well as the proprietor/partner/director/karta, etc.
- (iii) Five days after the due date of furnishing the return, a notice in FORM GSTR-3A (under section 46 of the CGST Act read with rule 68 of the CGST Rules) shall be issued electronically to such registered person who fails to furnish return under section 39, requiring him to furnish such return within fifteen days;
- (iv) In case the said return is still not filed by the defaulter within 15 days of the said notice, the proper officer may proceed to assess the tax liability of the said person under section 62

of the CGST Act, to the best of his judgement taking into account all the relevant material which is available or which he has gathered and would issue order under rule 100 of the CGST Rules in FORM GST ASMT-13. The proper officer would then be required to upload the summary thereof in FORM GST DRC07;

- (v) For the purpose of assessment of tax liability under section 62 of the CGST Act, the proper officer may take into account the details of outward supplies available in the statement furnished under section 37 (FORM GSTR-1), details of supplies auto populated in FORM GSTR-2A, information available from e-way bills, or any other information available from any other source, including from inspection under section 71;
- (vi)In case the defaulter furnishes a valid return within thirty days of the service of assessment order in FORM GST ASMT-13, the said assessment order shall be deemed to have been withdrawn in terms of provision of sub-section (2) of section 62 of the CGST Act. However, if the said return remains unfurnished within the statutory period of 30 days from issuance of order in FORM ASMT-13, then proper officer may initiate proceedings under section 78 and recovery under section 79 of the CGST Act;
- 5. Above general guidelines may be followed by the proper officer in case of non furnishing of return. In deserving cases, based on the facts of the case, the Commissioner may resort to provisional attachment to protect revenue under section 83 of the CGST Act before issuance of FORM GST ASMT-13. 6. Further, the proper officer would initiate action under sub-section (2) of section 29 of the CGST Act for cancellation of registration in cases where the return has not been furnished for the period specified in section 29.

9.3.2.7 Departmental Clarifications - 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) - <u>Circular No. 136/06/2020-GST dated 3rd April, 2020</u>

The spread of Novel Corona Virus (COVID-19) across many countries of the world, including India, has caused immense loss to the lives of people and resultantly impacted the trade and industry. In view of the emergent situation and challenges faced by taxpayers in meeting the compliance requirements under various provisions of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (hereinafter referred to as the "CGST Act"), Government has announced various relief measures relating to statutory and regulatory compliance matters across sectors.

2. Government has issued following notifications in order to provide relief to the taxpayers:

S. No.	Notification	Remarks
1.	30/2020- Central	Amendment in the CGST Rules so as to allow taxpayers opting for the Composition Scheme for the financial year 2020-21 to file their option in FORM CMP-02 till 30th June, 2020 and to allow cumulative application of the condition in rule 36(4) for the months of February, 2020 to August, 2020 in the return for tax period of September, 2020.

2.	entral dated	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 is notified for those registered persons having aggregate turnover above Rs. 5 Crore and NIL rate of interest is notified for those registered persons having aggregate turnover below Rs. 5 Crore in the preceding financial year, for the tax periods of February, 2020 to April, 2020. This lower rate of interest shall be subject to condition that due tax is paid by filing return in FORM GSTR-3B by the date(s) as specified in the Notification.
3.	 entral	Notification under section 128 of CGST Act for waiver of late fee for delay in furnishing returns in FORM GSTR-3B for the tax periods of February, 2020 to April, 2020 provided the return in FORM GSTR-3B by the date as specified in the Notification.
4.	entral	Notification under section 128 of CGST Act for waiver of late fee for delay in furnishing the statement of outward supplies in FORM GSTR-1 for taxpayers for the tax periods March, 2020 to May, 2020 and for quarter ending 31st March 2020 if the same are furnished on or before 30th day of June, 2020.
5.	entral dated	Extension of due date of furnishing statement, containing the details of payment of self-assessed tax in FORM GST CMP- 08 for the quarter ending 31st March, 2020 till the 7th day of July, 2020 and filing FORM GSTR-4 for the financial year ending 31st March, 2020 till the 15th day of July, 2020.
6.	 entral	Notification under section 168A of CGST Act for extending due date of compliance which falls during the period from the 20th day of March, 2020 to the 29th day of June, to 30th day of June, 2020.

3. Various issues relating to above mentioned notifications have been examined. 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 each of these issues as under:-

S No		Clarification
1	measures that	1. The said class of taxpayers, as per the notification No. 34/2020-Central Tax, dated 03.04.2020, have been allowed, to, —
	have been specifically taken for taxpayers who have opted to pay	in FORM GST CMP-08 for the quarter January to March, 2020 by
	tax under section 10 the CGST Act or those availing	(ii) furnish the return in FORM GSTR-4 for the financial year 2019-20 by 15.07.2020.

	tax under the notification No. 02/2019- Central Tax (Rate), dated the 7th March, 2019?	2. In addition to the above, taxpayers opting for the composition scheme for the financial year 2020-21, have been allowed, as per the notification No. 30/2020- Central Tax, dated 03.04.2020, to, — (i) file an intimation in FORM GST CMP-02 by 30.06.2020; and (ii) furnish the statement in FORM GST ITC-03 till 31.07.2020.
2.	of furnishing FORM GSTR-3B for the months of February, March and April, 2020	 The due dates for furnishing FORM GSTR-3B for the months of February, March and April, 2020 has not been extended through any of the notifications referred in para 2 above. However, as per notification No. 31/2020- Central Tax, dated 03.04.2020, NIL rate of interest for first 15 days after the due date of filing return in FORM GSTR-3B and reduced rate of interest @ 9% thereafter has been notified for those registered persons whose aggregate turnover in the preceding financial year is above Rs. 5 Crore. For those registered persons having turnover up to Rs. 5 Crore in the preceding financial year, NIL rate of interest has also been notified. Further, vide notification as per the notification No. 32/2020- Central Tax, dated 03.04.2020, Government has waived the late fees for delay in furnishing the return in FORM GSTR-3B for the months of February, March and April, 2020. The lower rate of interest and waiver of late fee would be available only if due tax is paid by filing return in FORM GSTR-3B by the date(s) as specified in the Notification.
3.	conditions attached for	before 24th day of June. 2020.
	the interest for late payment of tax for the months of February, March	

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	turnover in preceding financial year is above Rs. 5 Crore?	No.	Date of filing GSTR-3B	No. of days of delay	Whether condition for reduced interest is fulfilled?	Interest
		1	02.05.2020	11	Yes	Zero interest
		2	20.05.2020	30	Yes	Zero interest for 15 days + interest rate @9% p.a. for 15 days
		3	20.06.2020	61	Yes	Zero interest for 15 days + interest rate @9% p.a. for 46 days
		4	24.06.2020	65	Yes	Zero interest for 15 days + interest rate @9% p.a. for 50 days
		5	30.06.2020	71	NO	Interest rate @18% p.a. for 71 days (i.e. no benefit of reduced interest)
	conditions attached for availing the NIL rate of interest for the months of	rema said 2. Tregis before Tax, 3. In the conshall returnentry	tins unchanged months. The conditions tered person in the date as a dated 03.04.20 case the return late mentioned in is filed as expension is filed as expension and the charged from the charge	for availinust furnimentioned 220. In the noon the duraged in regular lar	of interest hat no the NIL resh the returns d in the notification then e date of returns the illustration the fee shall also	ate for furnishing the return is been notified as Nil for the late of interest is that the sin FORM GSTR-3B on or lation No. 31/2020- Central late not furnished on or before interest at 18% per annum in, till the date on which the late sl.no (4) above, against to be leviable for such delay
6.	date of furnishing the statement of outward supplies in FORM GSTR-1 under section 37	notifi levial state the ta 31st June	cation No. 33, ble under secti ment of outwar ax periods Marc	/2020- C on 47 has d supplies ch, 2020,	entral Tax, destination description des sense de des de la companyation de la companyatio	he CGST Act, in terms of lated 03.04.2020, late feed for delay in furnishing the STR-1 under Section 37, for ay, 2020 and quarter ending on or before the 30th day of
7.	Whether restriction under					dated 03.04.2020, a proviso to provide that the said

	CGST Rules would apply during the	condition shall not apply to input tax credit availed by the registered persons in the returns in FORM GSTR-3B for the months of February, March, April, May, June, July and August, 2020, but that the said condition shall apply cumulatively for the said period and that the return in FORM GSTR-3B for the tax period of September, 2020 shall be furnished with cumulative adjustment of input tax credit for the said months in accordance with the condition under rule 36(4).
8.	status of e-way bills which have expired during the	In terms of notification No. 35/2020- Central Tax, dated 03.04.2020, Issued under the provisions of 168A of the CGST Act, where the validity of an e-way bill generated under rule 138 of the CGST Rules expires during the period 20th day of March, 2020 to 15th day of April, 2020, the validity period of such e-way bill has been extended till the 30th day of April, 2020.
9.	measures that have been specifically taken for taxpayers who	Under the provisions of section 168A of the CGST Act, in terms of notification No. 35/2020- Central Tax, dated 03.04.2020, the said class of taxpayers have been allowed to furnish the respective returns specified in sub-sections (3), (4) and (5) of section 39 of the said Act, for the months of March, 2020 to May, 2020 on or before the 30th day of June, 2020.
10.	measures that have been specifically taken	Under the provisions of section 168A of the CGST Act, in terms of notification No. 35/2020- Central Tax, dated 03.04.2020, the said class of taxpayers have been allowed to furnish the statement specified in section 52, for the months of March, 2020 to May, 2020 on or before the 30th day of June, 2020.
11.	compliance of some of the provisions of the CGST Act is falling during the	Vide notification No. 35/2020- Central Tax, dated 03.04.2020, issued under the provisions of 168A of the CGST Act, except for few provisions covered in exclusion clause, any time limit for completion or compliance of any action which falls during the period from the 20th day of March, 2020 to the 29th day of June, 2020, and where completion or compliance of such action has not been made within such time, has been extended to 30th day of June, 2020.

9.3.2.8 Departmental Clarifications - Mandatory furnishing of correct and proper information of inter-State supplies and amount of ineligible/blocked Input Tax Credit

and reversal thereof in return in FORM GSTR-3B and statement in FORM GSTR-1-Circular No. 170/02/2022-GST dated 6th July, 2022

The process of return filing has been simplified over a period of time. With effect from December 2020, FORM GSTR-3B is getting auto-generated on the portal by way of autopopulation of input tax credit (ITC) from FORM GSTR-2B (auto-generated inward supply statement) and auto-population of liabilities from FORM GSTR-1 (Outward supply statement), with an editing facility to the registered person. However, it has been observed that there still are some infirmities in information being furnished by the registered person in relation to inter-State supplies effected to unregistered person, registered person paying tax under section 10 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (composition taxable persons) and UIN holders. Also, there appears to be lack of clarity regarding reporting of information about reversal of Input Tax Credit (hereinafter referred to as the "ITC") as well as ineligible ITC in Table 4 of FORM GSTR-3B.

2. It is desirable that correct reporting of information is done by the registered person in FORM GSTR-3B and FORM GSTR-1 so as to ensure correct accountal and accurate settlement of funds between the Central and State Governments. Accordingly, in order to ensure uniformity in return filing, the Board, in exercise of its powers conferred under subsection (1) of section 168 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (hereinafter referred to as the "CGST Act"), hereby clarifies various issues in succeeding paragraphs.

3. Furnishing of information regarding inter-State supplies made to unregistered persons, composition taxable persons and UIN holders:

- 3.1 It has been noticed that a number of registered persons are not reporting the correct details of inter-State supplies made to unregistered persons, to registered person paying tax under section 10 of the CGST Act (composition taxable persons) and to UIN holders, as required to be declared in Table 3.2 of FORM GSTR-3B, under the notion that the taxable value of the same along with tax payable has already been reported in Table 3.1 of the said FORM. In certain cases, it has also been noticed that the address of unregistered person are captured incorrectly by the supplier, especially those belonging to banking, insurance, finance, stock broking, telecom, digital payment facilitators, OTT platform services providers and Ecommerce operators, leading to wrong declaration of Place of Supply (PoS) in both the invoices issued under section 31 of the CGST Act, as well as in Table 3.2 of FORM GSTR3B.
- 3.2 In this context, it may be noted that the information sought in Table 3.2 of FORM GSTR-3B is required to be furnished, place of supply-wise, even though the details of said supplies are already part of the supplies declared in Table 3.1 of the said FORM. For assisting the registered persons, Table 3.2 of FORM GSTR-3B is being auto-populated on the portal based on the details furnished by them in their FORM GSTR-1.
- 3.3 Accordingly, it is hereby advised that the registered persons making inter-State supplies
 - (i) to the unregistered persons, shall also report the details of such supplies, place of supply-wise, in Table 3.2 of FORM GSTR-3B and Table 7B or Table 5 or Table 9/10 of FORM GSTR-1, as the case may be;
 - (ii) to the registered persons paying tax under section 10 of the SGST/CGST Act (composition taxable persons) and to UIN holders, shall also report the details of such

supplies, place of supply-wise, in Table 3.2 of FORM GSTR-3B and Table 4A or 4C or 9 of FORM GSTR-1, as the case may be, as mandated by the law.

- (iii) shall update their customer database properly with correct State name and ensure that correct PoS is declared in the tax invoice and in Table 3.2 of FORM GSTR-3B while filing their return, so that tax reaches the Consumption State as per the principles of destination-based taxation system.
- 3.4 It is further advised that any amendment carried out in Table 9 or Table 10 of FORM GSTR-1 or any entry in Table 11 of FORM GSTR-1 relating to such supplies should also be given effect to while reporting the figures in Table 3.2 of FORM GSTR-3B.

4. Furnishing of information regarding ITC availed, reversal thereof and ineligible ITC in Table 4 of GSTR-3B

- 4.1 Table 4(A) of the FORM GSTR-3B is getting auto-populated from various entries of FORM GSTR-2B. However, various reversals of ITC on account of rule 42 and 43 of the CGST Rules or for any other reasons are required to be made by the registered person, on his own ascertainment, in Table 4(B) of the said FORM. It has been observed that different practices are being followed to report ineligible ITC as well as various reversals of ITC in FORM GSTR-3B.
- 4.2 It may be noted that the amount of Net ITC Available as per Table 4(C) of FORM GSTR-3B gets credited into the electronic credit ledger (ECL) of the registered person. Therefore, it is important that any reversal of ITC or any ITC which is ineligible under any provision of the CGST Act should not be part of Net ITC Available in Table 4(C) and accordingly, should not get credited into the ECL of the registered person.
- 4.3 In this context, it is pertinent to mention that the facility of static month-wise autodrafted statement in FORM GSTR-2B for all registered persons has been introduced from August, 2020. The statement provides invoice-wise total details of ITC available to the registered person including the details of the ITC on account of import of goods. Further, details of the said statement are auto-populated in Table 4 of return in FORM GSTR-3B which are editable in the hands of registered person. It may be noted that the entire set of data that is available in FORM GSTR-2B is carried to the table 4 in FORM GSTR-3B, except for the details regarding ITC that is not available to the registered person either on account of limitation of time period as delineated in sub-section (4) of section 16 of the CGST Act or where the recipient of an intra-State supply is located in a different State / UT than that of place of supply. It is pertinent to mention that the ineligible ITC, which was earlier not part of calculation of eligible/available ITC, is now part of calculation of eligible/available ITC in view of auto-population of Table 4(A) of FORM GTSR-3B from various tables of FORM GTSR-2B. Thereafter, the registered person is required to identify ineligible ITC as well as the reversal of ITC to arrive at the Net ITC available, which is to be credited to the ECL. In light of the above, the procedure to be followed by registered person is being detailed hereunder for correct reporting of information in the return:

A. Total ITC (eligible as well as ineligible) is being auto-populated from statement in FORM GSTR-2B in different fields of Table 4A of FORM GSTR-3B (except for the ineligible ITC on account of limitation of time period as delineated in subsection (4) of section 16 of the CGST Act or where the recipient of an intra-State supply is located in a different State / UT than that of place of supply).

- B. Registered person will report reversal of ITC, which are absolute in nature and are not reclaimable, such as on account of rule 38 (reversal of credit by a banking company or a financial institution), rule 42 (reversal on input and input services on account of supply of exempted goods or services), rule 43 (reversal on capital goods on account of supply of exempted goods or services) of the CGST Rules and for reporting ineligible ITC under section 17(5) of the CGST Act in Table 4 (B) (1).
- C. Registered person will report reversal of ITC, which are not permanent in nature and can be reclaimed in future subject to fulfilment of specific conditions, such as on account of rule 37 of CGST Rules (non-payment of consideration to supplier within 180 days), section 16(2)(b) and section 16(2)(c) of the CGST Act in Table 4 (B) (2). Such ITC may be reclaimed in Table 4(A)(5) on fulfilment of necessary conditions. Further, all such reclaimed ITC shall also be shown in Table 4(D)(1). Table 4 (B) (2) may also be used by registered person for reversal of any ITC availed in Table 4(A) in previous tax periods because of some inadvertent mistake.
- D. Therefore, the net ITC Available will be calculated in Table 4 (C) which is as per the formula **(4A [4B (1) + 4B (2)])** and same will be credited to the ECL of the registered person.
- E. As the details of ineligible ITC under section 17(5) are being provided in Table 4(B), no further details of such ineligible ITC will be required to be provided in Table 4(D)(1).
- F. ITC not available, on account of limitation of time period as delineated in subsection (4) of section 16 of the CGST Act or where the recipient of an intraState supply is located in a different State / UT than that of place of supply, may be reported by the registered person in Table 4D (2). Such details are available in Table 4 of FORM GSTR-2B.
- 4.4 Accordingly, it is clarified that the reversal of ITC of ineligible credit under section 17(5) or any other provisions of the CGST Act and rules thereunder is required to be made under Table 4(B) and not under Table 4(D) of FORM GSTR3B.

9.3.2.9 Departmental Clarifications - Clarification to deal with difference in Input Tax Credit (ITC) availed in FORM GSTR-3B as compared to that detailed in FORM GSTR-2A for FY 2017-18 and 2018-19- Circular No. 183/15/2022-GST dated 27th December, 2022

Section 16 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (hereinafter referred to as "CGST Act") provides for eligibility and conditions for availing Input Tax Credit (ITC). During the initial period of implementation of GST, during the financial years 2017-18 and 2018-19, in many cases, the suppliers have failed to furnish the correct details of outward supplies in their FORM GSTR-1, which has led to certain deficiencies or discrepancies in FORM GSTR-2A of their recipients. However, the concerned recipients may have availed input tax credit on the said supplies in their returns in FORM GSTR-3B. The discrepancies between the amount of ITC availed by the registered persons in their returns in FORM GSTR3B and the amount as available in their FORM GSTR-2A are being noticed by the tax officers during proceedings such as scrutiny/ audit/ investigation etc. due to such credit not flowing to FORM GSTR-2A of the said registered persons. Such discrepancies are considered by the tax officers as representing ineligible ITC availed by the registered persons, and are being flagged seeking explanation from the registered persons for such discrepancies and/or for reversal of such ineligible ITC.

- 2. It is mentioned that FORM GSTR-2A could not be made available to the taxpayers on the common portal during the initial stages of implementation of GST. Further, restrictions regarding availment of ITC by the registered persons upto certain specified limit beyond the ITC available as per FORM GSTR-2A were provided under rule 36(4) of Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017 (hereinafter referred to as "CGST Rules") only with effect from 9th October 2019. However, the availability of ITC was subjected to restrictions and conditions specified in Section 16 of CGST Act from 1st July, 2017 itself. In view of this, various representations have been received from the trade as well as the tax authorities, seeking clarification regarding the manner of dealing with such discrepancies between the amount of ITC availed by the registered persons in their FORM GSTR-3B and the amount as available in their FORM GSTR-2A during FY 2017-18 and FY 2018-19.
- 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 as follows:

SI. No.	Scenario	Clarification
a.	GSTR-1 for a tax period but has filed the return in FORM GSTR-3B for said tax period, due to which the supplies made in	In such cases, the difference in ITC claimed by the registered person in his return in FORM GSTR-3B and that available in FORM GSTR-2A may be handled by following the procedure provided in para 4 below.
b.	1 as well as return in FORM GSTR-3B for a tax period, but has failed to report a particular supply in FORM GSTR-1, due to	
C.	person and invoice is issued as per Rule 46 of CGST Rules containing GSTIN of the recipient, but supplier has wrongly reported	following the procedure provided in para 4 below.

Where the supplier has filed FORM GSTR-In such cases, the difference in ITC claimed GSTR-1.

1 as well as return in FORM GSTR-3B for a by the registered person in his return in tax period, but he has declared the supply FORM GSTR-3B and that available in with wrong GSTIN of the recipient in **FORM** FORM GSTR-2A may be handled by following the procedure provided in para 4

> In addition, the proper officer of the actual recipient shall intimate the concerned jurisdictional tax authority of the registered person, whose GSTIN has been mentioned wrongly, that ITC on those transactions is required to be disallowed, if claimed by such recipients in their FORM GSTR-3B. However, allowance of ITC to the actual recipient shall not depend on the completion of the action by the tax authority of such registered person, whose GSTIN has been mentioned wrongly, and such action will be pursued as an independent action.

- 4. The proper officer shall first seek the details from the registered person regarding all the invoices on which ITC has been availed by the registered person in his FORM GSTR 3B but which are not reflecting in his FORM GSTR 2A. He shall then ascertain fulfillment of the following conditions of Section 16 of CGST Act in respect of the input tax credit availed on such invoices by the said registered person:
 - i) that he is in possession of a tax invoice or debit note issued by the supplier or such other tax paying documents;
 - ii) that he has received the goods or services or both;
 - iii) that he has made payment for the amount towards the value of supply, along with tax payable thereon, to the supplier.

Besides, the proper officer shall also check whether any reversal of input tax credit is required to be made in accordance with section 17 or section 18 of CGST Act and also whether the said input tax credit has been availed within the time period specified under sub-section (4) of section 16 of CGST Act.

- 4.1 In order to verify the condition of clause (c) of sub-section (2) of Section 16 of CGST Act that tax on the said supply has been paid by the supplier, the following action may be taken by the proper officer:
- 4.1.1 In case, where difference between the ITC claimed in FORM GSTR-3B and that available in FORM GSTR 2A of the registered person in respect of a supplier for the said financial year exceeds Rs 5 lakh, the proper officer shall ask the registered person to produce a certificate for the concerned supplier from the Chartered Accountant (CA) or the Cost Accountant (CMA), certifying that supplies in respect of the said invoices of supplier have actually been made by the supplier to the said registered person and the tax on such supplies has been paid by the said supplier in his return in FORM GSTR 3B. Certificate issued by CA or CMA shall contain UDIN. UDIN of the certificate issued by CAs can be verified from ICAI

website https://udin.icai.org/search-udin and that issued by CMAs can be verified from ICMAI website https://eicmai.in/udin/VerifyUDIN.aspx .

- 4.1.2 In cases, where difference between the ITC claimed in FORM GSTR-3B and that available in FORM GSTR 2A of the registered person in respect of a supplier for the said financial year is upto Rs 5 lakh, the proper officer shall ask the claimant to produce a certificate from the concerned supplier to the effect that said supplies have actually been made by him to the said registered person and the tax on said supplies has been paid by the said supplier in his return in FORM GSTR 3B.
- 4.2 However, it may be noted that for the period FY 2017-18, as per proviso to section 16(4) of CGST Act, the aforesaid relaxations shall not be applicable to the claim of ITC made in the FORM GSTR-3B return filed after the due date of furnishing return for the month of September, 2018 till the due date of furnishing return for March, 2019, if supplier had not furnished details of the said supply in his FORM GSTR-1 till the due date of furnishing FORM GSTR 1 for the month of March, 2019.
- 5. It may also be noted that the clarifications given hereunder are case specific and are applicable to the bonafide errors committed in reporting during FY 2017-18 and 2018-19. Further, these guidelines are clarificatory in nature and may be applied as per the actual facts and circumstances of each case and shall not be used in the interpretation of the provisions of law.
- 6. These instructions will apply only to the ongoing proceedings in scrutiny/audit/ investigation, etc. for FY 2017-18 and 2018-19 and not to the completed proceedings. However, these instructions will apply in those cases for FY 2017-18 and 2018-19 where any adjudication or appeal proceedings are still pending.

9.4 First return. [Section 40]

Section 40	01.07.2017 to till date	Declaration of outward supplies in the period between the date on which one becomes liable to registration till the date on which registration has been granted in the first return after grant of registration.
		Every registered person who has made outward supplies in the period between the date on which he became liable to registration till the date on which registration has been granted shall declare the same in the first return furnished by him after grant of registration.

9.4.1.1 Departmental Notifications – Special procedure for corporate debtors undergoing the corporate insolvency resolution process under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016.

Notification No. 11/2020 – Central Tax dated 21st March, 2020 - The Government, on the recommendations of the Council, has notified those registered persons(hereinafter referred to

as the erstwhile registered person), who are corporate debtors under the provisions of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 (31 of 2016), undergoing the corporate insolvency resolution process and the management of whose affairs are being undertaken by interim resolution professionals (IRP) or resolution professionals (RP), as the **class of persons who shall follow the following special procedure**, from the date of the appointment of the IRP/RP till the period they undergo the corporate insolvency resolution process, as mentioned below.

2. **Registration.**- The said class of persons shall, with effect from the date of appointment of IRP / RP, be treated as a distinct person of the corporate debtor, and shall be liable to take a new registration (hereinafter referred to as the new registration)in each of the States or Union territories where the corporate debtor was registered earlier, within thirty days of the appointment of the IRP/RP:

Provided that in cases where the IRP/RP has been appointed prior to the date of this notification, he shall take registration within thirty days from the commencement of this notification, with effect from date of his appointment as IRP/RP.

- 3. **Return.** The said class of persons shall, after obtaining registration file the first return under section 40 of the said Act, from the date on which he becomes liable to registration till the date on which registration has been granted.
- 4. **Input tax credit.**-(1)The said class of persons shall, in his first return, be eligible to avail input tax credit on invoices covering the supplies of goods or services or both, received since his appointment as IRP/RP but bearing the GSTIN of the erstwhile registered person, subject to the conditions of Chapter V of the said Act and the rules made thereunder, except the provisions of sub-section (4) of section 16 of the said Act and sub-rule (4) of rule 36 of the Central Goods and Service Tax Rules, 2017 (hereinafter referred to as the said rules).
- (2)Registered persons who are receiving supplies from the said class of persons shall, for the period from the date of appointment of IRP / RP till the date of registration as required in this notification or thirty days from the date of this notification, whichever is earlier, be eligible to avail input tax credit on invoices issued using the GSTIN of the erstwhile registered person, subject to the conditions of Chapter V of the said Act and the rules made thereunder, except the provisions of sub-rule (4) of rule 36 of the said rules.
- (5) Any amount deposited in the cash ledger by the IRP/RP, in the existing registration, from the date of appointment of IRP/RP to the date of registration in terms of this notification shall be available for refund to the erstwhile registration.

Explanation.- For the purposes of this notification, the terms "corporate debtor", "corporate insolvency resolution professional", "interim resolution professional" and "resolution

professional" shall have the same meaning as assigned to them in the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 (31 of 2016).

9.4.2.1 Departmental Clarifications - Clarification in respect of issues under GST law for companies under Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 - <u>Circular No.134/04/2020-GST</u> dated 23rd March, 2020

Various representations have been received from the trade and industry seeking clarification on issues being faced by entities covered under Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 (hereinafter referred to as the "IBC").

- 2. As per IBC, once an entity defaults certain threshold amount, Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process (hereafter referred to as "CIRP") gets triggered and the management of such entity (Corporate Debtor) and its assets vest with an interim resolution professional (hereafter referred to as "IRP") or resolution professional (hereafter referred to as "RP"). It continues to run the business and operations of the said entity as a going concern till the insolvency proceeding is over and an order is passed by the National Company Law Tribunal (hereinafter referred to as the "NCLT")
- 3. To address the aforementioned problems, notification No.11/2020- Central Tax, dated 21.03.2020 has been issued by the Government prescribing special procedure under section 148 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (hereinafter referred to as the "CGST Act") for the corporate debtors who are undergoing CIRP under the provisions of IBC and the management of whose affairs are being undertaken by IRP/RP. 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 various issues in the table below:-

S.No.	Issue	Clarification
1.	How are dues under GST for pre-CIRP period be dealt?	In accordance with the provisions of the IBC and various legal pronouncements on the issue, no coercive action can be taken against the corporate debtor with respect to the dues for period prior to insolvency commencement date. The dues of the period prior to the commencement of CIRP will be treated as 'operational debt' and claims may be filed by the proper officer before the NCLT in accordance with the provisions of the IBC. The tax officers shall seek the details of supplies made / received and total tax dues pending from the corporate debtor to file the claim before the NCLT.
		Moreover, section 14 of the IBC mandates the imposition of a moratorium period, wherein the institution of suits or continuation of pending suits or proceedings against the corporate debtor is prohibited.
2.	Should the GST registration of corporate debtor be cancelled?	It is clarified that the GST registration of an entity for which CIRP has been initiated should not be cancelled under the provisions of section 29 of the CGST Act, 2017. The proper officer may, if need be, suspend the registration. In case the registration of an entity

		undergoing CIRP has already been cancelled and it is within the period of revocation of cancellation of registration, it is advised that such cancellation may be revoked by taking appropriate steps in this regard.
3.	Is IRP/RP liable to file returns of pre- CIRP period?	No. In accordance with the provisions of IBC, 2016, the IRP/RP is under obligation to comply with all legal requirements for period after the Insolvency Commencement Date. Accordingly, it is clarified that IRP/RP are not under an obligation to file returns of pre-CIRP period.
	Durir	ng CIRP period
4.		The corporate debtor who is undergoing CIRP is to be treated as a distinct person of the corporate debtor and shall be liable to take a new registration in each State or Union territory where the corporate debtor was registered earlier, within thirty days of the appointment of the IRP/RP. Further, in cases where the IRP/RP has been appointed prior to the issuance of notification No.11/2020- Central Tax, dated 21.03.2020, he shall take registration within thirty days of issuance of the said notification, with effect from date of his appointment as IRP/RP.
5.	How to file First Return after obtaining new registration?	The IRP/RP will be liable to furnish returns, make payment of tax and comply with all the provisions of the GST law during CIRP period. The IRP/RP is required to ensure that the first return is filed under section 40 of the CGST Act, for the period beginning the date on which it became liable to take registration till the date on which registration has been granted.
6.		The said class of persons shall, in his first return, be eligible to avail input tax credit on invoices covering the
7.	persons who are availing supplies from the corporate debtors undergoing CIRP, in cases where the IRP/RP was appointed before the issuance of the	Registered persons who are receiving supplies from the said class of persons shall, for the period from the date of appointment of IRP / RP till the date of registration as required in this notification or 30 days from the date of this notification, whichever is earlier, be eligible to avail input tax credit on invoices issued using the GSTIN of the erstwhile registered person, subject to the conditions of Chapter V of the CGST Act and rule made thereunder,

		except the provisions of sub-rule (4) of rule 36 of the CGST Rules.
8.	deposit in the cash ledger of erstwhile registration of the corporate debtor. How to claim refund for amount	Any amount deposited in the cash ledger by the IRP/RP, in the existing registration, from the date of appointment of IRP / RP to the date of notification specifying the special procedure for corporate debtors undergoing CIRP, shall be available for refund to the erstwhile registration under the head refund of cash ledger, even though the relevant FORM GSTR-3B/GSTR-1 are not filed for the said period. The instructions contained in Circular No. 125/44/2019-GST dt. 18.11.2019 stands modified to this extent.

9.5 Availment of input tax credit. [Section 41]

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Section 41	01.07.2017		
	to	(1)	
	30.09.2022		as self-assessed, and provisional credit thereof
		(2)	Every registered person shall, subject to such conditions and restrictions as may be prescribed, be entitled to take the credit of eligible input tax, as self-assessed, in his return and such amount shall be credited on a provisional basis to his electronic credit ledger. Utilisation of self-assessed credit of eligible input
		(2)	tax for payment of self assessed output tax
			The credit referred to in sub-section (1) shall be utilised only for payment of self assessed output tax as per the return referred to in the said sub-section.
	01.10.2022 to till date	(1)	Entitlement to take the credit of eligible input tax, as self-assessed, and credit thereof. –
			Every registered person shall, subject to such conditions and restrictions as may be prescribed, be entitled to avail the credit of eligible input tax, as self-assessed, in his return and such amount shall be credited to his electronic credit ledger.
		(2)	Reversal of credit of input tax availed but the tax payable whereon has not been paid by the supplier, along with applicable interest - Reavailment of the amount of credit reversed where the supplier makes payment of the tax payable in respect of the aforesaid supplies.
			The credit of input tax availed by a registered person under sub-section (1) in respect of such supplies of

goods or services or both, the tax payable whereon has not been paid by the supplier, shall be reversed along with applicable interest, by the said person in such manner as may be prescribed:

Provided that where the said supplier makes payment of the tax payable in respect of the aforesaid supplies, the said registered person may re-avail the amount of credit reversed by him in such manner as may be prescribed.]

 Substituted Section 41 w.e.f. 01.10.2022 vide Section 106 of the Finance Act 2022 which comes into force by <u>Notification No. 18/2022 – Central Tax</u> <u>dated 28.09.2022</u>.

9.5.1.1 Departmental Clarifications - System based reconciliation of information furnished in FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2 with FORM GSTR-3B - <u>Circular No.</u> 7/7/2017-GST dated 01st September, 2017

Sections 37, 38 and section 39 of the CGST Act, 2017(hereinafter referred to as 'the Act') read with rules 59, 60 and 61 of the CGST Rules, 2017(hereinafter referred to as 'the Rules') require every registered person to furnish details of outward supplies made in a month in FORM GSTR-1, details of inward supplies received in a month in FORM GSTR-2 and a return in FORM GSTR-3 by the 10th, 15th and 20thof the next month respectively. Keeping in view that taxpayers may face certain issues in the initial days after the introduction of GST, the GST Council extended the date for filing of FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2 for the months of July and August, 2017 and approved the filing of a simplified return in FORM GSTR-3Bfor these two months by the notified due dates after making the due payment of tax.

- 2. Registered persons opting to utilize transitional credit available under section 140 of the Act read with the rules made there under for discharging the tax liability for the month of July, 2017 were required to file FORM GST TRAN -1 on or before 28th August, 2017. This transitional credit was to be credited to the electronic credit ledger and be available for discharging the tax liability.
- 3. As per the provisions of sub-rule (5) of rule 61 of the Rules, the return in FORM GSTR-3B was required to be furnished when the due dates for filing of FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2 have been extended. After the return in FORM GSTR-3B has been furnished, the process of reconciliation between the information furnished in FORM GSTR3B with that furnished in FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2 would be carried out in accordance with the provisions of sub-rule (6) of rule 61 of the Rules.
- 4. The detailed procedure for reconciliation of information furnished in FORM GSTR-3 and FORM GSTR-3B is detailed in succeeding paras.

Furnishing of information in FORM GSTR-1 & FORM GSTR-2:

- 5. It may be noted that after the registered person has filed his return in FORM GSTR3B and the statement of outward supplies in FORM GSTR-1, the inward supplies shall be auto drafted for all registered persons (corresponding recipients of supply) and made available to them in FORM GSTR-2A as per sub-rule (3) of rule 59 of the Rules. FORM GSTR-2A is the exact replica of FORM GSTR-2 containing only those details that are auto populated from the details furnished in FORM GSTR-1 by the corresponding suppliers. Based on the details communicated in FORM GSTR-2A, the registered person shall prepare the statement of inward supplies in FORM GSTR-2 by:-
- a. adding, deleting or modifying the invoice level details communicated in FORM GSTR-2A;
- b. adding information pertaining to details that are required to be furnished in GSTR-2 but are not part of FORM GSTR-2A like details of imports, details of supplies attracting reverse charge that have been received by registered person;
- c. providing details of supplies received from composition suppliers and exempt, nil-rated & non GST inward supplies;
- d. providing details of advances paid on inward supplies attracting reverse charge, if any, along with adjustments;
- e. providing details of reversal of ITC as per the provisions of rules 37, 39, 42 and 43 of the Rules, if any; and f. providing HSN wise summary details of inward supplies.

Correction of erroneous details furnished in FORM GSTR-3B:

6. In case the registered person intends to amend any details furnished in FORM GSTR3B, it maybe done in the FORM GSTR-1 or FORM GSTR-2, as the case may be. For example, while preparing and furnishing the details in FORM GSTR-1, if the outward supplies have been under reported or excess reported in FORM GSTR-3B, the same maybe correctly reported in the FORM GSTR-1. Similarly, if the details of inward supplies or the eligible ITC have been reported less or more than what they should have been, the same maybe reported correctly in the FORM GSTR-2. This will get reflected in the revised output tax liability or eligible ITC, as the case may be, of the registered person. The details furnished in FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2 will be auto-populated and reflected in the return in FORM GSTR-3 for that particular month.

Action on the system-based reconciliation:

7. After the registered person has furnished the statement of inward supplies in FORM GSTR-2 by the extended date, the common portal shall auto-draft Part-A of the return in FORM GSTR-3 for the said month based on the information furnished in FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2. Based on the revised figures of output tax liability and eligible input tax credit, Table 12 of Part B of FORM GSTR-3 shall be made available. The common portal would populate the correct figures of tax payable in column (2) of Table 12 of FORM GSTR3, based on the information furnished in FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2. The tax paid through the electronic cash ledger and electronic credit ledger in the return in FORM GSTR3B shall be displayed by the system in column (3) to (7) of the Table 12 of Part B of FORM GSTR-3. Where there is no difference between the details of output tax liability and eligible input tax credit furnished in FORM GSTR-3B and the details furnished in FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2, the amount of tax payable and tax paid shall be the same in FORM GSTR-3B and FORM GSTR-3. The person can sign and submit FORM GSTR-3 without any additional payment of tax.

Additional payment of taxes:

8. Where the tax payable by a registered person as per FORM GSTR-3is more than what has been paid as per FORM GSTR-3B, the common portal would show another instance of Table 12 for making additional payment of taxes, in accordance with the mandate of clause (b) of sub-rule (6) of rule 61. As the tax payable in column (2) of Table 12 of FORM GSTR-3 is more than what was shown in FORM GSTR-3B, the additional amount of tax payable can be paid by debiting the electronic cash or credit ledger as per the provisions contained in section 49 of the Act along with applicable interest on delayed payment of tax starting from 26th day of August, 2017 till the date of debit in the electronic cash or credit ledger. If the eligible ITC claimed by the person in FORM GSTR-2 is less than the ITC claimed and utilised by the registered person in FORM GSTR-3B, the same would be added to his output tax liability and shall have to be paid by him along with interest by debiting the electronic cash or credit ledger as per the provisions contained in section 49 of the Act before submitting the return in FORM GSTR-3 to complete the process. It may be noted that where the transitional credit as declared in FORM GST TRAN-1 is credited to the electronic credit ledger, the same can be utilised for the payment of the said additional tax liability.

Additional claim of eligible ITC:

9. Where the eligible ITC claimed by the taxpayer in FORM GSTR-3B is less that the ITC eligible as per the details furnished in FORM GSTR-2, the additional amount of ITC shall be credited to the electronic credit ledger of the registered person when he submits the return in FORM GSTR-3 (in accordance with clause (c) of sub-rule (6) of rule 61). However, simultaneously, if there is an increase in the output tax liability, the registered person can utilise this additional amount of ITC eligible as per the details furnished in FORM GSTR-2 along with the balance in the electronic cash ledger, if required, for the payment of the increased output tax liability and submit his return in FORM GSTR-3.

Reduction in output tax liability:

10. Where the output tax liability of the registered person as per the details furnished in FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2 is less than the output tax liability as per the details furnished in the FORM GSTR-3B and the same is not offset by a corresponding reduction in the input tax credit to which he is entitled, the excess shall be carried forward to the next month's return to be offset against the output liability of the next month by the taxpayer when he signs and submits the return in FORM GSTR-3. However, simultaneously, if there is a decrease in the eligible input tax credit, the same will be adjusted against the above mentioned reduction in output tax liability and the balance, if any, of the reduction in output tax liability shall be carried forward to the next month's return to be offset against the output liability of the next month.

Submission of GSTR-3B without payment of taxes:

11. Where, for some reasons, the registered person has only submitted the return in FORM GSTR-3B and has not made the payment of taxes by debiting the same from his electronic cash or credit ledger, the return shall still be subjected to the reconciliation process as detailed above. Such registered person should furnish the details in FORM GSTR-1, FORM GSTR-2 and sign and submit the return in FORM GSTR-3 along with the payment of the due taxes as per the provisions of section 49 of the Act. However, since the payment was not made on or before the due date, the registered person shall be liable for payment of interest on delayed payment of tax starting from 26th day of August, 2017 till the date of debit in the electronic cash and / or credit ledger but will not be liable to pay any late fee provided the requisite return in FORM GSTR-3B was submitted on or before the due date.

12. Where the registered person has not submitted the return in FORM GSTR-3B, he is required to furnish the details in FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2 and sign and submit the return in FORM GSTR-3 along with the payment of the due taxes as per the provisions of section 49 of the Act. However, since the payment was not made on or before the due date, the registered person shall be liable for payment of interest on delayed payment of tax starting from 26th day of August, 2017 till the date of debit in the electronic cash and / or credit ledger. No late fee, however, would be levied for late filing of return in terms of section 47 of the Act, in accordance with the recommendation of the GST Council, as notified vide Notification No. 28/2017-Central tax dated 01.09.2017.

Processing of information furnished:

13. After submission of the information in FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2, the process of matching as per section 41, 42 and 43 of the Act read with rules 69 to 76 of the Rules shall be carried out as if these details were submitted in the regular course. Any amendment in the details furnished in FORM GSTR-1 and GSTR-2 shall be done following the procedure laid down under sub-section (3) of section 37 and sub-section (5) of section 38 of the Act respectively. The return shall be considered to be a valid return when the tax payable as per FORM GSTR-3 has been paid in full after which the return shall be taken up for matching.

9.6 Matching, reversal and reclaim of input tax credit. [Section 42]

Section 42	01.07.2017	(1)	Matching of input tax credit
	to 30.09.2022		The details of every inward supply furnished by a registered person (hereafter in this section referred to as the "recipient") for a tax period shall, in such manner and within such time as may be prescribed, be matched—
			(a) with the corresponding details of outward supply furnished by the corresponding registered person (hereafter in this section referred to as the "supplier") in his valid return for the same tax period or any preceding tax period;
			(b) with the integrated goods and services tax paid under section 3 of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 in respect of goods imported by him; and
			(c) for duplication of claims of input tax credit.
		(2)	Final acceptance of the claim of input tax credit and communication thereof to the recipient.
			The claim of input tax credit in respect of invoices or debit notes relating to inward supply that match with the details of corresponding outward supply or with the integrated goods and services tax paid under section 3 of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 in respect

	of goods imported by him shall be finally accepted and such acceptance shall be communicated, in such manner as may be prescribed, to the recipient.
(3)	Discrepancy to be communicated, Where the input tax credit claimed by a recipient in respect of an inward supply is in excess of the tax declared by the supplier for the same supply or the outward supply is not declared by the supplier in his valid returns, to both persons.
	Where the input tax credit claimed by a recipient in respect of an inward supply is in excess of the tax declared by the supplier for the same supply or the outward supply is not declared by the supplier in his valid returns, the discrepancy shall be communicated to both such persons in such manner as may be prescribed.
(4)	The duplication of claims of input tax credit shall be communicated to the recipient
	The duplication of claims of input tax credit shall be communicated to the recipient in such manner as may be prescribed.
(5)	Addition to the output tax liability of the recipient when any discrepancy communicated under subsection (3) is not rectified by the supplier in his succeeding valid return.
	The amount in respect of which any discrepancy is communicated under sub-section (3) and which is not rectified by the supplier in his valid return for the month in which discrepancy is communicated shall be added to the output tax liability of the recipient, in such manner as may be prescribed, in his return for the month succeeding the month in which the discrepancy is communicated.
(6)	Addition to the output tax liability of the recipient on account of duplication of claims in his return for the month in which such duplication is communicated.
	The amount claimed as input tax credit that is found to be in excess on account of duplication of claims shall be added to the output tax liability of the recipient in his return for the month in which the duplication is communicated.
(7)	Eligibility to reduce the amount added under subsection (5), if the supplier declares the details of

	the invoice or debit note in his valid return within the time specified in sub-section (9) of section 39.
	The recipient shall be eligible to reduce, from his output tax liability, the amount added under subsection (5), if the supplier declares the details of the invoice or debit note in his valid return within the time specified in sub-section (9) of section 39.
(8)	Liability to pay interest when any amount has been added under sub-section (5) or sub-section (6) to the output tax liability of the recipient.
	A recipient in whose output tax liability any amount has been added under sub-section (5) or sub-section (6), shall be liable to pay interest at the rate specified under sub-section (1) of section 50 on the amount so added from the date of availing of credit till the corresponding additions are made under the said sub-sections.
(9)	Refund of interest paid under sub-section (8) Where any reduction in output tax liability is accepted under sub-section (7).
	Where any reduction in output tax liability is accepted under sub-section (7), the interest paid under sub-section (8) shall be refunded to the recipient by crediting the amount in the corresponding head of his electronic cash ledger in such manner as may be prescribed: 2[Provided that the amount of interest to be credited in any case shall not exceed the amount of interest paid by the supplier.]
(10)	Addition to the output tax liability of the recipient when any amount has been reduced from the output tax liability in contravention of the provisions of sub-section (7) and liability to pay interest.
	The amount reduced from the output tax liability in contravention of the provisions of sub-section (7) shall be added to the output tax liability of the recipient in his return for the month in which such contravention takes place and such recipient shall be liable to pay interest on the amount so added at the rate specified in sub-section (3) of section 50.]
	Note: Section 42 has been enforced w.e.f. 01.07.2017 except the proviso to sub section (9) which is yet to be brought in to force.
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to till date			
		1.	Omitted Section 42 w.e.f. 01.10.2022 vide Section 107 of the
			Finance Act 2022 which comes into force by Notification No.
			18/2022 - Central Tax dated 28.09.2022.

9.6.1.1 Departmental Clarifications - System based reconciliation of information furnished in FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2 with FORM GSTR-3B - <u>Circular No. 7/7/2017-GST dated 01st September, 2017</u>

Sections 37, 38 and section 39 of the CGST Act, 2017(hereinafter referred to as 'the Act') read with rules 59, 60 and 61 of the CGST Rules, 2017(hereinafter referred to as 'the Rules') require every registered person to furnish details of outward supplies made in a month in FORM GSTR-1, details of inward supplies received in a month in FORM GSTR-2 and a return in FORM GSTR-3 by the 10th, 15th and 20thof the next month respectively. Keeping in view that taxpayers may face certain issues in the initial days after the introduction of GST, the GST Council extended the date for filing of FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2 for the months of July and August, 2017 and approved the filing of a simplified return in FORM GSTR-3Bfor these two months by the notified due dates after making the due payment of tax.

- 2. Registered persons opting to utilize transitional credit available under section 140 of the Act read with the rules made there under for discharging the tax liability for the month of July, 2017 were required to file FORM GST TRAN -1 on or before 28th August, 2017. This transitional credit was to be credited to the electronic credit ledger and be available for discharging the tax liability.
- 3. As per the provisions of sub-rule (5) of rule 61 of the Rules, the return in FORM GSTR-3B was required to be furnished when the due dates for filing of FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2 have been extended. After the return in FORM GSTR-3B has been furnished, the process of reconciliation between the information furnished in FORM GSTR3B with that furnished in FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2 would be carried out in accordance with the provisions of sub-rule (6) of rule 61 of the Rules.
- 4. The detailed procedure for reconciliation of information furnished in FORM GSTR-3 and FORM GSTR-3B is detailed in succeeding paras.

Furnishing of information in FORM GSTR-1 & FORM GSTR-2:

- 5. It may be noted that after the registered person has filed his return in FORM GSTR3B and the statement of outward supplies in FORM GSTR-1, the inward supplies shall be auto drafted for all registered persons (corresponding recipients of supply) and made available to them in FORM GSTR-2A as per sub-rule (3) of rule 59 of the Rules. FORM GSTR-2A is the exact replica of FORM GSTR-2 containing only those details that are auto populated from the details furnished in FORM GSTR-1 by the corresponding suppliers. Based on the details communicated in FORM GSTR-2A, the registered person shall prepare the statement of inward supplies in FORM GSTR-2 by:-
- a. adding, deleting or modifying the invoice level details communicated in FORM GSTR-2A;

- b. adding information pertaining to details that are required to be furnished in GSTR-2 but are not part of FORM GSTR-2A like details of imports, details of supplies attracting reverse charge that have been received by registered person;
- c. providing details of supplies received from composition suppliers and exempt, nil-rated & non GST inward supplies;
- d. providing details of advances paid on inward supplies attracting reverse charge, if any, along with adjustments;
- e. providing details of reversal of ITC as per the provisions of rules 37, 39, 42 and 43 of the Rules, if any; and f. providing HSN wise summary details of inward supplies.

Correction of erroneous details furnished in FORM GSTR-3B:

6. In case the registered person intends to amend any details furnished in FORM GSTR3B, it maybe done in the FORM GSTR-1 or FORM GSTR-2, as the case may be. For example, while preparing and furnishing the details in FORM GSTR-1, if the outward supplies have been under reported or excess reported in FORM GSTR-3B, the same maybe correctly reported in the FORM GSTR-1. Similarly, if the details of inward supplies or the eligible ITC have been reported less or more than what they should have been, the same maybe reported correctly in the FORM GSTR-2. This will get reflected in the revised output tax liability or eligible ITC, as the case may be, of the registered person. The details furnished in FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2 will be auto-populated and reflected in the return in FORM GSTR-3 for that particular month.

Action on the system-based reconciliation:

7. After the registered person has furnished the statement of inward supplies in FORM GSTR-2 by the extended date, the common portal shall auto-draft Part-A of the return in FORM GSTR-3 for the said month based on the information furnished in FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2. Based on the revised figures of output tax liability and eligible input tax credit, Table 12 of Part B of FORM GSTR-3 shall be made available. The common portal would populate the correct figures of tax payable in column (2) of Table 12 of FORM GSTR3, based on the information furnished in FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2. The tax paid through the electronic cash ledger and electronic credit ledger in the return in FORM GSTR3B shall be displayed by the system in column (3) to (7) of the Table 12 of Part B of FORM GSTR-3. Where there is no difference between the details of output tax liability and eligible input tax credit furnished in FORM GSTR-3B and the details furnished in FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2, the amount of tax payable and tax paid shall be the same in FORM GSTR-3B and FORM GSTR-3. The person can sign and submit FORM GSTR-3 without any additional payment of tax.

Additional payment of taxes:

8. Where the tax payable by a registered person as per FORM GSTR-3is more than what has been paid as per FORM GSTR-3B, the common portal would show another instance of Table 12 for making additional payment of taxes, in accordance with the mandate of clause (b) of sub-rule (6) of rule 61. As the tax payable in column (2) of Table 12 of FORM GSTR-3 is more than what was shown in FORM GSTR-3B, the additional amount of tax payable can be paid by debiting the electronic cash or credit ledger as per the provisions contained in section 49 of the Act along with applicable interest on delayed payment of tax starting from 26th day of August, 2017 till the date of debit in the electronic cash or credit ledger. If the eligible ITC claimed by the person in FORM GSTR-2 is less than the ITC claimed and utilised by the

registered person in FORM GSTR-3B, the same would be added to his output tax liability and shall have to be paid by him along with interest by debiting the electronic cash or credit ledger as per the provisions contained in section 49 of the Act before submitting the return in FORM GSTR-3 to complete the process. It may be noted that where the transitional credit as declared in FORM GST TRAN-1 is credited to the electronic credit ledger, the same can be utilised for the payment of the said additional tax liability.

Additional claim of eligible ITC:

9. Where the eligible ITC claimed by the taxpayer in FORM GSTR-3B is less that the ITC eligible as per the details furnished in FORM GSTR-2, the additional amount of ITC shall be credited to the electronic credit ledger of the registered person when he submits the return in FORM GSTR-3 (in accordance with clause (c) of sub-rule (6) of rule 61). However, simultaneously, if there is an increase in the output tax liability, the registered person can utilise this additional amount of ITC eligible as per the details furnished in FORM GSTR-2 along with the balance in the electronic cash ledger, if required, for the payment of the increased output tax liability and submit his return in FORM GSTR-3.

Reduction in output tax liability:

10. Where the output tax liability of the registered person as per the details furnished in FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2 is less than the output tax liability as per the details furnished in the FORM GSTR-3B and the same is not offset by a corresponding reduction in the input tax credit to which he is entitled, the excess shall be carried forward to the next month's return to be offset against the output liability of the next month by the taxpayer when he signs and submits the return in FORM GSTR-3. However, simultaneously, if there is a decrease in the eligible input tax credit, the same will be adjusted against the above mentioned reduction in output tax liability and the balance, if any, of the reduction in output tax liability shall be carried forward to the next month's return to be offset against the output liability of the next month.

Submission of GSTR-3B without payment of taxes:

- 11. Where, for some reasons, the registered person has only submitted the return in FORM GSTR-3B and has not made the payment of taxes by debiting the same from his electronic cash or credit ledger, the return shall still be subjected to the reconciliation process as detailed above. Such registered person should furnish the details in FORM GSTR-1, FORM GSTR-2 and sign and submit the return in FORM GSTR-3 along with the payment of the due taxes as per the provisions of section 49 of the Act. However, since the payment was not made on or before the due date, the registered person shall be liable for payment of interest on delayed payment of tax starting from 26th day of August, 2017 till the date of debit in the electronic cash and / or credit ledger but will not be liable to pay any late fee provided the requisite return in FORM GSTR-3B was submitted on or before the due date.
- 12. Where the registered person has not submitted the return in FORM GSTR-3B, he is required to furnish the details in FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2 and sign and submit the return in FORM GSTR-3 along with the payment of the due taxes as per the provisions of section 49 of the Act. However, since the payment was not made on or before the due date, the registered person shall be liable for payment of interest on delayed payment of tax starting from 26th day of August, 2017 till the date of debit in the electronic cash and / or credit ledger. No late fee, however, would be levied for late filing of return in terms of section 47 of the Act, in accordance with the recommendation of the GST Council, as notified vide Notification No. 28/2017-Central tax dated 01.09.2017.

Processing of information furnished:

13. After submission of the information in FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2, the process of matching as per section 41, 42 and 43 of the Act read with rules 69 to 76 of the Rules shall be carried out as if these details were submitted in the regular course. Any amendment in the details furnished in FORM GSTR-1 and GSTR-2 shall be done following the procedure laid down under sub-section (3) of section 37 and sub-section (5) of section 38 of the Act respectively. The return shall be considered to be a valid return when the tax payable as per FORM GSTR-3 has been paid in full after which the return shall be taken up for matching.

9.7 Matching, reversal and reclaim of reduction in output tax liability. [Section 43]

Section 43	01.07.2017 to 30.09.2022	(1)	Matching of the details of every credit note relating to outward supply with the corresponding reduction in the claim for input tax credit by the corresponding registered person and for duplication of claims for reduction in output tax liability. The details of every credit note relating to outward supply furnished by a registered person (hereafter in this section referred to as the "supplier") for a tax period shall, in such manner and within such time as may be prescribed, be matched—
		(2)	(a) with the corresponding reduction in the claim for input tax credit by the corresponding registered person (hereafter in this section referred to as the "recipient") in his valid return for the same tax period or any subsequent tax period; and (b) for duplication of claims for reduction in output tax liability. Final acceptance of the claim for reduction in
			output tax liability and communication thereof to the supplier. The claim for reduction in output tax liability by the supplier that matches with the corresponding reduction in the claim for input tax credit by the recipient shall be finally accepted and communicated, in such manner as may be prescribed, to the supplier.
		(3)	Discrepancy to be communicated, Where the reduction of output tax liability in respect of outward supplies exceeds the corresponding reduction in the claim for input tax credit or the corresponding credit note is not declared by the recipient in his valid returns.

		Where the reduction of output tax liability in respect of outward supplies exceeds the corresponding reduction in the claim for input tax credit or the corresponding credit note is not declared by the recipient in his valid returns, the discrepancy shall be communicated to both such persons in such manner as may be prescribed.
	(4)	The duplication of claims for reduction in output tax liability shall be communicated to the supplier
		The duplication of claims for reduction in output tax liability shall be communicated to the supplier in such manner as may be prescribed.
	(5)	Addition to the output tax liability of the supplier when any discrepancy communicated under subsection (3) is not rectified by the recipient in his succeeding valid return.
		The amount in respect of which any discrepancy is communicated under sub-section (3) and which is not rectified by the recipient in his valid return for the month in which discrepancy is communicated shall be added to the output tax liability of the supplier, in such manner as may be prescribed, in his return for the month succeeding the month in which the discrepancy is communicated.
	(6)	Addition to the output tax liability of the supplier on account of duplication of claims in his return for the month in which such duplication is communicated.
		The amount in respect of any reduction in output tax liability that is found to be on account of duplication of claims shall be added to the output tax liability of the supplier in his return for the month in which such duplication is communicated.
	(7)	Eligibility to reduce the amount added under sub- section (5), if the recipient declares the details of the credit note in his valid return within the time specified in sub-section (9) of section 39.
		The supplier shall be eligible to reduce, from his output tax liability, the amount added under subsection (5) if the recipient declares the details of the credit note in his valid return within the time specified in sub-section (9) of section 39.

	(8)	Liability to pay interest when any amount has been added under sub-section (5) or sub-section (6) to the output tax liability of the supplier.
		A supplier in whose output tax liability any amount has been added under sub-section (5) or sub-section (6), shall be liable to pay interest at the rate specified under sub-section (1) of section 50 in respect of the amount so added from the date of such claim for reduction in the output tax liability till the corresponding additions are made under the said sub-sections.
	(9)	Refund of interest paid under sub-section (8) Where any reduction in output tax liability is accepted under sub-section (7).
		Where any reduction in output tax liability is accepted under sub-section (7), the interest paid under sub-section (8) shall be refunded to the supplier by crediting the amount in the corresponding head of his electronic cash ledger in such manner as may be prescribed: \$[Provided that the amount of interest to be credited in any case shall not exceed the amount of interest paid by the recipient.]
	(4.0)	
	(10)	Addition to the output tax liability of the supplier when any amount has been reduced from the output tax liability in contravention of the provisions of sub-section (7) and liability to pay interest.
		The amount reduced from output tax liability in contravention of the provisions of sub-section (7) shall be added to the output tax liability of the supplier in his return for the month in which such contravention takes place and such supplier shall be liable to pay interest on the amount so added at the rate specified in sub-section (3) of section 50.]
		ection 43 has been enforced w.e.f. 01.07.2017 except oviso to sub section (9) which is yet to be brought orce.
01.10.2022	1[*****]	
to till date		Omitted Section 43 w.e.f. 01.10.2022 vide Section 107 of the
		Finance Act 2022 which comes into force by Notification No.
		18/2022 – Central Tax dated 28.09.2022.

9.7.1.1 Departmental Clarifications - System based reconciliation of information furnished in FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2 with FORM GSTR-3B - <u>Circular No. 7/7/2017-GST dated 01st September, 2017</u>

Sections 37, 38 and section 39 of the CGST Act, 2017(hereinafter referred to as 'the Act') read with rules 59, 60 and 61 of the CGST Rules, 2017(hereinafter referred to as 'the Rules') require every registered person to furnish details of outward supplies made in a month in FORM GSTR-1, details of inward supplies received in a month in FORM GSTR-2 and a return in FORM GSTR-3 by the 10th, 15th and 20thof the next month respectively. Keeping in view that taxpayers may face certain issues in the initial days after the introduction of GST, the GST Council extended the date for filing of FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2 for the months of July and August, 2017 and approved the filing of a simplified return in FORM GSTR-3Bfor these two months by the notified due dates after making the due payment of tax.

- 2. Registered persons opting to utilize transitional credit available under section 140 of the Act read with the rules made there under for discharging the tax liability for the month of July, 2017 were required to file FORM GST TRAN -1 on or before 28th August,2017. This transitional credit was to be credited to the electronic credit ledger and be available for discharging the tax liability.
- 3. As per the provisions of sub-rule (5) of rule 61 of the Rules, the return in FORM GSTR-3B was required to be furnished when the due dates for filing of FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2 have been extended. After the return in FORM GSTR-3B has been furnished, the process of reconciliation between the information furnished in FORM GSTR3B with that furnished in FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2 would be carried out in accordance with the provisions of sub-rule (6) of rule 61 of the Rules.
- 4. The detailed procedure for reconciliation of information furnished in FORM GSTR-3 and FORM GSTR-3B is detailed in succeeding paras.

Furnishing of information in FORM GSTR-1 & FORM GSTR-2:

- 5. It may be noted that after the registered person has filed his return in FORM GSTR3B and the statement of outward supplies in FORM GSTR-1, the inward supplies shall be auto drafted for all registered persons (corresponding recipients of supply) and made available to them in FORM GSTR-2A as per sub-rule (3) of rule 59 of the Rules. FORM GSTR-2A is the exact replica of FORM GSTR-2 containing only those details that are auto populated from the details furnished in FORM GSTR-1 by the corresponding suppliers. Based on the details communicated in FORM GSTR-2A, the registered person shall prepare the statement of inward supplies in FORM GSTR-2 by:-
- a. adding, deleting or modifying the invoice level details communicated in FORM GSTR-2A;
- b. adding information pertaining to details that are required to be furnished in GSTR-2 but are not part of FORM GSTR-2A like details of imports, details of supplies attracting reverse charge that have been received by registered person;
- c. providing details of supplies received from composition suppliers and exempt, nil-rated & non GST inward supplies;
- d. providing details of advances paid on inward supplies attracting reverse charge, if any, along with adjustments:

e. providing details of reversal of ITC as per the provisions of rules 37, 39, 42 and 43 of the Rules, if any; and f. providing HSN wise summary details of inward supplies.

Correction of erroneous details furnished in FORM GSTR-3B:

6. In case the registered person intends to amend any details furnished in FORM GSTR3B, it maybe done in the FORM GSTR-1 or FORM GSTR-2, as the case may be. For example, while preparing and furnishing the details in FORM GSTR-1, if the outward supplies have been under reported or excess reported in FORM GSTR-3B, the same maybe correctly reported in the FORM GSTR-1. Similarly, if the details of inward supplies or the eligible ITC have been reported less or more than what they should have been, the same maybe reported correctly in the FORM GSTR-2. This will get reflected in the revised output tax liability or eligible ITC, as the case may be, of the registered person. The details furnished in FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2 will be auto-populated and reflected in the return in FORM GSTR-3 for that particular month.

Action on the system-based reconciliation:

7. After the registered person has furnished the statement of inward supplies in FORM GSTR-2 by the extended date, the common portal shall auto-draft Part-A of the return in FORM GSTR-3 for the said month based on the information furnished in FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2. Based on the revised figures of output tax liability and eligible input tax credit, Table 12 of Part B of FORM GSTR-3 shall be made available. The common portal would populate the correct figures of tax payable in column (2) of Table 12 of FORM GSTR3, based on the information furnished in FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2. The tax paid through the electronic cash ledger and electronic credit ledger in the return in FORM GSTR3B shall be displayed by the system in column (3) to (7) of the Table 12 of Part B of FORM GSTR-3. Where there is no difference between the details of output tax liability and eligible input tax credit furnished in FORM GSTR-3B and the details furnished in FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2, the amount of tax payable and tax paid shall be the same in FORM GSTR-3B and FORM GSTR-3. The person can sign and submit FORM GSTR-3 without any additional payment of tax.

Additional payment of taxes:

8. Where the tax payable by a registered person as per FORM GSTR-3is more than what has been paid as per FORM GSTR-3B, the common portal would show another instance of Table 12 for making additional payment of taxes, in accordance with the mandate of clause (b) of sub-rule (6) of rule 61. As the tax payable in column (2) of Table 12 of FORM GSTR-3 is more than what was shown in FORM GSTR-3B, the additional amount of tax payable can be paid by debiting the electronic cash or credit ledger as per the provisions contained in section 49 of the Act along with applicable interest on delayed payment of tax starting from 26th day of August, 2017 till the date of debit in the electronic cash or credit ledger. If the eligible ITC claimed by the person in FORM GSTR-2 is less than the ITC claimed and utilised by the registered person in FORM GSTR-3B, the same would be added to his output tax liability and shall have to be paid by him along with interest by debiting the electronic cash or credit ledger as per the provisions contained in section 49 of the Act before submitting the return in FORM GSTR-3 to complete the process. It may be noted that where the transitional credit as declared in FORM GST TRAN-1 is credited to the electronic credit ledger, the same can be utilised for the payment of the said additional tax liability.

Additional claim of eligible ITC:

9. Where the eligible ITC claimed by the taxpayer in FORM GSTR-3B is less that the ITC eligible as per the details furnished in FORM GSTR-2, the additional amount of ITC shall be credited to the electronic credit ledger of the registered person when he submits the return in FORM GSTR-3 (in accordance with clause (c) of sub-rule (6) of rule 61). However, simultaneously, if there is an increase in the output tax liability, the registered person can utilise this additional amount of ITC eligible as per the details furnished in FORM GSTR-2 along with the balance in the electronic cash ledger, if required, for the payment of the increased output tax liability and submit his return in FORM GSTR-3.

Reduction in output tax liability:

10. Where the output tax liability of the registered person as per the details furnished in FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2 is less than the output tax liability as per the details furnished in the FORM GSTR-3B and the same is not offset by a corresponding reduction in the input tax credit to which he is entitled, the excess shall be carried forward to the next month's return to be offset against the output liability of the next month by the taxpayer when he signs and submits the return in FORM GSTR-3. However, simultaneously, if there is a decrease in the eligible input tax credit, the same will be adjusted against the above mentioned reduction in output tax liability and the balance, if any, of the reduction in output tax liability shall be carried forward to the next month's return to be offset against the output liability of the next month.

Submission of GSTR-3B without payment of taxes:

- 11. Where, for some reasons, the registered person has only submitted the return in FORM GSTR-3B and has not made the payment of taxes by debiting the same from his electronic cash or credit ledger, the return shall still be subjected to the reconciliation process as detailed above. Such registered person should furnish the details in FORM GSTR-1, FORM GSTR-2 and sign and submit the return in FORM GSTR-3 along with the payment of the due taxes as per the provisions of section 49 of the Act. However, since the payment was not made on or before the due date, the registered person shall be liable for payment of interest on delayed payment of tax starting from 26th day of August, 2017 till the date of debit in the electronic cash and / or credit ledger but will not be liable to pay any late fee provided the requisite return in FORM GSTR-3B was submitted on or before the due date.
- 12. Where the registered person has not submitted the return in FORM GSTR-3B, he is required to furnish the details in FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2 and sign and submit the return in FORM GSTR-3 along with the payment of the due taxes as per the provisions of section 49 of the Act. However, since the payment was not made on or before the due date, the registered person shall be liable for payment of interest on delayed payment of tax starting from 26th day of August, 2017 till the date of debit in the electronic cash and / or credit ledger. No late fee, however, would be levied for late filing of return in terms of section 47 of the Act, in accordance with the recommendation of the GST Council, as notified vide Notification No. 28/2017-Central tax dated 01.09.2017.

Processing of information furnished:

13. After submission of the information in FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2, the process of matching as per section 41, 42 and 43 of the Act read with rules 69 to 76 of the Rules shall be carried out as if these details were submitted in the regular course. Any amendment in the details furnished in FORM GSTR-1 and GSTR-2 shall be done following the procedure laid down under sub-section (3) of section 37 and sub-section (5) of section 38 of the Act respectively. The return shall be considered to be a valid return when the tax payable as per FORM GSTR-3 has been paid in full after which the return shall be taken up for matching.

9.8 Procedure for furnishing return and availing input tax credit. [Section 43A]

Section 43A(1)	Date yet to be notified	Verification i.e. to verify, validate, modify or delete the details of supplies furnished by the suppliers.
	nouncu	Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (2) of section 16, section 37 or section 38, every registered person shall in the returns furnished under sub-section (1) of section 39 verify, validate, modify or delete the details of supplies furnished by the suppliers.
Section 43A(2)	Date yet to be notified	The procedure for availing of input tax credit by the recipient and verification thereof
		Notwithstanding anything contained in section 41, section 42 or section 43, the procedure for availing of input tax credit by the recipient and verification thereof shall be such as may be prescribed.
Section 43A(3)	Date yet to be notified	The procedure for furnishing the details of outward supplies by the supplier on the common portal, for the purposes of availing input tax credit by the recipient.
		The procedure for furnishing the details of outward supplies by the supplier on the common portal, for the purposes of availing input tax credit by the recipient shall be such as may be prescribed.
Section 43A(4)	Date yet to be notified	The procedure for availing input tax credit in respect of outward supplies not furnished under sub-section (3) shall be such as may be prescribed and such procedure may include the maximum amount of the input tax credit which can be so availed, not exceeding twenty per cent. of the input tax credit available, on the basis of details furnished by the suppliers under the said sub-section.
		The procedure for availing input tax credit in respect of outward supplies not furnished under sub-section (3) shall be such as may be prescribed and such procedure may include the maximum amount of the input tax credit which can be so availed, not exceeding twenty per cent. of the input tax credit available, on the basis of details furnished by the suppliers under the said sub-section.
Section 43A(5)	Date yet to be notified	The amount of tax specified in the outward supplies for which the details have been furnished by the supplier under sub-section (3) shall be deemed to be the tax payable by him.
		The amount of tax specified in the outward supplies for which the details have been furnished by the supplier under sub-section (3) shall be deemed to be the tax payable by him under the provisions of the Act.

Section 43A(6)	Date yet to be notified	Jointly and severally liability to pay tax or to pay the input tax credit availed, of the supplier and the recipient of a supply, in relation to outward supplies for which the details have been furnished under subsection (3) or sub-section (4) but return thereof has not been furnished. The supplier and the recipient of a supply shall be jointly
		and severally liable to pay tax or to pay the input tax credit availed, as the case may be, in relation to outward supplies for which the details have been furnished under sub-section (3) or sub-section (4) but return thereof has not been furnished.
Section 43A(7)	Date yet to be notified	Manner of recovery of liability to pay tax or to pay the input tax credit availed under sub-section (6) - Provision for non-recovery of an amount of tax or input tax credit wrongly availed not exceeding one thousand rupees.
		For the purposes of sub-section (6), the recovery shall be made in such manner as may be prescribed and such procedure may provide for non-recovery of an amount of tax or input tax credit wrongly availed not exceeding one thousand rupees.
Section 43A(8)	Date yet to be notified	The procedure, safeguards and threshold of the tax amount in relation to outward supplies
		The procedure, safeguards and threshold of the tax amount in relation to outward supplies, the details of which can be furnished under sub-section (3) by a registered person,—
		(i) within six months of taking registration;
		(ii) who has defaulted in payment of tax and where such default has continued for more than two months from the due date of payment of such defaulted amount,
		shall be such as may be prescribed.
		Note: Section 43A was inserted vide Section 18 of the
		Central Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Act,
		2018 which had to come into force through Notification yet to be notified.
Section 43A	01 10 2022	1[*****]
Section 43A	01.10.2022 to till date	
		 Omitted Section 43A w.e.f. 01.10.2022 vide Section 107 of the Finance Act 2022 which comes into force by
		Notification No. 18/2022 – Central Tax dated 28.09.2022.

	04 07 2047	Furnishing of the applied return. Form and marrier
Section 44(1)	01.07.2017 to 31.07.2021	Furnishing of the annual return - Form and manner - Time limit
	31.07.2021	Every registered person, other than an Input Service Distributor, a person paying tax under section 51 or section 52, a casual taxable person and a non-resident taxable person, shall furnish an annual return for every financial year electronically in such form and manner as may be prescribed on or before the thirty-first day of December following the end of such financial year.
First Proviso	01.01.2020	Extension of time limit to furnish the annual return
	to 31.07.2021	¹ [Provided that the Commissioner may, on the recommendations of the Council and for reasons to be recorded in writing, by notification, extend the time limit for furnishing the annual return for such class of registered persons as may be specified therein:]
		1. Inserted w.e.f 01.01.2020 vide Section 98 of Finance Act
		2019 which comes into force vide Notification No. 01/2020
		 Central Tax Dated 01st January 2020.
Second	01.01.2020	Extension of time limit notified by the Commissioner of
Proviso	to	State tax or the Commissioner of Union territory tax
	31.07.2021	shall be deemed to be notified by the Commissioner.
		¹ [Provided further that any extension of time limit notified by the Commissioner of State tax or the Commissioner of Union territory tax shall be deemed to be notified by the
		Commissioner.]
		Commissioner.] 1. Inserted w.e.f 01.01.2020 vide Section 98 of Finance Act
		Inserted w.e.f 01.01.2020 vide Section 98 of Finance Act
Section 44(2)	04 07 2047	Inserted w.e.f 01.01.2020 vide Section 98 of Finance Act 2019 which comes into force vide Notification No. 01/2020 — Central Tax Dated 01st January 2020.
Section 44(2)	01.07.2017 to 31.07.2021	Inserted w.e.f 01.01.2020 vide Section 98 of Finance Act 2019 which comes into force vide Notification No. 01/2020
Section 44(2)		Inserted w.e.f 01.01.2020 vide Section 98 of Finance Act 2019 which comes into force vide Notification No. 01/2020 – Central Tax Dated 01st January 2020. Furnishing of the annual return along with a copy of the audited annual accounts and a reconciliation statement. Every registered person who is required to get his accounts
Section 44(2)	to	Inserted w.e.f 01.01.2020 vide Section 98 of Finance Act 2019 which comes into force vide Notification No. 01/2020 – Central Tax Dated 01st January 2020. Furnishing of the annual return along with a copy of the audited annual accounts and a reconciliation statement. Every registered person who is required to get his accounts audited in accordance with the provisions of sub-section (5)
Section 44(2)	to	Inserted w.e.f 01.01.2020 vide Section 98 of Finance Act 2019 which comes into force vide Notification No. 01/2020 – Central Tax Dated 01st January 2020. Furnishing of the annual return along with a copy of the audited annual accounts and a reconciliation statement. Every registered person who is required to get his accounts
Section 44(2)	to	1. Inserted w.e.f 01.01.2020 vide Section 98 of Finance Act 2019 which comes into force vide Notification No. 01/2020 – Central Tax Dated 01st January 2020. Furnishing of the annual return along with a copy of the audited annual accounts and a reconciliation statement. Every registered person who is required to get his accounts audited in accordance with the provisions of sub-section (5) of section 35 shall furnish, electronically, the annual return under sub-section (1) along with a copy of the audited annual accounts and a reconciliation statement, reconciling
Section 44(2)	to	1. Inserted w.e.f 01.01.2020 vide Section 98 of Finance Act 2019 which comes into force vide Notification No. 01/2020 – Central Tax Dated 01st January 2020. Furnishing of the annual return along with a copy of the audited annual accounts and a reconciliation statement. Every registered person who is required to get his accounts audited in accordance with the provisions of sub-section (5) of section 35 shall furnish, electronically, the annual return under sub-section (1) along with a copy of the audited annual accounts and a reconciliation statement, reconciling the value of supplies declared in the return furnished for the
	to	1. Inserted w.e.f 01.01.2020 vide Section 98 of Finance Act 2019 which comes into force vide Notification No. 01/2020 – Central Tax Dated 01st January 2020. Furnishing of the annual return along with a copy of the audited annual accounts and a reconciliation statement. Every registered person who is required to get his accounts audited in accordance with the provisions of sub-section (5) of section 35 shall furnish, electronically, the annual return under sub-section (1) along with a copy of the audited annual accounts and a reconciliation statement, reconciling the value of supplies declared in the return furnished for the financial year with the audited annual financial statement, and such other particulars as may be prescribed.
Section 44(2) Explanation	to	1. Inserted w.e.f 01.01.2020 vide Section 98 of Finance Act 2019 which comes into force vide Notification No. 01/2020 – Central Tax Dated 01st January 2020. Furnishing of the annual return along with a copy of the audited annual accounts and a reconciliation statement. Every registered person who is required to get his accounts audited in accordance with the provisions of sub-section (5) of section 35 shall furnish, electronically, the annual return under sub-section (1) along with a copy of the audited annual accounts and a reconciliation statement, reconciling the value of supplies declared in the return furnished for the financial year with the audited annual financial statement,

	¹ [For the purposes of this section, it is hereby declared that the annual return for the period from the 1st July, 2017 to the 31st March, 2018 shall be furnished on or before the 31st March, 2019.]
	Notes
	1 Inserted w.e.f. 11.12.2018 vide Central Goods and
	Services Tax (Removal of Difficulties) Order, 2018
	dated 11th December 2018.
31.12.2018 to 27.06.2019	Extension of time limit to furnish the annual return for the period from the 1st July, 2017 to the 31st March, 2018.
	For the purposes of this section, it is hereby declared that the annual return for the period from the 1st July, 2017 to the 31st March, 2018 shall be furnished on or before the ¹ [30th June, 2019].
	1. Substituted for the figures, letters and word "31st March,
	2019" vide Central Goods and Services Tax (Third
	Removal of Difficulties) Order, 2018 dated 31st December
	<u>2018</u> .
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28.06.2019 to 25.08.2019	Extension of time limit to furnish the annual return for the period from the 1st July, 2017 to the 31st March, 2018.
to	the period from the 1st July, 2017 to the 31st March,
to	the period from the 1st July, 2017 to the 31st March, 2018. For the purposes of this section, it is hereby declared that the annual return for the period from the 1st July, 2017 to the 31st March, 2018 shall be furnished on or before the ¹ [31st
to	the period from the 1st July, 2017 to the 31st March, 2018. For the purposes of this section, it is hereby declared that the annual return for the period from the 1st July, 2017 to the 31st March, 2018 shall be furnished on or before the ¹ [31st August, 2019].
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 Substituted w.e.f. 26.08.2019 for the figures, letters and word "31st August, 2019" vide Central Goods and Services Tax (Seventh Removal of Difficulties) Order, 2019 dated 26th August 2019.

14.11.2019 to 25.12.2019

Extension of time limit to furnish the annual return for the period from the 1st July, 2017 to the 31st March, 2018 and the annual return for the period from the 1st April, 2018 to the 31st March, 2019.

¹[For the purposes of this section, it is hereby declared that the annual return for the period from the 1st July, 2017 to the 31st March, 2018 shall be furnished on or before the 31st December, 2019 and the annual return for the period from the 1st April, 2018 to the 31st March, 2019 shall be furnished on or before the 31st March, 2020.]

Substituted w.e.f. 14.11.2019 for the figures, letters and word "Explanation.- For the purposes of this section, it is hereby declared that the annual return for the period from the 1st July, 2017 to the 31st March, 2018 shall be furnished on or before the [30th November, 2019" vide Central Goods and Services Tax (Eighth Removal of Difficulties) Order, 2019 dated 14th November 2019.

26.12.2019 to 31.07.2021

Extension of time limit to furnish the annual return for the period from the 1st July, 2017 to the 31st March, 2018 and the annual return for the period from the 1st April, 2018 to the 31st March, 2019.

For the purposes of this section, it is hereby declared that the annual return for the period from the 1st July, 2017 to the 31st March, 2018 shall be furnished on or before the ¹[31st January, 2020] and the annual return for the period from the 1st April, 2018 to the 31st March, 2019 shall be furnished on or before the 31st March, 2020.]

 Substituted for the figures, letters and word "31st December, 2019" vide <u>Central Goods and Services Tax</u>

	(Tenth Removal of Difficulties) Order, 2019 dated 26 th December 2019.
Į	December 2015.

Section 44 01.08.2021 to till date

Furnishing of the annual return which may include a self-certified reconciliation statement with the audited annual financial statement - Exemption from filing annual return - Section does not apply to any department of the Central Government or a State Government or a local authority, whose books of account are subject to audit by the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India or an auditor appointed for auditing the accounts of local authorities under any law.

Every registered person, other than an Input Service Distributor, a person paying tax under section 51 or section 52, a casual taxable person and a non-resident taxable person shall furnish an annual return which may include a self-certified reconciliation statement, reconciling the value of supplies declared in the return furnished for the financial year, with the audited annual financial statement for every financial year electronically, within such time and in such form and in such manner as may be prescribed:

Provided that the Commissioner may, on the recommendations of the Council, by notification^{\$}, exempt any class of registered persons from filing annual return under this section:

Provided further that nothing contained in this section shall apply to any department of the Central Government or a State Government or a local authority, whose books of account are subject to audit by the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India or an auditor appointed for auditing the accounts of local authorities under any law for the time being in force.

- Substituted the section 44 w.e.f. 01.08.2021 vide Section 111
 of the Finance Act, 2021 (NO. 13 OF 2020) which has come
 into force vide Notification No. 29/2021 Central Tax dated
 30th July, 2021.
- \$ The Commissioner, on the recommendations of the Council has issued Notification No. 31/2021 Central Tax dated 30th July, 2021 and NOTIFICATION No. 10/2022 Central Tax dated 5th July, 2022 to exempt the registered person whose aggregate turnover in the financial year 2020-21 and 2021-22 is upto two crore rupees, from filing annual return for the said financial year.

¹ [Section 44(1)	01.10.2023 to till date	Furnishing of the annual return which may include a self-certified reconciliation statement with the audited annual financial statement - Exemption from filing annual return - Section does not apply to any department of the Central Government or a State Government or a local authority, whose books of account are subject to audit by the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India or an auditor appointed for auditing the accounts of local authorities under any law.	
		Every registered person, other than an Input Service Distributor, a person paying tax under section 51 or section 52, a casual taxable person and a non-resident taxable person shall furnish an annual return which may include a self-certified reconciliation statement, reconciling the value of supplies declared in the return furnished for the financial year, with the audited annual financial statement for every financial year electronically, within such time and in such form and in such manner as may be prescribed:	
		Provided that the Commissioner may, on the recommendations of the Council, by notification, exempt any class of registered persons from filing annual return under this section:	
		Provided further that nothing contained in this section shall apply to any department of the Central Government or a State Government or a local authority, whose books of account are subject to audit by the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India or an auditor appointed for auditing the accounts of local authorities under any law for the time being in force.]	
		Section 44 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act renumbered as sub-section (1) thereof vide Section 144 of the Finance Act 2023 and has come into force w.e.f. 01.10.2023 as the Central Government has appointed the 1st day of October, 2023, as the date on which the provisions have come into force vide Notification No. 28/2023—Central Tax dated 31.07.2023.	
¹ [Section	01.10.2023	Time limit to furnish an annual return for any financial	
44(2)	to till date	year	
		A registered person shall not be allowed to furnish an annual return under sub-section (1) for a financial year after the expiry of a period of three years from the due date of furnishing the said annual return:	
		Inserted sub-section (2) vide Section 144 of the Finance Act 2023 and has come into force w.e.f. 01.10.2023 as the	

		Central Government has appointed the 1st day of October,	
		2023, as the date on which the provisions have come into	
		force vide Notification No. 28/2023-Central Tax dated	
		<u>31.07.2023</u> .	
First	01.10.2023	The Government may allow a registered person or a	
proviso	to till next amendment	class of registered persons to furnish an annual return for a financial year under sub-section (1), even after the expiry of the said period of three years from the due date of furnishing the said annual return.	
		Provided that the Government may, on the recommendations of the Council, by notification, and subject to such conditions and restrictions as may be specified therein, allow a registered person or a class of registered persons to furnish an annual return for a financial year under sub-section (1), even after the expiry of the said period of three years from the due date of furnishing the said annual return.]	
		1. Inserted the proviso vide Section 144 of the Finance Act 2023 and has come into force w.e.f. 01.10.2023 as the Central Government has appointed the 1st day of October, 2023, as the date on which the provisions have come into force vide Notification No. 28/2023–Central Tax dated 31.07.2023.	

9.9.1.1 Departmental Notifications – Optional filing of annual return under section 44 (1) of CGST Act for financial years 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019- 20 for small taxpayers whose aggregate turnover is less than Rs 2 crores and who have not filed the said return before the due date.

Notification No. 47/2019 – Central Tax dated 9th October, 2019 - The Central Government, on the recommendations of the Council, has notified those registered persons whose aggregate turnover in a financial year does not exceed two crore rupees and who have not furnished the annual return under sub-section (1) of section 44 of the said Act read with sub-rule (1) of rule 80 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017 (hereinafter referred to as the said rules) before the due date, as the class of registered persons who shall, in respect of financial years 2017-18 and 2018-19, follow the special procedure such that the said persons shall have the option to furnish the annual return under sub-section (1) of section 44 of the said Act read with sub-rule (1) of rule 80 of the said rules:

Provided that the said return shall be deemed to be furnished on the due date if it has not been furnished before the due date.

Further, Notification No. 77/2020 – Central Tax dated 15th October, 2020 has amended Notification No. 47/2019 – Central Tax dated 9th October, 2019, namely: -

In the said notification in the opening paragraph, for the words and figures "financial years 2017-18 and 2018-19", the words and figures "financial years 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20" shall be substituted.

9.9.1.2 Departmental Notifications – Exemption to taxpayers having AATO upto Rs. 5 crores from the requirement of furnishing GSTR-9C - Rule 80(3) - Form GSTR 9/9A/9B and a self-certified reconciliation statement IN Form GSTR 9C for FY 2020-21.

Notification No. 30/2021 – Central Tax dated 30th July, 2021 has amended the Rule 80 w.e.f. 1st day of August, 2021 as follows:

***80. Annual return.**- (1) Every registered person, other than those referred to in the second proviso to section 44, an Input Service Distributor, a person paying tax under section 51 or section 52, a casual taxable person and a non-resident taxable person, shall furnish an annual return for every financial year as specified under section 44 electronically in FORM GSTR-9 on or before the thirty-first day of December following the end of such financial year through the common portal either directly or through a Facilitation Centre notified by the Commissioner:

Provided that a person paying tax under section 10 shall furnish the annual return in FORM GSTR-9A.

- (2) Every electronic commerce operator required to collect tax at source under section 52 shall furnish annual statement referred to in sub-section (5) of the said section in FORM GSTR 9B.
- (3) Every registered person, other than those referred to in the second proviso to section 44, an Input Service Distributor, a person paying tax under section 51 or section 52, a casual taxable person and a non-resident taxable person, whose aggregate turnover during a financial year exceeds five crore rupees, shall also furnish a self-certified reconciliation statement as specified under section 44 in FORM GSTR-9C along with the annual return referred to in sub-rule (1), on or before the thirty-first day of December following the end of such financial year, electronically through the common portal either directly or through a Facilitation Centre notified by the Commissioner."

9.9.1.3 Departmental Notifications – Exemption to taxpayers having AATO upto Rs. 2 crores from the requirement of furnishing annual return for FY 2020-21.

Notification No. 31/2021 – Central Tax dated 30th July, 2021 effective from 1st day of August, 2021- In exercise of the powers conferred by the first proviso to section 44 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (12 of 2017), the Commissioner, on the recommendations of the Council, hereby exempts the registered person whose aggregate turnover in the financial year 2020-21 is upto two crore rupees, from filing annual return for the said financial year.

9.9.1.4 Departmental Notifications – Exemption to foreign airlines from furnishing reconciliation Statement in FORM GSTR-9C

Notification No.09/2020 – Central Tax dated 16th March, 2020 - The Central Government, on the recommendations of the Council, has notified the persons who are foreign company which is an airlines company covered under the notification issued under sub-section (1) of section 381 of the Companies Act, 2013 (18 of 2013) and who have complied with the sub-rule (2) of rule 4 of the Companies (Registration of Foreign Companies) Rules, 2014, as the class of registered persons who shall follow the special procedure as mentioned below.

2. The said persons shall not be required to furnish reconciliation statement in FORM GSTR-9C to the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017 under subsection (2) of section 44 of the said Act read with sub-rule (3) of rule 80 of the said rules:

Provided that a statement of receipts and payments for the financial year in respect of its Indian Business operations, duly authenticated by a practicing Chartered Accountant in India or a firm or a Limited Liability Partnership of practicing Chartered Accountants in India is submitted for each GSTIN by the 30th September of the year succeeding the financial year.

9.9.1.5 Departmental Notifications – Exemption to taxpayers having AATO upto Rs. 2 crores from the requirement of furnishing annual return for FY 2021-22.

NOTIFICATION No. 10/2022 – Central Tax dated 5th July, 2022 - In exercise of the powers conferred by the first proviso to section 44 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (12 of 2017), the Commissioner, on the recommendations of the Council, hereby exempts the

registered person whose aggregate turnover in the financial year 2021-22 is up to two crore rupees, from filing annual return for the said financial year.

9.9.1.6 Departmental Notifications – Exemption from furnishing of Annual Return / Reconciliation Statement for suppliers of Online Information Database Access and Retrieval Services (OIDAR services).

Notification No.30 /2019 – Central Tax dated 28th June, 2019 - The Central Government, on the recommendations of the Council, has notified the persons registered under section 24 of the said Act read with rule 14 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017, (hereinafter referred to as "the said rules"), supplying online information and data base access or retrieval services from a place outside India to a person in India, other than a registered person as the class of registered persons who shall follow the special procedure as mentioned below.

- 2. The said persons shall not be required to furnish an annual return in FORM GSTR-9 under sub-section (1) of section 44 of the said Act read with sub-rule (1) of rule 80 of the said rules.
- 3. The said persons shall not be required to furnish reconciliation statement in FORM GSTR-9C under sub-section (2) of section 44 of the said Act read with sub-rule (3) of rule 80 of the said rules.

9.9.1.7 Departmental Notifications – Due date / Extention of the last date for furnishing of annual return/reconciliation statement in FORM GSTR-9/ FORM GSTR-9A/FORM GSTR-9C

Notification No.06/2020 – Central Tax dated 3rd February, 2020 - The Commissioner, on the recommendations of the Council, has extended the time limit for furnishing of the annual return specified under section 44 of the said Act read with rule 80 of the said rules, electronically through the common portal, in respect of the period from the 1st July,2017 to the 31st March, 2018, for the class of registered person specified in column (2) of the Table below, till the time period as specified in the corresponding entry in column (3) of the said Table, namely:-

Table

SI.	Registered person, whose principal place of business is in	Due date for furnishing return under section 44 of the said Act read with rule 80 of the said rules
		for the FY 2017-18

(1)	(2)	(3)
1.	Chandigarh, Delhi, Gujarat, Haryana, Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttarakhand	5th February, 2020.
2.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu, Goa, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Lakshadweep, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Odisha, Puducherry, Sikkim, Telangana, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal Other Territory.	7th February, 2020.

Notification No. 15/2020 – Central Tax dated 23rd March, 2020 - The Commissioner, on the recommendations of the Council, has extended the time limit for furnishing of the annual return specified under section 44 of the said Act read with rule 80 of the said rules, electronically through the common portal, for the financial year 2018-2019 till 30.06.2020.

Further, Notification No. 41/2020 – Central Tax dated 5th May, 2020 has superseded Notification No. 15/2020 – Central Tax dated 23rd March, 2020 and the Commissioner, on the recommendations of the Council, has extended the time limit for furnishing of the annual return specified under section 44 of the said Act read with rule 80 of the said rules, electronically through the common portal, for the financial year 2018-2019 till the 30th September, 2020.

Further, Notification No. 69/2020 – Central Tax dated 30th September, 2020 has amended Notification No. 41/2020 – Central Tax dated 5th May, 2020, namely:-

In the said notification, for the figures, letters and words "30th September, 2020", the figures, letters and words "31st October, 2020" shall be substituted.

Further, Notification No. 80 /2020 - Central Tax dated 28th October, 2020 has amended Notification No. 41/2020 - Central Tax dated 5th May, 2020, namely:-

In the said notification, for the figures, letters and word "31st October, 2020", the figures, letters and word "31st December, 2020" shall be substituted.

Notification No. 95/2020 – Central Tax dated 30th December, 2020 - The Commissioner, on the recommendations of the Council, has extended the time limit for furnishing of the annual return specified under section 44 of the said Act read with rule 80 of the said rules, electronically through the common portal, for the financial year 2019-20 till 28.02.2021.

Further, Notification No. 04/2021 – Central Tax dated 28th February, 2021 has amended Notification No. 41/2020 – Central Tax dated 5th May, 2020, namely:-

In the said notification, for the figures "28.02.2021", the figures "31.03.2021" shall be substituted.

9.9.1.8 Departmental Notifications – Exemption to the registered person whose aggregate turnover in the financial year 2022-23 is up to two crore rupees, from filing annual return for 2022-23.

Notification No. 32/2023 – Central Tax dated 31st July, 2023 - The Commissioner, has exempted the registered person whose aggregate turnover in the financial year 2022-23 is up to two crore rupees, from filing annual return for the said financial year.

9.9.2.1 Departmental Clarifications - Processing of Applications for Cancellation of Registration submitted in FORM GST REG-16- <u>Circular No. 69/43/2018-GST dated 26th</u> <u>October, 2018</u>

The Board is in receipt of representations seeking clarifications on various issues in relation to processing of the applications for cancellation of registration filed by taxpayers in FORM GST REG-16. In order to clarify these issues and to ensure uniformity in the implementation of the provisions of law 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 the "CGST Act"), hereby clarifies the issues as detailed hereunder:

- 2. Section 29 of the CGST Act, read with rule 20 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (hereinafter referred to as the "CGST Rules") provides that a taxpayer can apply for cancellation of registration in FORM GST REG-16 in the following circumstances:
- a. Discontinuance of business or closure of business;
- b. Transfer of business on account of amalgamation, merger, de-merger, sale, lease or otherwise;
- c. Change in constitution of business leading to change in PAN;
- d. Taxable person (including those who have taken voluntary registration) is no longer liable to be registered under GST;
- e. Death of sole proprietor;
- f. Any other reason (to be specified in the application).
- 3. Rule 20 of the CGST Rules provides that the taxpayer applying for cancellation of registration shall submit the application in FORM GST REG-16 on the common portal within a period of 30 days of the "occurrence of the event warranting the cancellation". It might be

difficult in some cases to exactly identify or pinpoint the day on which such an event occurs. For instance, a business may be transferred/disposed over a period of time in a piece meal fashion. In such cases, the 30-day deadline may be liberally interpreted and the taxpayers" application for cancellation of registration may not be rejected because of the possible violation of the deadline.

- 4. While initiating the application for cancellation of registration in FORM GST REG16, the Common portal captures the following information which has to be mandatorily filled in by the applicant:
- a) Address for future correspondence with mobile number and email address;
- b) Reason for cancellation;
- c) Date from which cancellation is sought;
- d) Details of the value and the input tax/tax payable on the stock of inputs, inputs contained in semi-finished goods, inputs contained in finished goods, stock of capital goods/plant and machinery;
- e) In case of transfer, merger of business, etc., particulars of registration of the entity in which the existing unit has been merged, amalgamated, or transferred (including the copy of the order of the High Court / transfer deed);
- f) Details of the last return filed by the taxpayer along with the ARN of such return filed.

On successful submission of the cancellation application, the same appears on the dashboard of the jurisdictional officer.

- 5. Since the cancellation of registration has no effect on the liability of the taxpayer for any acts of commission/omission committed before or after the date of cancellation, the proper officer should accept all such applications within a period of 30 days from the date of filing the application, except in the following circumstances:
- a) The application in FORM GST REG-16 is incomplete, i.e. where all the relevant particulars, as detailed in para 4 above, have not been entered;
- b) In case of transfer, merger or amalgamation of business, the new entity in which the applicant proposes to amalgamate or merge has not got registered with the tax authority before submission of the application for cancellation.

In all cases other than those listed at (a) and (b) above, the application for cancellation of registration should be immediately accepted by the proper officer and the order for cancellation should be issued in FORM GST REG-19 with the effective date of cancellation being the same as the date from which the applicant has sought cancellation in FORM GST REG-16. In any case the effective date cannot be a date earlier to the date of application for the same.

6. In situations referred to in (a) or (b) in para 5 above, the proper officer shall inform the applicant in writing about the nature of the discrepancy and give a time period of seven working days to the taxpayer, from the date of receipt of the said letter, to reply. If no reply is received within the specified period of seven working days, the proper officer may reject the application on the system, after giving the applicant an opportunity to be heard, recording reasons for rejection in the dialog box that opens once the "Reject" button is chosen. If reply to the query is received and the same on examination is found satisfactory, the Proper Officer may approve the application for cancellation and proceed to cancel the registration by issuing an order in

FORM GST REG-19. If reply to the query is found to be not satisfactory, the Proper Officer may reject the application for cancellation on the system, after giving the applicant an opportunity to be heard. The Proper Officer must also record his reasons for rejection of the application in the dialog box that opens when the "Reject" button is chosen.

- 7. Section 45 of the CGST Act requires every registered person (other than an Input Service Distributor or a non-resident taxable person or a person paying tax under the provisions of section 10 or section 51 or section 52) whose registration has been cancelled, to file a final return in FORM GSTR-10, within three months of the effective date of cancellation or the date of order of cancellation, whichever is later. The purpose of the final return is to ensure that the taxpayer discharges any liability that he/she may have incurred under sub-section (5) of the section 29 of the CGST Act. It may be noted that the last date for furnishing of FORM GSTR-10 by those taxpayers whose registration has been cancelled on or before 30.09.2018 has been extended till 31.12.2018 vide notification No. 58/2018 Central Tax dated the 26th October, 2018.
- 8. Further, sub-section (5) of section 29 of the CGST Act, read with rule 20 of the CGST Rules states that the taxpayer seeking cancellation of registration shall have to pay, by way of debiting either the electronic credit or cash ledger, the input tax contained in the stock of inputs, semi-finished goods, finished goods and capital goods or the output tax payable on such goods, whichever is higher. For the purpose of this calculation, the stock of inputs, semifinished goods, finished goods and capital goods shall be taken as on the day immediately preceding the date with effect from which the cancellation has been ordered by the proper officer i.e. the date of cancellation of registration. However, it is clarified that this requirement to debit the electronic credit and/or cash ledger by suitable amounts should not be a prerequisite for applying for cancellation of registration. This can also be done at the time of submission of final return in FORM GSTR-10. In any case, once the taxpayer submits the application for cancellation of his/her registration from a specified date, he/she will not be able to utilize any remaining balances in his/her electronic credit/cash ledgers from the said date except for discharging liabilities under GST Act upto the date of filing of final return in FORM GSTR-10. Therefore, the requirement to reverse the balance in the electronic credit ledger is automatically met. In case it is later determined that the output tax liability of the taxpayer, as determined under sub-section (5) of section 29 of the CGST Act, was greater than the amount of input tax credit available, then the difference shall be paid by him/her in cash. It is reiterated that, as stated in sub-section (3) of section 29 of the CGST Act, the cancellation of registration does not, in any way, affect the liability of the taxpayer to pay any dues under the GST law, irrespective of whether such dues have been determined before or after the date of cancellation.
- 9. In case the final return in FORM GSTR-10 is not filed within the stipulated date, then notice in FORM GSTR-3A has to be issued to the taxpayer. If the taxpayer still fails to file the final return within 15 days of the receipt of notice in FORM GSTR-3A, then an assessment order in FORM GST ASMT-13 under section 62 of the CGST Act read with rule 100 of the CGST Rules shall have to be issued to determine the liability of the taxpayer under sub-section (5) of section 29 on the basis of information available with the proper officer. If the taxpayer files the final return within 30 days of the date of service of the order in FORM GST ASMT-13, then the said order shall be deemed to have been withdrawn. However, the liability for payment of interest and late fee shall continue.
- 10. Rule 68 of the CGST Rules requires issuance of notices to registered persons who fail to furnish returns under section 39 (FORM GSTR-1, FORM GSTR-3B and FORM GSTR-4), section 44 (Annual Return FORM GSTR-9 / FORM GSTR-9A / FORM GSTR-9C), section

- 45 (Final Return FORM GSTR-10) or section 52 (TCS Return FORM GSTR-6). It is clarified that issuance of notice would not be required for registered persons who have not made any taxable supplies during the intervening period (i.e. from the date of registration to the date of application for cancellation of registration) and has furnished an undertaking to this effect.
- 11. It is pertinent to mention here that section 29 of the CGST Act has been amended by the CGST (Amendment) Act, 2018 to provide for "Suspension" of registration. The intent of the said amendment is to ensure that a taxpayer is freed from the routine compliances, including filing returns, under GST Act during the pendency of the proceedings related to cancellation. Although the provisions of CGST (Amendment) Act, 2018 have not yet been brought into force, it will be prudent for the field formations not to issue notices for nonfiling of return for taxpayers who have already filed an application for cancellation of registration under section 29 of the CGST Act. However, the requirement of filing a final return, as under section 45 of the CGST Act, remains unchanged.
- 12. It may be noted that the information in table in FORM GST REG-19 shall be taken from the liability ledger and the difference between the amounts in Table 10 and Table 11 of FORM GST REG-16.

9.9.2.2 Departmental Clarifications - Clarification regarding optional filing of annual return under <u>notification No. 47/2019- Central Tax dated 9th October, 2019</u> - <u>Circular No. 124/43/2019 - GST dated 18th November, 2019</u>

Attention is invited to notification No. 47/2019-Central Tax dated 9th October, 2019 (hereinafter referred to as "the said notification") issued under section 148 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (hereinafter referred to as "the said Act") providing for special procedure for those registered persons whose aggregate turnover in a financial year does not exceed two crore rupees and who have not furnished the annual return under subsection (1) of section 44 of the said Act read with sub-rule (1) of rule 80 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017 (hereinafter referred to as "the CGST Rules").

- 2. Vide the said notification it is provided that the annual return shall be deemed to be furnished on the due date if it has not been furnished before the due date for the financial year 2017-18 and 2018-19, in respect of those registered persons. In order to clarify the issue and to ensure uniformity in the implementation of the provisions of the law across field formations, the Board, in exercise of its powers conferred by section 168 (1) of the said Act, hereby clarifies the issues raised as below:
 - a. As per proviso to sub-rule (1) of rule 80 of the CGST Rules, a person paying tax under section 10 is required to furnish the annual return in FORM GSTR-9A. Since the said notification has made it optional to furnish the annual return for FY 2017-18 and 2018-19 for those registered persons whose aggregate turnover in a financial year does not exceed two crore rupees, it is clarified that the tax payers under composition scheme, may, at their own option file FORM GSTR-9A for the said financial years before the due date. After the due date of furnishing the annual return for the year 2017-18 and 2018-19, the common portal shall not permit furnishing of FORM GSTR-9A for the said period.

- b. As per sub-rule (1) of rule 80 of the CGST Rules, every registered person other than an Input Service Distributor, a person paying tax under section 51 or section 52, a casual taxable person and a non-resident taxable person, shall furnish an annual return as specified under sub-section (1) of section 44 electronically in FORM GSTR-9. Further, the said notification has made it optional to furnish the annual return for FY 2017-18 and 2018-19 for those registered persons whose aggregate turnover in a financial year does not exceed two crore rupees. Accordingly, it is clarified that the tax payers, may, at their own option file FORM GSTR-9 for the said financial years before the due date. After the due date of furnishing the annual return for the year 2017-18 and 2018-19, the common portal shall not permit furnishing of FORM GSTR-9 for the said period.
- 3. Section 73 of the said Act provides for voluntary payment of tax dues by the taxpayers at any point in time. Therefore, irrespective of the time and quantum of tax which has not been paid or short paid, the taxpayer has the liberty to self-ascertain such tax amount and pay it through FORM GST DRC-03. Accordingly, it is clarified that if any registered tax payer, during course of reconciliation of his accounts, notices any short payment of tax or ineligible availment of input tax credit, he may pay the same through FORM GST DRC-03.

9.9.2.3 Departmental Clarifications - Standard Operating Procedure to be followed in case of non-filers of returns - <u>Circular No. 129/48/2019 - GST dated 24th December, 2019.</u>

Doubts have been raised across the field formations in respect of the appropriate procedure to be followed in case of non-furnishing of return under section 39 or section 44 or section 45 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (hereinafter referred to as the "CGST Act"). It has further been brought to the notice that divergent practices are being followed in case of non-furnishing of the said returns.

- 2. The matter has been examined. In order to clarify the issue and to ensure uniformity in the implementation of the provisions of the law across field formations, the Board, in exercise of its powers conferred by section 168 (1) of the CGST Act, hereby issues the following clarifications and guidelines.
- 3. Section 46 of the CGST Act read with rule 68 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017 (hereinafter referred to as the "CGST Rules") requires issuance of a notice in FORM GSTR-3A to a registered person who fails to furnish return under section 39 or section 44 or section 45 (hereinafter referred to as the "defaulter") requiring him to furnish such return within fifteen days. Further section 62 provides for assessment of non-filers of return of registered persons who fails to furnish return under section 39 or section 45 even after service of notice under section 46. FORM GSTR-3A provides as under:

"Notice to return defaulter u/s 46 for not filing return

Tax Period - Type of Return -

Being a registered taxpayer, you are required to furnish return for the supplies made or received and to discharge resultant tax liability for the aforesaid tax period by due date. It has been noticed that you have not filed the said return till date.

- 1. You are, therefore, requested to furnish the said return within 15 days failing which the tax liability may be assessed u/s 62 of the Act, based on the relevant material available with this office. Please note that in addition to tax so assessed, you will also be liable to pay interest and penalty as per provisions of the Act.
- 2. Please note that no further communication will be issued for assessing the liability.
- 3. The notice shall be deemed to have been withdrawn in case the return referred above, is filed by you before issue of the assessment order. "

As such, no separate notice is required to be issued for best judgment assessment under section 62 and in case of failure to file return within 15 days of issuance of FORM GSTR3A, the best judgment assessment in FORM ASMT-13 can be issued without any further communication.

- 4. Following guidelines are hereby prescribed to ensure uniformity in the implementation of the provisions of law across the field formations:
- (i) Preferably, a system generated message would be sent to all the registered persons 3 days before the due date to nudge them about filing of the return for the tax period by the due date.
- (ii) Once the due date for furnishing the return under section 39 is over, a system generated mail / message would be sent to all the defaulters immediately after the due date to the effect that the said registered person has not furnished his return for the said tax period; the said mail/message is to be sent to the authorized signatory as well as the proprietor/partner/director/karta, etc.
- (iii) Five days after the due date of furnishing the return, a notice in FORM GSTR-3A (under section 46 of the CGST Act read with rule 68 of the CGST Rules) shall be issued electronically to such registered person who fails to furnish return under section 39, requiring him to furnish such return within fifteen days;
- (iv) In case the said return is still not filed by the defaulter within 15 days of the said notice, the proper officer may proceed to assess the tax liability of the said person under section 62 of the CGST Act, to the best of his judgement taking into account all the relevant material which is available or which he has gathered and would issue order under rule 100 of the CGST Rules in FORM GST ASMT-13. The proper officer would then be required to upload the summary thereof in FORM GST DRC07;
- (v) For the purpose of assessment of tax liability under section 62 of the CGST Act, the proper officer may take into account the details of outward supplies available in the statement furnished under section 37 (FORM GSTR-1), details of supplies auto populated in FORM GSTR-2A, information available from e-way bills, or any other information available from any other source, including from inspection under section 71;
- (vi)In case the defaulter furnishes a valid return within thirty days of the service of assessment order in FORM GST ASMT-13, the said assessment order shall be deemed to have been withdrawn in terms of provision of sub-section (2) of section 62 of the CGST Act. However, if the said return remains unfurnished within the statutory period of 30 days from issuance of order in FORM ASMT-13, then proper officer may initiate proceedings under section 78 and recovery under section 79 of the CGST Act;
- 5. Above general guidelines may be followed by the proper officer in case of non furnishing of return. In deserving cases, based on the facts of the case, the Commissioner may resort to

provisional attachment to protect revenue under section 83 of the CGST Act before issuance of FORM GST ASMT-13. 6. Further, the proper officer would initiate action under sub-section (2) of section 29 of the CGST Act for cancellation of registration in cases where the return has not been furnished for the period specified in section 29.

9.10 Final return. [Section 45]

Section 45	01.07.2017 to till date	Final return – Form, manner and time limit to furnish a final return
		Every registered person who is required to furnish a return under sub-section (1) of section 39 and whose registration has been cancelled shall furnish a final return within three months of the date of cancellation or date of order of cancellation, whichever is later, in such form and manner as may be prescribed.

9.10.1.1 Departmental Notifications – Due date to furnish final return in FORM GSTR-10 by taxpayers whose registration has been cancelled on or before the 30th September, 2018

Notification No. 58/2018 – Central Tax dated 26th October, 2018 - The Central Government, on the recommendations of the Council, has notified the persons whose registration under the said Act has been cancelled by the proper officer on or before the 30th September, 2018, as the class of persons who shall furnish the final return in FORM GSTR-10 of the said rules till the 31st December, 2018.

9.10.2.1 Departmental Clarifications - Processing of Applications for Cancellation of Registration submitted in FORM GST REG-16- Circular No. 69/43/2018-GST dated 26th October, 2018

The Board is in receipt of representations seeking clarifications on various issues in relation to processing of the applications for cancellation of registration filed by taxpayers in FORM GST REG-16. In order to clarify these issues and to ensure uniformity in the implementation of the provisions of law 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 the "CGST Act"), hereby clarifies the issues as detailed hereunder:

- 2. Section 29 of the CGST Act, read with rule 20 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (hereinafter referred to as the "CGST Rules") provides that a taxpayer can apply for cancellation of registration in FORM GST REG-16 in the following circumstances:
- a. Discontinuance of business or closure of business;

- b. Transfer of business on account of amalgamation, merger, de-merger, sale, lease or otherwise;
- c. Change in constitution of business leading to change in PAN;
- d. Taxable person (including those who have taken voluntary registration) is no longer liable to be registered under GST;
- e. Death of sole proprietor;
- f. Any other reason (to be specified in the application).
- 3. Rule 20 of the CGST Rules provides that the taxpayer applying for cancellation of registration shall submit the application in FORM GST REG-16 on the common portal within a period of 30 days of the "occurrence of the event warranting the cancellation". It might be difficult in some cases to exactly identify or pinpoint the day on which such an event occurs. For instance, a business may be transferred/disposed over a period of time in a piece meal fashion. In such cases, the 30-day deadline may be liberally interpreted and the taxpayers" application for cancellation of registration may not be rejected because of the possible violation of the deadline.
- 4. While initiating the application for cancellation of registration in FORM GST REG16, the Common portal captures the following information which has to be mandatorily filled in by the applicant:
- a) Address for future correspondence with mobile number and email address;
- b) Reason for cancellation;
- c) Date from which cancellation is sought;
- d) Details of the value and the input tax/tax payable on the stock of inputs, inputs contained in semi-finished goods, inputs contained in finished goods, stock of capital goods/plant and machinery;
- e) In case of transfer, merger of business, etc., particulars of registration of the entity in which the existing unit has been merged, amalgamated, or transferred (including the copy of the order of the High Court / transfer deed);
- f) Details of the last return filed by the taxpayer along with the ARN of such return filed.

On successful submission of the cancellation application, the same appears on the dashboard of the jurisdictional officer.

- 5. Since the cancellation of registration has no effect on the liability of the taxpayer for any acts of commission/omission committed before or after the date of cancellation, the proper officer should accept all such applications within a period of 30 days from the date of filing the application, except in the following circumstances:
- a) The application in FORM GST REG-16 is incomplete, i.e. where all the relevant particulars, as detailed in para 4 above, have not been entered;
- b) In case of transfer, merger or amalgamation of business, the new entity in which the applicant proposes to amalgamate or merge has not got registered with the tax authority before submission of the application for cancellation.

In all cases other than those listed at (a) and (b) above, the application for cancellation of registration should be immediately accepted by the proper officer and the order for cancellation should be issued in FORM GST REG-19 with the effective date of cancellation being the same as the date from which the applicant has sought cancellation in FORM GST REG-16. In any case the effective date cannot be a date earlier to the date of application for the same.

- 6. In situations referred to in (a) or (b) in para 5 above, the proper officer shall inform the applicant in writing about the nature of the discrepancy and give a time period of seven working days to the taxpayer, from the date of receipt of the said letter, to reply. If no reply is received within the specified period of seven working days, the proper officer may reject the application on the system, after giving the applicant an opportunity to be heard, recording reasons for rejection in the dialog box that opens once the "Reject" button is chosen. If reply to the query is received and the same on examination is found satisfactory, the Proper Officer may approve the application for cancellation and proceed to cancel the registration by issuing an order in FORM GST REG-19. If reply to the query is found to be not satisfactory, the Proper Officer may reject the application for cancellation on the system, after giving the applicant an opportunity to be heard. The Proper Officer must also record his reasons for rejection of the application in the dialog box that opens when the "Reject" button is chosen.
- 7. Section 45 of the CGST Act requires every registered person (other than an Input Service Distributor or a non-resident taxable person or a person paying tax under the provisions of section 10 or section 51 or section 52) whose registration has been cancelled, to file a final return in FORM GSTR-10, within three months of the effective date of cancellation or the date of order of cancellation, whichever is later. The purpose of the final return is to ensure that the taxpayer discharges any liability that he/she may have incurred under sub-section (5) of the section 29 of the CGST Act. It may be noted that the last date for furnishing of FORM GSTR-10 by those taxpayers whose registration has been cancelled on or before 30.09.2018 has been extended till 31.12.2018 vide notification No. 58/2018 Central Tax dated the 26th October, 2018.
- 8. Further, sub-section (5) of section 29 of the CGST Act, read with rule 20 of the CGST Rules states that the taxpayer seeking cancellation of registration shall have to pay, by way of debiting either the electronic credit or cash ledger, the input tax contained in the stock of inputs, semi-finished goods, finished goods and capital goods or the output tax payable on such goods, whichever is higher. For the purpose of this calculation, the stock of inputs, semifinished goods, finished goods and capital goods shall be taken as on the day immediately preceding the date with effect from which the cancellation has been ordered by the proper officer i.e. the date of cancellation of registration. However, it is clarified that this requirement to debit the electronic credit and/or cash ledger by suitable amounts should not be a prerequisite for applying for cancellation of registration. This can also be done at the time of submission of final return in FORM GSTR-10. In any case, once the taxpayer submits the application for cancellation of his/her registration from a specified date, he/she will not be able to utilize any remaining balances in his/her electronic credit/cash ledgers from the said date except for discharging liabilities under GST Act upto the date of filing of final return in FORM GSTR-10. Therefore, the requirement to reverse the balance in the electronic credit ledger is automatically met. In case it is later determined that the output tax liability of the taxpayer, as determined under sub-section (5) of section 29 of the CGST Act, was greater than the amount of input tax credit available, then the difference shall be paid by him/her in cash. It is reiterated that, as stated in sub-section (3) of section 29 of the CGST Act, the cancellation of registration does not, in any way, affect the liability of the taxpayer to pay any dues under the GST law,

irrespective of whether such dues have been determined before or after the date of cancellation.

- 9. In case the final return in FORM GSTR-10 is not filed within the stipulated date, then notice in FORM GSTR-3A has to be issued to the taxpayer. If the taxpayer still fails to file the final return within 15 days of the receipt of notice in FORM GSTR-3A, then an assessment order in FORM GST ASMT-13 under section 62 of the CGST Act read with rule 100 of the CGST Rules shall have to be issued to determine the liability of the taxpayer under sub-section (5) of section 29 on the basis of information available with the proper officer. If the taxpayer files the final return within 30 days of the date of service of the order in FORM GST ASMT-13, then the said order shall be deemed to have been withdrawn. However, the liability for payment of interest and late fee shall continue.
- 10. Rule 68 of the CGST Rules requires issuance of notices to registered persons who fail to furnish returns under section 39 (FORM GSTR-1, FORM GSTR-3B and FORM GSTR-4), section 44 (Annual Return FORM GSTR-9 / FORM GSTR-9A / FORM GSTR-9C), section 45 (Final Return FORM GSTR-10) or section 52 (TCS Return FORM GSTR-6). It is clarified that issuance of notice would not be required for registered persons who have not made any taxable supplies during the intervening period (i.e. from the date of registration to the date of application for cancellation of registration) and has furnished an undertaking to this effect.
- 11. It is pertinent to mention here that section 29 of the CGST Act has been amended by the CGST (Amendment) Act, 2018 to provide for "Suspension" of registration. The intent of the said amendment is to ensure that a taxpayer is freed from the routine compliances, including filing returns, under GST Act during the pendency of the proceedings related to cancellation. Although the provisions of CGST (Amendment) Act, 2018 have not yet been brought into force, it will be prudent for the field formations not to issue notices for nonfiling of return for taxpayers who have already filed an application for cancellation of registration under section 29 of the CGST Act. However, the requirement of filing a final return, as under section 45 of the CGST Act, remains unchanged.
- 12. It may be noted that the information in table in FORM GST REG-19 shall be taken from the liability ledger and the difference between the amounts in Table 10 and Table 11 of FORM GST REG-16.

9.10.2.2 Departmental Clarifications - Standard Operating Procedure to be followed in case of non-filers of returns - <u>Circular No. 129/48/2019 - GST dated 24th December</u>, 2019.

Doubts have been raised across the field formations in respect of the appropriate procedure to be followed in case of non-furnishing of return under section 39 or section 44 or section 45 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (hereinafter referred to as the "CGST Act"). It has further been brought to the notice that divergent practices are being followed in case of non-furnishing of the said returns.

2. The matter has been examined. In order to clarify the issue and to ensure uniformity in the implementation of the provisions of the law across field formations, the Board, in exercise of its powers conferred by section 168 (1) of the CGST Act, hereby issues the following clarifications and guidelines.

3. Section 46 of the CGST Act read with rule 68 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017 (hereinafter referred to as the "CGST Rules") requires issuance of a notice in FORM GSTR-3A to a registered person who fails to furnish return under section 39 or section 44 or section 45 (hereinafter referred to as the "defaulter") requiring him to furnish such return within fifteen days. Further section 62 provides for assessment of non-filers of return of registered persons who fails to furnish return under section 39 or section 45 even after service of notice under section 46. FORM GSTR-3A provides as under:

"Notice to return defaulter u/s 46 for not filing return

Tax Period - Type of Return -

Being a registered taxpayer, you are required to furnish return for the supplies made or received and to discharge resultant tax liability for the aforesaid tax period by due date. It has been noticed that you have not filed the said return till date.

- 1. You are, therefore, requested to furnish the said return within 15 days failing which the tax liability may be assessed u/s 62 of the Act, based on the relevant material available with this office. Please note that in addition to tax so assessed, you will also be liable to pay interest and penalty as per provisions of the Act.
- 2. Please note that no further communication will be issued for assessing the liability.
- 3. The notice shall be deemed to have been withdrawn in case the return referred above, is filed by you before issue of the assessment order. "

As such, no separate notice is required to be issued for best judgment assessment under section 62 and in case of failure to file return within 15 days of issuance of FORM GSTR3A, the best judgment assessment in FORM ASMT-13 can be issued without any further communication.

- 4. Following guidelines are hereby prescribed to ensure uniformity in the implementation of the provisions of law across the field formations:
- (i) Preferably, a system generated message would be sent to all the registered persons 3 days before the due date to nudge them about filing of the return for the tax period by the due date.
- (ii) Once the due date for furnishing the return under section 39 is over, a system generated mail / message would be sent to all the defaulters immediately after the due date to the effect that the said registered person has not furnished his return for the said tax period; the said mail/message is to be sent to the authorized signatory as well as the proprietor/partner/director/karta, etc.
- (iii) Five days after the due date of furnishing the return, a notice in FORM GSTR-3A (under section 46 of the CGST Act read with rule 68 of the CGST Rules) shall be issued electronically to such registered person who fails to furnish return under section 39, requiring him to furnish such return within fifteen days;
- (iv) In case the said return is still not filed by the defaulter within 15 days of the said notice, the proper officer may proceed to assess the tax liability of the said person under section 62 of the CGST Act, to the best of his judgement taking into account all the relevant material which is available or which he has gathered and would issue order under rule 100 of the CGST Rules in FORM GST ASMT-13. The proper officer would then be required to upload the summary thereof in FORM GST DRC07;

- (v) For the purpose of assessment of tax liability under section 62 of the CGST Act, the proper officer may take into account the details of outward supplies available in the statement furnished under section 37 (FORM GSTR-1), details of supplies auto populated in FORM GSTR-2A, information available from e-way bills, or any other information available from any other source, including from inspection under section 71;
- (vi)In case the defaulter furnishes a valid return within thirty days of the service of assessment order in FORM GST ASMT-13, the said assessment order shall be deemed to have been withdrawn in terms of provision of sub-section (2) of section 62 of the CGST Act. However, if the said return remains unfurnished within the statutory period of 30 days from issuance of order in FORM ASMT-13, then proper officer may initiate proceedings under section 78 and recovery under section 79 of the CGST Act;
- 5. Above general guidelines may be followed by the proper officer in case of non furnishing of return. In deserving cases, based on the facts of the case, the Commissioner may resort to provisional attachment to protect revenue under section 83 of the CGST Act before issuance of FORM GST ASMT-13. 6. Further, the proper officer would initiate action under sub-section (2) of section 29 of the CGST Act for cancellation of registration in cases where the return has not been furnished for the period specified in section 29.

9.11 Notice to return defaulters. [Section 46]

Section 46	01.07.2017 to till date	Notice to return defaulters
		Where a registered person fails to furnish a return under section 39 or section 44 or section 45, a notice shall be issued requiring him to furnish such return within fifteen days in such form and manner as may be prescribed.

9.11.1.1 Departmental Clarifications - Standard Operating Procedure to be followed in case of non-filers of returns - <u>Circular No. 129/48/2019 - GST dated 24th December, 2019.</u>

Doubts have been raised across the field formations in respect of the appropriate procedure to be followed in case of non-furnishing of return under section 39 or section 44 or section 45 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (hereinafter referred to as the "CGST Act"). It has further been brought to the notice that divergent practices are being followed in case of non-furnishing of the said returns.

- 2. The matter has been examined. In order to clarify the issue and to ensure uniformity in the implementation of the provisions of the law across field formations, the Board, in exercise of its powers conferred by section 168 (1) of the CGST Act, hereby issues the following clarifications and guidelines.
- 3. Section 46 of the CGST Act read with rule 68 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017 (hereinafter referred to as the "CGST Rules") requires issuance of a notice in FORM GSTR-3A to a registered person who fails to furnish return under section 39 or section 44 or section 45 (hereinafter referred to as the "defaulter") requiring him to furnish such return within

fifteen days. Further section 62 provides for assessment of non-filers of return of registered persons who fails to furnish return under section 39 or section 45 even after service of notice under section 46. FORM GSTR-3A provides as under:

"Notice to return defaulter u/s 46 for not filing return

Tax Period - Type of Return -

Being a registered taxpayer, you are required to furnish return for the supplies made or received and to discharge resultant tax liability for the aforesaid tax period by due date. It has been noticed that you have not filed the said return till date.

- 1. You are, therefore, requested to furnish the said return within 15 days failing which the tax liability may be assessed u/s 62 of the Act, based on the relevant material available with this office. Please note that in addition to tax so assessed, you will also be liable to pay interest and penalty as per provisions of the Act.
- 2. Please note that no further communication will be issued for assessing the liability.
- 3. The notice shall be deemed to have been withdrawn in case the return referred above, is filed by you before issue of the assessment order. "

As such, no separate notice is required to be issued for best judgment assessment under section 62 and in case of failure to file return within 15 days of issuance of FORM GSTR3A, the best judgment assessment in FORM ASMT-13 can be issued without any further communication.

- 4. Following guidelines are hereby prescribed to ensure uniformity in the implementation of the provisions of law across the field formations:
- (i) Preferably, a system generated message would be sent to all the registered persons 3 days before the due date to nudge them about filing of the return for the tax period by the due date.
- (ii) Once the due date for furnishing the return under section 39 is over, a system generated mail / message would be sent to all the defaulters immediately after the due date to the effect that the said registered person has not furnished his return for the said tax period; the said mail/message is to be sent to the authorized signatory as well as the proprietor/partner/director/karta, etc.
- (iii) Five days after the due date of furnishing the return, a notice in FORM GSTR-3A (under section 46 of the CGST Act read with rule 68 of the CGST Rules) shall be issued electronically to such registered person who fails to furnish return under section 39, requiring him to furnish such return within fifteen days;
- (iv) In case the said return is still not filed by the defaulter within 15 days of the said notice, the proper officer may proceed to assess the tax liability of the said person under section 62 of the CGST Act, to the best of his judgement taking into account all the relevant material which is available or which he has gathered and would issue order under rule 100 of the CGST Rules in FORM GST ASMT-13. The proper officer would then be required to upload the summary thereof in FORM GST DRC07;
- (v) For the purpose of assessment of tax liability under section 62 of the CGST Act, the proper officer may take into account the details of outward supplies available in the statement furnished under section 37 (FORM GSTR-1), details of supplies auto populated in FORM

GSTR-2A, information available from e-way bills, or any other information available from any other source, including from inspection under section 71;

(vi)In case the defaulter furnishes a valid return within thirty days of the service of assessment order in FORM GST ASMT-13, the said assessment order shall be deemed to have been withdrawn in terms of provision of sub-section (2) of section 62 of the CGST Act. However, if the said return remains unfurnished within the statutory period of 30 days from issuance of order in FORM ASMT-13, then proper officer may initiate proceedings under section 78 and recovery under section 79 of the CGST Act;

5. Above general guidelines may be followed by the proper officer in case of non furnishing of return. In deserving cases, based on the facts of the case, the Commissioner may resort to provisional attachment to protect revenue under section 83 of the CGST Act before issuance of FORM GST ASMT-13. 6. Further, the proper officer would initiate action under sub-section (2) of section 29 of the CGST Act for cancellation of registration in cases where the return has not been furnished for the period specified in section 29.

9.12 Levy of late fee. [Section 47]

01.07.2017 to 30.09.2022	Levy of late fee when failed to furnish the details of outward or inward supplies required under section 37 or section 38 or returns required under section 39 or section 45 by the due date. Any registered person who fails to furnish the details of	
	outward or inward supplies required under section 37 or section 38 or returns required under section 39 or section 45 by the due date shall pay a late fee of one hundred rupees for every day during which such failure continues subject to a maximum amount of five thousand rupees.	
01.10.2022 to till date	Levy of late fee when failed to furnish the details of outward supplies required under section 37 or returns required under section 39 or section 45 or section 52 by the due date.	
	Any registered person who fails to furnish the details of outward ¹ [*****] supplies required under section 37 ² [*****] or returns required under section 39 or section 45 ³ [or section 52] by the due date shall pay a late fee of one hundred rupees for every day during which such failure continues subject to a maximum amount of five thousand rupees.	
	1. Omitted the words "or inward" w.e.f. 01.10.2022 vide clause (a) of section 108 of the Finance Act, 2022 which	
	comes into force by Notification No. 18/2022 – Central Tax	
	dated 28.09.2022.	
	 Omitted the words and figures "or section 38" w.e.f. 01.10.2022 vide clause (b) of section 108 of the Finance 	
	to 30.09.2022 01.10.2022	

		Act, 2022 which comes into force by Notification No. 18/2022 – Central Tax dated 28.09.2022. 3. Inserted w.e.f. 01.10.202 vide clause (c) of section 108 of the Finance Act, 2022 which comes into force by Notification No. 18/2022 – Central Tax dated 28.09.2022.	
Section 47(2)	01.07.2017 to till date	Levy of late fee when failed to furnish the return required under section 44 by the due date	
		Any registered person who fails to furnish the return required under section 44 by the due date shall be liable to pay a late fee of one hundred rupees for every day during which such failure continues subject to a maximum of an amount calculated at a quarter per cent. of his turnover in the State or Union territory.	

9.12.1.1 Departmental Notifications – Waiver of late fee for delay in furnishing outward statement in FORM GSTR-1

Notification No. 4/2018 – Central Tax dated 23rd January, 2018 - The Central Government, on the recommendations of the Council, has waived the amount of late fee payable by any registered person for failure to furnish the details of outward supplies for any month/quarter in FORM GSTR-1 by the due date under section 47 of the said Act, which is **in excess of an amount of twenty-five rupees for every day** during which such failure continues:

Provided that where there are no outward supplies in any month/quarter, the amount of late fee payable by such registered person for failure to furnish the said details by the due date under section 47 of the said Act shall stand waived to the extent which is in excess of an amount of ten rupees for every day during which such failure continues.

Further, Notification No. 75/2018 – Central Tax dated 31st December, 2018 has amended Notification No. 4/2018 – Central Tax dated 23rd January, 2018, namely:–

In the said notification, after the proviso, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:-

"Provided further that the amount of late fee payable under section 47 of the said Act shall stand waived for the registered persons who failed to furnish the details of outward supplies in FORM GSTR-1 for the months/quarters from July, 2017 to September, 2018 by the due date but furnishes the said details in FORM GSTR-1 between the period from 22nd December, 2018 to 31st March, 2019."

Further, Notification No. 74/2019 – Central Tax dated 26th December, 2019 effective from 19th day of December, 2019 has further amended Notification No. 4/2018 – Central Tax dated 23rd January, 2018, namely:–

In the said notification, after the second proviso, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:-

"Provided also that the amount of late fee payable under section 47 of the said Act shall stand waived for the registered persons who failed to furnish the details of outward supplies in FORM GSTR-1 for the months/quarters from July, 2017 to November, 2019 by the due date but furnishes the said details in FORM GSTR-1 between the period from 19th December, 2019 to 10th January, 2020."

Further, Notification No. 04/2020 – Central Tax dated 10th January, 2020 has further amended Notification No. 4/2018 – Central Tax dated 23rd January, 2018, namely:–

In the said notification, in the third proviso for the figures, letters and word "10th January, 2020", the figures, letters and word "17th January, 2020" shall be substituted.

Further, Notification No. 33/2020 – Central Tax dated 3rd April, 2020 has further amended Notification No. 4/2018 – Central Tax dated 23rd January, 2018, namely:–

In the said notification, after the third proviso, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:

"Provided also that the amount of late fee payable under section 47 of the said Act shall stand waived for the months of March, 2020, April, 2020 and May, 2020, and for the quarter ending 31st March, 2020, for the registered persons who fail to furnish the details of outward supplies for the said periods in FORM GSTR-1 by the due date, but furnishes the said details in FORM GSTR-1, on or before the 30th day of June, 2020."

Further, Notification No. 53/2020 – Central Tax dated 24th June, 2020 - The Government, on the recommendations of the Council, has further amended Notification No. 4/2018 – Central Tax dated 23rd January, 2018, namely:–

In the said notification, for the third proviso, the following proviso shall be substituted, namely:

"Provided also that the amount of late fee payable under section 47 of the said Act shall stand waived for the registered persons who fail to furnish the details of outward supplies for the months or quarter mentioned in column (2) of the Table below in FORM GSTR-1 by the due

date, but furnishes the said details on or before the dates mentioned in column (3) of the said Table:-

Table

SI. No.	Month/Quarter	Dates
(1)	(2)	(3)
1.	March, 2020	10th day of July, 2020
2.	April, 2020	24th day of July, 2020
3.	May, 2020	28th day of July, 2020
4.	June, 2020	5th day of August, 2020
5.	January to March, 2020	17th day of July, 2020
6.	April to June, 2020	3rd day of August, 2020.".

Notification No. 20/2021 - Central Tax dated 1st June, 2021 - The Government, on the recommendations of the Council, has further amended Notification No. 4/2018 - Central Tax dated 23rd January, 2018, namely:-

In the said notification, after the fourth proviso, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:

"Provided also that the total amount of late fee payable under section 47 of the said Act for the tax period June, 2021 onwards or quarter ending June, 2021 onward, as the case may be, shall stand waived which is in excess of an amount as specified in column (3) of the Table given below, for the class of registered persons mentioned in the corresponding entry in column (2) of the said Table, who fail to furnish the details of outward supplies in FORM GSTR-1 by the due date, namely: —

Table

S. No.	Class of registered persons	Amount
(1)	(2)	(3)
1.	Registered persons who have nil outward supplies in the tax period	Two hundred and fifty rupees
2.	Registered persons having an aggregate turnover of up to rupees 1.5 crores in the preceding financial year, other than those covered under S. No. 1	One thousand rupees

3.	Registered persons having an aggregate turnover of more than	Two thousand and
	rupees 1.5 crores and up to rupees 5 crores in the preceding	five hundred
	financial year, other than those covered under S. No. 1	rupees

Notification No. 41/2019 – Central Tax dated 31st August, 2019 - In exercise of the powers conferred by section 128 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (12 of 2017) (hereafter in this notification referred to as the said Act), the Central Government, on the recommendations of the Council, hereby waives the amount of late fee payable under section 47 of the said Act, by the following class of taxpayers: –

- (i) the registered persons whose principal place of business is in the district mentioned in column (3) of the Table below, of the State as mentioned in column (2) of the said Table, having aggregate turnover of more than 1.5 crore rupees in the preceding financial year or the current financial year, who have furnished, electronically through the common portal, details of outward supplies in FORM GSTR-1 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017, for the month of July, 2019, on or before the 20th September, 2019;
- (ii) the registered persons whose principal place of business is in the State of Jammu and Kashmir, having aggregate turnover of more than 1.5 crore rupees in the preceding financial year or the current financial year, who have furnished, electronically through the common portal, details of outward supplies in **FORM GSTR-1 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules**, **2017**, for the month of July, **2019**, on or before the 20th September, 2019;
- (iii) the Input Service Distributors whose principal place of business is in the district mentioned in column (3) of the above said Table, of the State as mentioned in column (2) of the said Table, who have furnished, electronically through the common portal, return in **FORM GSTR-6 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017, for the month of July, 2019**, on or before the 20th September, 2019;
- (iv) the Input Service Distributors whose principal place of business is in the State of Jammu and Kashmir, who have furnished, electronically through the common portal, return in **FORM GSTR-6 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017, for the month of July, 2019**, on or before the 20th September, 2019.

Table

SI. No.	Name of State	Name of District
(1)	(2)	(3)

1.	Bihar	Araria, Kishanganj, Madhubani, East Champaran, Sitamarhi, Sheohar, Supaul, Darbhanga, Muzaffarpur, Saharsa, Katihar, Purnia, West Champaran.
2.	Gujarat	Vadodara.
3.	Karnataka	Bagalkot, Ballari, Belagavi, Chamarajanagar, Chikkamagalur, Dakshina Kannada, Davanagere, Dharwad, Gadag, Hassan, Haveri, Kalaburagi, Kodagu, Koppal, Mandya, Mysuru, Raichur, Shivamogga, Udupi, Uttara Kannada, Vijayapura, Yadgir.
4.	Kerala	Idukki, Malappuram, Wayanad, Kozhikode.
5.	Maharashtra	Kolhapur, Sangli, Satara, Ratnagiri, Sindhudurg, Palghar, Nashik, Ahmednagar.
6.	Odisha	Balangir, Sonepur, Kalahandi, Nuapada, Koraput, Malkangiri, Rayagada, Nawarangpur.
7.	Uttarakhand	Uttarkashi and Chamoli

Further, Notification No. 48/2019 – Central Tax dated 9th October, 2019 - The Central Government, on the recommendations of the Council, has amended the Notification No. 41/2019 – Central Tax dated 31st August, 2019, namely:—

In the said notification, in the opening paragraph-

- (a) in clause (ii), for the figures, letters and word "20th September", the figures, letters and word "11th October" shall be inserted;
- (b) after the clause (iv), the following clauses shall be inserted, namely: -
- "(v) the registered persons whose principal place of business is in the State of Jammu and Kashmir, having aggregate turnover of more than 1.5 crore rupees in the preceding financial year or the current financial year, who have furnished, electronically through the common portal, details of outward supplies in FORM GSTR-1 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017 (hereafter referred to as the said rules), for the month of August, 2019, on or before the 11th October, 2019, for failure to furnish the said FORM GSTR-1 by the due date:
- (vi) the registered persons whose principal place of business is in the State of Jammu and Kashmir, required to deduct tax at source under the provisions of section 51 of the said Act, who have furnished electronically through the common portal, return in **FORM GSTR-7** of the said rules under sub-section (3) of section 39 of the said Act read with rule 66 of the said rules,

for the month of July, 2019, on or before the 10 th October, 2019, for failure to furnish the said FORM GSTR-7 by the due date;

(vii) the registered persons whose principal place of business is in the State of Jammu and Kashmir, required to deduct tax at source under the provisions of section 51 of the said Act, who have furnished electronically through the common portal, return in **FORM GSTR-7** of the said rules under sub-section (3) of section 39 of the said Act read with rule 66 of the said rules, **for the month of August, 2019**, on or before the 10th October, 2019, for failure to furnish the said FORM GSTR-7 by the due date;

(viii) the registered persons whose principal place of business is in the State of Jammu and Kashmir, who have furnished, electronically through the common portal, return in **FORM GSTR-3B of the said rules, for the month of July, 2019**, on or before the 20th October, 2019, for failure to furnish the said FORM GSTR-3B by the due date;

(ix) the registered persons whose principal place of business is in the State of Jammu and Kashmir, who have furnished, electronically through the common portal, return in **FORM GSTR-3B of the said rules, for the month of August, 2019**, on or before the 20th October, 2019, for failure to furnish the said FORM GSTR-3B by the due date.".

9.12.1.2 Departmental Notifications – Waiver of late fee for delay in furnishing outward statement in FORM GSTR-3B

Notification No.28/2017 – Central Tax dated 01st September, 2017 - The Central Government, on the recommendations of the Council, has waived the late fee payable under section 47 of the said Act, for all registered persons who failed to furnish the return in FORM GSTR-3B for the month of July, 2017 by the due date.

Notification No. 50/2017 – Central Tax dated 24th October, 2017 - The Central Government, on the recommendations of the Council, has waived the late fee payable under section 47 of the said Act, for all registered persons who failed to furnish the return in FORM GSTR-3B for the months of August and September, 2017 by the due date.

Notification No. 64/2017 – Central Tax dated 15th November, 2017 - the Central Government, on the recommendations of the Council, hereby waives the amount of late fee payable by any registered person for failure to furnish the return in FORM GSTR3B for the month of October,

2017 onwards by the due date under section 47 of the said Act, which is in excess of an amount of twenty five rupees for every day during which such failure continues:

Provided that where the total amount of central tax payable in the said return is nil, the amount of late fee payable by such registered person for failure to furnish the said return for the month of October, 2017 onwards by the due date under section 47 of the said Act shall stand waived to the extent which is in excess of an amount of ten rupees for every day during which such failure continues.

Notification No. 22 /2018 – Central Tax dated 14th May, 2018 - The Central Government, on the recommendations of the Council, has waived the late fee payable under section 47 of the said Act for failure to furnish the return in FORM GSTR-3B by the due date for each of the months from October, 2017 to April, 2018, for the class of registered persons whose declaration in FORM GST TRAN-1 was submitted but not filed on the common portal on or before the 27th day of December, 2017:

Provided that such registered persons have filed the declaration in FORM GST TRAN-1 on or before the 10th day of May, 2018 and the return in FORM GSTR-3B for each of such months, on or before the 31st day of May, 2018.

Notification No. 41/2018 – Central Tax dated 4th September, 2018 - The Central Government, on the recommendations of the Council, has waived the late fee paid under section 47 of the said Act, by the following classes of taxpayers:-

- (i) the registered persons whose return in FORM GSTR-3B of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017 for the month of October, 2017, was submitted but not filed on the common portal, after generation of the application reference number;
- (ii) the registered persons who have filed the return in FORM GSTR-4 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017 for the period October to December, 2017 by the due date but late fee was erroneously levied on the common portal;
- (iii) the Input Service Distributors who have paid the late fee for filing or submission of the return in FORM GSTR-6 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017 for any tax period between the 1st day of January, 2018 and the 23rd day of January, 2018.

Notification No. 76/2018 – Central Tax dated 31st December, 2018 - The Central Government, on the recommendations of the Council, and in supersession of Notification No.28/2017 – Central Tax dated 01st September, 2017, Notification No. 50/2017 – Central Tax dated 24th October, 2017 and Notification No. 64/2017 – Central Tax dated 15th November, 2017, except

as respects things done or omitted to be done before such supersession, has waived the amount of late fee payable by any registered person for failure to furnish the return in FORM GSTR-3B for the month of July, 2017 onwards by the due date under section 47 of the said Act, which is in excess of an amount of twenty-five rupees for every day during which such failure continues:

Provided that where the total amount of central tax payable in the said return is nil, the amount of late fee payable by such registered person for failure to furnish the said return for the month of July, 2017 onwards by the due date under section 47 of the said Act shall stand waived to the extent which is in excess of an amount of ten rupees for every day during which such failure continues:

Provided further that the amount of late fee payable under section 47 of the said Act shall stand waived for the registered persons who failed to furnish the return in FORM GSTR-3B for the months of July, 2017 to September, 2018 by the due date but furnishes the said return between the period from 22nd December, 2018 to 31st March, 2019.

Further, Notification No. 32/2020 – Central Tax 3rd April, 2020 effective from 20th day of March, 2020. - The Government, on the recommendations of the Council, has amended Notification No. 76/2018 – Central Tax dated 31st December, 2018, namely:—

In the said notification, after the second proviso, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely: –

"Provided also that the amount of late fee payable under section 47 shall stand waived for the tax period as specified in column (3) of the Table given below, for the class of registered persons mentioned in the corresponding entry in column (2) of the said Table, who fail to furnish the returns in FORM GSTR-3B by the due date, but furnishes the said return according to the condition mentioned in the corresponding entry in column (4) of the said Table, namely:-

Table

S.N	c. Class of registered persons	Tax period	Condition
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1.	Taxpayers having an aggregate turnover of more than rupees 5 crores in the preceding financial year	February, 2020, March, 2020 and April, 2020	If return in FORM GSTR- 3B is furnished on or before the 24th day of June, 2020

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2	Taxpayers having an aggregate turnover of more than rupees 1.5 crores and up to rupees five crores in the preceding financial year	February, 2020 and March, 2020	If return in FORM GSTR- 3B is furnished on or before the 29th day of June, 2020
		April, 2020	If return in FORM GSTR- 3B is furnished on or before the 30th day of June, 2020
3.	Taxpayers having an aggregate turnover of up to rupees 1.5 crores in the preceding financial year	February, 2020	If return in FORM GSTR- 3B is furnished on or before the 30th day of June, 2020
		March, 2020	If return in FORM GSTR- 3B is furnished on or before the 3rd day of July, 2020
		April, 2020	If return in FORM GSTR- 3B is furnished on or before the 6th day of July, 2020.".

Notification No. 52/2020 – Central Tax 24th June, 2020 - The Government, on the recommendations of the Council, has amended Notification No. 76/2018 – Central Tax dated 31st December, 2018, namely:—

In the said notification,-

(i) in the third proviso, for the Table, the following Table shall be substituted, namely : – **Table**

S. No.	Class of registered persons	Tax period	Condition
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1.	Taxpayers having an aggregate turnover of more than rupees 5 crores in the preceding financial year	February, 2020, March, 2020 and April, 2020	If return in FORM GSTR-3B is furnished on or before the 24th day of June, 2020

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2.	Taxpayers having an aggregate turnover of up to rupees 5 crores in	February, 2020	If return in FORM GSTR-3B is furnished on or before the 30th day of June, 2020
	the preceding financial year, whose principal place of business	March, 2020	If return in FORM GSTR-3B is furnished on or before the 3rd day of July, 2020
	is in the States of Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat,	April, 2020	If return in FORM GSTR-3B is furnished on or before the 6th day of July, 2020
	Maharashtra, Karnataka, Goa, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Telangana or Andhra	May, 2020	If return in FORM GSTR-3B is furnished on or before the 12th day of September, 2020
	Pradesh or the Union territories of Daman and Diu and Dadra and Nagar Haveli,	June, 2020	If return in FORM GSTR-3B is furnished on or before the 23rd day of September, 2020
	Puducherry, Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep	July, 2020	If return in FORM GSTR-3B is furnished on or before the 27th day of September, 2020
3.	Taxpayers having an aggregate turnover of up to rupees 5 crores in	February, 2020	If return in FORM GSTR-3B is furnished on or before the 30th day of June, 2020
	the preceding financial year, whose principal place of business is in the States of Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Uttarakhand, Haryana, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh,	March, 2020	If return in FORM GSTR-3B is furnished on or before the 5th day of July, 2020
		April, 2020	If return in FORM GSTR-3B is furnished on or before the 9th day of July, 2020
		May, 2020	If return in FORM GSTR-3B is furnished on or before the 15th day of September, 2020

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Notification No. 57/2020 – Central Tax dated 30th June, 2020 effective from 25th day of June, 2020 - The Government, on the recommendations of the Council, has amended Notification No. 76/2018 – Central Tax dated 31st December, 2018, namely:–

In the said notification, after the third proviso, the following provisos shall be inserted, namely:

"Provided also that for the class of registered persons mentioned in column (2) of the Table of the above proviso, who fail to furnish the returns for the tax period as specified in column (3) of the said Table, according to the condition mentioned in the corresponding entry in column (4) of the said Table, but furnishes the said return till the 30th day of September, 2020, the total amount of late fee payable under section 47 of the said Act, shall stand waived which is in excess of two hundred and fifty rupees and shall stand fully waived for those taxpayers where the total amount of central tax payable in the said return is nil:

Provided also that for the taxpayers having an aggregate turnover of more than rupees 5 crores in the preceding financial year, who fail to furnish the return in FORM GSTR-3B for the months of May, 2020 to July, 2020, by the due date but furnish the said return till the 30th day of September, 2020, the total amount of late fee under section 47 of the said Act, shall stand waived which is in excess of two hundred and fifty rupees and shall stand fully waived for those taxpayers where the total amount of central tax payable in the said return is nil.".

Notification No. 09/2021 – Central Tax dated 1st May, 2021 effective from 20th day of April, 2021 - The Government, on the recommendations of the Council, has amended Notification No. 76/2018 – Central Tax dated 31st December, 2018, namely:–

In the said notification, after the seventh proviso, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely: –

"Provided also that the amount of late fee payable under section 47 shall stand waived for the period as specified in column (4) of the Table given below, for the tax period as specified in the corresponding entry in column (3) of the said Table, for the class of registered persons mentioned in the corresponding entry in column (2) of the said Table, who fail to furnish the returns in FORM GSTR-3B by the due date, namely:-

Table

S. No.	Class of registered persons	Tax period	Period for which late fee waived
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1.	Taxpayers having an aggregate turnover of more than rupees 5 crores in the preceding financial year	March, 2021 and April, 2021	Fifteen days from the due date of furnishing return
2.	Taxpayers having an aggregate turnover of up to rupees 5 crores in the preceding financial year who are liable to furnish the return as specified under subsection (1) of section 39	March, 2021 and April, 2021	Thirty days from the due date of furnishing return
3.	Taxpayers having an aggregate turnover of up to rupees 5 crores in the preceding financial year who are liable to furnish the return as specified under proviso to sub-section (1) of section 39	January-March, 2021	Thirty days from the due date of furnishing return.".

Notification No. 19/2021 – Central Tax dated 1st June, 2021 - The Government, on the recommendations of the Council, has amended Notification No. 76/2018 – Central Tax dated 31st December, 2018, namely:—

In the said notification,-

(i) in the eighth proviso, with effect from the 20th day of May, 2021, for the Table, the following Table shall be substituted, namely: —

Table

S. No.	Class of registered persons	Tax period	Period for which late fee waived
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1.	Taxpayers having an aggregate turnover of more than rupees 5 crores in the preceding financial year	March, 2021, April, 2021 and May, 2021	Fifteen days from the due date of furnishing return
2.	Taxpayers having an aggregate turnover of up to rupees 5 crores in the preceding financial year who are liable to furnish the return as specified under sub-section (1) of section 39	March, 2021	Sixty days from the due date of furnishing return
		April, 2021	Forty-five days from the due date of furnishing return
		May, 2021	Thirty days from the due date of furnishing return
3	Taxpayers having an aggregate turnover of up to rupees 5 crores in the preceding financial year who are liable to furnish the return as specified under proviso to sub-section (1) of section 39	January- March, 2021	Sixty days from the due date of furnishing return.";

(ii) after the eighth proviso, the following provisos shall be inserted, namely: —

"Provided also that for the registered persons who failed to furnish the return in FORM GSTR-3B for the months /quarter of July, 2017 to April, 2021, by the due date but furnish the said return between the period from the 1 st day of June, 2021 to the 31st day of August, 2021, the total amount of late fee under section 47 of the said Act, shall stand waived which is in excess of five hundred rupees:

Provided also that where the total amount of central tax payable in the said return is nil, the total amount of late fee under section 47 of the said Act shall stand waived which is in excess of two hundred and fifty rupees for the registered persons who failed to furnish the return in FORM GSTR-3B for the months / quarter of July, 2017 to April, 2021, by the due date but

furnish the said return between the period from the 1st day of June, 2021 to the 31st day of August, 2021:

Provided also that the total amount of late fee payable under section 47 of the said Act for the tax period June, 2021 onwards or quarter ending June, 2021 onwards, as the case may be, shall stand waived which is in excess of an amount as specified in column (3) of the Table given below, for the class of registered persons mentioned in the corresponding entry in column (2) of the said Table, who fail to furnish the returns in FORM GSTR-3B by the due date, namely:—

S. No.	Class of registered persons	Amount
(1)	(2)	(3)
1.	Registered persons whose total amount of central tax payable in the said return is nil	Two hundred and fifty rupees
2.	Registered persons having an aggregate turnover of up to rupees 1.5 crores in the preceding financial year, other than those covered under S. No. 1	One thousand rupees
3.	Taxpayers having an aggregate turnover of more than rupees 1.5 crores and up to rupees 5 crores in the preceding financial year, other than those covered under S. No. 1	Two thousand and five hundred rupees".

<u>Notification No. 33/2021 – Central Tax dated 29th August, 2021</u> - The Government, on the recommendations of the Council, has amended <u>Notification No. 76/2018 – Central Tax dated</u> <u>31st December, 2018</u>, namely:–

In the said notification, in the ninth and tenth provisos, for the figures, letters and words —31st day of August, 2021 , where ever they occur, the figures, letters and words —30th day of November, 2021 shall be substituted.

Notification No. 48/2019 – Central Tax dated 9th October, 2019 - The Central Government, on the recommendations of the Council, has amended the Notification No. 41/2019 – Central Tax dated 31st August, 2019, namely:–

In the said notification, in the opening paragraph—

(a) in clause (ii), for the figures, letters and word "20th September", the figures, letters and word "11th October" shall be inserted;

- (b) after the clause (iv), the following clauses shall be inserted, namely: -
- "(v) the registered persons whose principal place of business is in the State of Jammu and Kashmir, having aggregate turnover of more than 1.5 crore rupees in the preceding financial year or the current financial year, who have furnished, electronically through the common portal, details of outward supplies in FORM GSTR-1 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017 (hereafter referred to as the said rules), for the month of August, 2019, on or before the 11th October, 2019, for failure to furnish the said FORM GSTR-1 by the due date;
- (vi) the registered persons whose principal place of business is in the State of Jammu and Kashmir, required to deduct tax at source under the provisions of section 51 of the said Act, who have furnished electronically through the common portal, return in **FORM GSTR-7** of the said rules under sub-section (3) of section 39 of the said Act read with rule 66 of the said rules, **for the month of July, 2019**, on or before the 10th October, 2019, for failure to furnish the said FORM GSTR-7 by the due date;
- (vii) the registered persons whose principal place of business is in the State of Jammu and Kashmir, required to deduct tax at source under the provisions of section 51 of the said Act, who have furnished electronically through the common portal, return in **FORM GSTR-7** of the said rules under sub-section (3) of section 39 of the said Act read with rule 66 of the said rules, **for the month of August, 2019**, on or before the 10th October, 2019, for failure to furnish the said FORM GSTR-7 by the due date;
- (viii) the registered persons whose principal place of business is in the State of Jammu and Kashmir, who have furnished, electronically through the common portal, return in **FORM GSTR-3B of the said rules, for the month of July, 2019**, on or before the 20th October, 2019, for failure to furnish the said FORM GSTR-3B by the due date;
- (ix) the registered persons whose principal place of business is in the State of Jammu and Kashmir, who have furnished, electronically through the common portal, return in **FORM GSTR-3B of the said rules, for the month of August, 2019**, on or before the 20th October, 2019, for failure to furnish the said FORM GSTR-3B by the due date."

9.12.1.3 Departmental Notifications – Waiver of late fee for delay in furnishing outward statement in FORM GSTR-4

Notification No. 73/2017 – Central Tax dated 29th December, 2017 - The Central Government, on the recommendations of the Council, has waived the amount of late fee payable under section 47 of the said Act, by any registered person for failure to furnish the return in FORM GSTR-4 by the due date, which is in excess of an amount of twenty five rupees for every day during which such failure continues:

Provided that where the total amount payable in lieu of central tax in the said return is nil, the amount of late fee payable under section 47 of the said Act, by any registered person for failure to furnish the said return by the due date shall stand waived to the extent which is in excess of an amount of ten rupees for every day during which such failure continues.

Further, Notification No. 77/2018 – Central Tax dated 31st December, 2018 - The Central Government, on the recommendations of the Council, has amended Notification No. 73/2017 – Central Tax dated 29th December, 2017, namely:–

In the said notification, after the first proviso, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:-

"Provided further the amount of late fee payable under section 47 of the said Act shall stand waived for the registered persons who failed to furnish the return in FORM GSTR-4 for the quarters from July, 2017 to September, 2018 by the due date but furnishes the said return between the period from 22nd December, 2018 to 31st March, 2019."

Further, Notification No 67/2020 – Central Tax dated 21st September, 2020 - The Central Government, on the recommendations of the Council, has amended Notification No. 73/2017 – Central Tax dated 29th December, 2017, namely:–

In the said notification: -

after the second proviso, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely: -

"Provided also that late fee payable under section 47 of the said Act, shall stand waived which is in excess of two hundred and fifty rupees and shall stand fully waived where the total amount of central tax payable in the said return is nil, for the registered persons who failed to furnish the return in FORM GSTR-4 for the quarters from July, 2017 to March, 2019 by the due date but furnishes the said return between the period from 22nd day of September, 2020 to 31st day of October, 2020."

Further, Notification No. 93/2020-Central Tax dated 22nd December, 2020 - The Central Government, on the recommendations of the Council, has amended Notification No. 73/2017 - Central Tax dated 29th December, 2017, namely:-

In the said notification, after the third proviso, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:

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"Provided also that the late fee payable for delay in furnishing of FORM GSTR-4 for the Financial Year 2019-20 under section 47 of the said Act, from the 1st day of November, 2020 till the 31st day of December, 2020 shall stand waived for the registered person whose principal place of business is in the Union Territory of Ladakh."

Further, Notification No. 21/2021 – Central Tax dated 1st June, 2021 – The Central Government, on the recommendations of the Council, has amended Notification No. 73/2017 – Central Tax dated 29th December, 2017, namely:–

In the said notification, after the fourth proviso, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:

"Provided also that the total amount of late fee payable under section 47 of the said Act for financial year 2021-22 onwards, by the registered persons who fail to furnish the return in FORM GSTR-4 by the due date, shall stand waived –

- (i) which is in excess of two hundred and fifty rupees where the total amount of central tax payable in the said return is nil;
- (ii) which is in excess of one thousand rupees for the registered persons other than those covered under clause (i).".

Further, Notification No. 07/2022 – Central Tax dated 26th May, 2022 - The Central Government, on the recommendations of the Council, has amended Notification No. 73/2017 – Central Tax dated 29th December, 2017, namely:—

In the said notification, after the fifth proviso, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:

"Provided also that the late fee payable for delay in furnishing of FORM GSTR-4 for the Financial Year 2021- 22 under section 47 of the said Act shall stand waived for the period from the 1st day of May, 2022 till the 30th day of June, 2022.".

Further, NOTIFICATION No. 12/2022 – Central Tax dated 5th July, 2022 - The Central Government, on the recommendations of the Council, has amended Notification No. 73/2017 – Central Tax dated 29th December, 2017, namely:–

In the said notification, in the sixth proviso, for the figures, letters and words "30th day of June, 2022", the figures, letters and words "28th day of July, 2022" shall be substituted.

Further, Notification No. 02/2023 – Central Tax dated 31st March, 2023 - The Central Government, on the recommendations of the Council, has amended Notification No. 73/2017 – Central Tax dated 29th December, 2017, namely:–

In the said notification, after the sixth proviso, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:

"Provided also that the amount of late fee payable under section 47 of the said Act shall stand waived which is in excess of two hundred and fifty rupees and shall stand fully waived where the total amount of central tax payable in the said return is nil, for the registered persons who fail to furnish the return in FORM GSTR-4 for the quarters from July, 2017 to March 2019 or for the Financial years from 2019-20 to 2021-22 by the due date but furnish the said return between the period from the 1 st day of April, 2023 to the 30 th day of June, 2023."

Notification No. 41/2018 – Central Tax dated 4th September, 2018 - The Central Government, on the recommendations of the Council, has waived the late fee paid under section 47 of the said Act, by the following classes of taxpayers:-

- (i) the registered persons whose return in FORM GSTR-3B of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017 for the month of October, 2017, was submitted but not filed on the common portal, after generation of the application reference number;
- (ii) the registered persons who have filed the return in FORM GSTR-4 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017 for the period October to December, 2017 by the due date but late fee was erroneously levied on the common portal;
- (iii) the Input Service Distributors who have paid the late fee for filing or submission of the return in FORM GSTR-6 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017 for any tax period between the 1st day of January, 2018 and the 23rd day of January, 2018.

9.12.1.4 Departmental Notifications – Waiver of late fee for delay in furnishing outward statement in FORM GSTR-5

Notification No. 5/2018 – Central Tax dated 23rd January, 2018 - The Central Government, on the recommendations of the Council, has waived the amount of late fee payable by any registered person for failure to furnish the return in **FORM GSTR5** by the due date under section 47 of the said Act, which is in excess of an amount of twenty five rupees for every day during which such failure continues:

Provided that where the total amount of central tax payable in the said return is nil, the amount of late fee payable by such registered person for failure to furnish the said return by the due date under section 47 of the said Act shall stand waived to the extent which is in excess of an amount of ten rupees for every day during which such failure continues.

9.12.1.5 Departmental Notifications – Waiver of late fee for delay in furnishing outward statement in FORM GSTR-5A

Notification No. 6/2018 – Central Tax dated 23rd January, 2018 - - The Central Government, on the recommendations of the Council, has waived the amount of late fee payable by any registered person for failure to furnish the return in **FORM GSTR5A** by the due date under section 47 of the said Act, which is in excess of an amount of twenty-five rupees for every day during which such failure continues:

Provided that where the total amount of integrated tax payable in the said return is nil, the amount of late fee payable by such registered person for failure to furnish the said return by the due date under section 47 of the said Act shall stand waived to the extent which is in excess of an amount of ten rupees for every day during which such failure continues.

Notification No. 13/2018 – Central Tax dated 7th March, 2018 - The Central Government, on the recommendations of the Council, has rescinded Notification No. 6/2018 – Central Tax dated 23rd January, 2018, except as respects things done or omitted to be done before such rescission.

9.12.1.6 Departmental Notifications – Waiver of late fee for delay in furnishing outward statement in FORM GSTR-6

Notification No. 7/2018 – Central Tax dated 23rd January, 2018 - The Central Government, on the recommendations of the Council, has waived the amount of late fee payable by any registered person for failure to furnish the return in FORM GSTR6 by the due date under section 47 of the said Act, which is in excess of an amount of twenty five rupees for every day during which such failure continues.

Notification No. 41/2018 – Central Tax dated 4th September, 2018 - The Central Government, on the recommendations of the Council, has waived the late fee paid under section 47 of the said Act, by the following classes of taxpayers:-

- (i) the registered persons whose return in FORM GSTR-3B of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017 for the month of October, 2017, was submitted but not filed on the common portal, after generation of the application reference number;
- (ii) the registered persons who have filed the return in FORM GSTR-4 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017 for the period October to December, 2017 by the due date but late fee was erroneously levied on the common portal;
- (iii) the Input Service Distributors who have paid the late fee for filing or submission of the return in FORM GSTR-6 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017 for any tax period between the 1st day of January, 2018 and the 23rd day of January, 2018.

Notification No. 41/2019 – Central Tax dated 31st August, 2019 - In exercise of the powers conferred by section 128 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (12 of 2017) (hereafter in this notification referred to as the said Act), the Central Government, on the recommendations of the Council, hereby waives the amount of late fee payable under section 47 of the said Act, by the following class of taxpayers: –

- (i) the registered persons whose principal place of business is in the district mentioned in column (3) of the Table below, of the State as mentioned in column (2) of the said Table, having aggregate turnover of more than 1.5 crore rupees in the preceding financial year or the current financial year, who have furnished, electronically through the common portal, details of outward supplies in FORM GSTR-1 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017, for the month of July, 2019, on or before the 20th September, 2019;
- (ii) the registered persons whose principal place of business is in the State of Jammu and Kashmir, having aggregate turnover of more than 1.5 crore rupees in the preceding financial year or the current financial year, who have furnished, electronically through the common portal, details of outward supplies in **FORM GSTR-1 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules**, **2017**, for the month of July, **2019**, on or before the 20th September, 2019;
- (iii) the Input Service Distributors whose principal place of business is in the district mentioned in column (3) of the above said Table, of the State as mentioned in column (2) of the said Table, who have furnished, electronically through the common portal, return in **FORM GSTR-6 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017, for the month of July, 2019**, on or before the 20th September, 2019;

(iv) the Input Service Distributors whose principal place of business is in the State of Jammu and Kashmir, who have furnished, electronically through the common portal, return in **FORM GSTR-6 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017, for the month of July, 2019**, on or before the 20th September, 2019.

Table

SI. No.	Name of State	Name of District	
(1)	(2)	(3)	
1.	Bihar	Araria, Kishanganj, Madhubani, East Champaran, Sitamarhi, Sheohar, Supaul, Darbhanga, Muzaffarpur, Saharsa, Katihar, Purnia, West Champaran.	
2.	Gujarat	Vadodara.	
3.	Karnataka	Bagalkot, Ballari, Belagavi, Chamarajanagar, Chikkamagalur, Dakshina Kannada, Davanagere, Dharwad, Gadag, Hassan, Haveri, Kalaburagi, Kodagu, Koppal, Mandya, Mysuru, Raichur, Shivamogga, Udupi, Uttara Kannada, Vijayapura, Yadgir.	
4.	Kerala	Idukki, Malappuram, Wayanad, Kozhikode.	
5.	Maharashtra	Kolhapur, Sangli, Satara, Ratnagiri, Sindhudurg, Palghar, Nashik, Ahmednagar.	
6.	Odisha	Balangir, Sonepur, Kalahandi, Nuapada, Koraput, Malkangiri, Rayagada, Nawarangpur.	
7.	Uttarakhand	Uttarkashi and Chamoli	

9.12.1.7 Departmental Notifications – Waiver of late fee for delay in furnishing outward statement in FORM GSTR-7

<u>Notification No. 48/2019 – Central Tax dated 9th October, 2019</u> - The Central Government, on the recommendations of the Council, has amended the <u>Notification No. 41/2019 – Central Tax dated 31st August, 2019</u>, namely:–

In the said notification, in the opening paragraph-

- (a) in clause (ii), for the figures, letters and word "20th September", the figures, letters and word "11th October" shall be inserted;
- (b) after the clause (iv), the following clauses shall be inserted, namely: -

- "(v) the registered persons whose principal place of business is in the State of Jammu and Kashmir, having aggregate turnover of more than 1.5 crore rupees in the preceding financial year or the current financial year, who have furnished, electronically through the common portal, details of outward supplies in FORM GSTR-1 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017 (hereafter referred to as the said rules), for the month of August, 2019, on or before the 11th October, 2019, for failure to furnish the said FORM GSTR-1 by the due date;
- (vi) the registered persons whose principal place of business is in the State of Jammu and Kashmir, required to deduct tax at source under the provisions of section 51 of the said Act, who have furnished electronically through the common portal, return in **FORM GSTR-7** of the said rules under sub-section (3) of section 39 of the said Act read with rule 66 of the said rules, **for the month of July, 2019**, on or before the 10th October, 2019, for failure to furnish the said FORM GSTR-7 by the due date;
- (vii) the registered persons whose principal place of business is in the State of Jammu and Kashmir, required to deduct tax at source under the provisions of section 51 of the said Act, who have furnished electronically through the common portal, return in **FORM GSTR-7** of the said rules under sub-section (3) of section 39 of the said Act read with rule 66 of the said rules, **for the month of August, 2019**, on or before the 10th October, 2019, for failure to furnish the said FORM GSTR-7 by the due date;
- (viii) the registered persons whose principal place of business is in the State of Jammu and Kashmir, who have furnished, electronically through the common portal, return in **FORM GSTR-3B of the said rules, for the month of July, 2019**, on or before the 20th October, 2019, for failure to furnish the said FORM GSTR-3B by the due date;
- (ix) the registered persons whose principal place of business is in the State of Jammu and Kashmir, who have furnished, electronically through the common portal, return in **FORM GSTR-3B of the said rules, for the month of August, 2019**, on or before the 20th October, 2019, for failure to furnish the said FORM GSTR-3B by the due date.".

Notification No. 22/2021 – Central Tax dated 1st June, 2021 - The Government, on the recommendations of the Council, has waived the amount of late fee payable under section 47 of the said Act by any registered person, required to deduct tax at source under the provisions of section 51 of the said Act, for failure to furnish the return in **FORM GSTR-7** for the month of June, 2021 onwards, by the due date, which is in excess of an amount of twenty-five rupees for every day during which such failure continues:

Provided that the total amount of late fee payable under section 47 of the said Act by such registered person for failure to furnish the return in FORM GSTR-7 for the month of June, 2021 onwards, by the due date, shall stand waived which is in excess of an amount of one thousand rupees.

9.12.1.8 Departmental Notifications – Waiver of late fee for delay in furnishing outward statement in FORM GSTR-9 and FORM GSTR-9C

Notification No. 07/2023 – Central Tax dated 31st March, 2023 - The Central Government, on the recommendations of the Council, has waived the amount of late fee referred to in section 47 of the said Act in respect of the return to be furnished under section 44 of the said Act for the financial year 2022-23 onwards, which is in excess of amount as specified in Column (3) of the Table below, for the classes of registered persons mentioned in the corresponding entry in Column (2) of the Table below, who fails to furnish the return by the due date, namely:—

Table

Serial Number	Class of registered persons	Amount
(1)	(2)	(3)
1.		
2.	Registered persons having an aggregate turnover of more than five crores rupees and up to twenty crore rupees in the relevant financial year.	maximum of an amount calculated at

Provided that for the registered persons who fail to furnish the return under section 44 of the said Act by the due date for any of the financial years 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21 or 2021-22, but furnish the said return between the period from the 1st day of April, 2023 to the 30th day of June, 2023, the total amount of late fee under section 47 of the said Act payable in respect of the said return, shall stand waived which is in excess of ten thousand rupees.

Further, Notification No. 25/2023 – Central Tax dated 17th July, 2023 effective from 30th day of June, 2023 - The Central Government, has made the following further amendments in the Notification No. 07/2023 – Central Tax dated 31st March, 2023, namely: —

In the said notification, in the proviso, for the words, letter and figure "30th day of June, 2023" the words, letter and figure "31st day of August, 2023" shall be substituted.

9.12.1.9 Departmental Notifications – Waiver of late fee for not furnishing FORM GSTR-10, subject to the condition that the returns are filled between 22.09.2020 to 31.12.2020

Notification No. 68/2020 – Central Tax dated 21st September, 2020 - The Government, on the recommendations of the Council, has waived the amount of late fee payable under section 47 of the said Act which is in excess of two hundred and fifty rupees, for the registered persons who fail to furnish the return in FORM GSTR-10 by the due date but furnishes the said return between the period from 22nd day of September, 2020 to 31st day of December, 2020.

Notification No. 08/2023 – Central Tax dated 31st March, 2023 - The Central Government, on the recommendations of the Council, has waived the amount of late fee referred to in section 47 of the Act, which is in excess of five hundred rupees for the registered persons who fail to furnish the final return in FORM GSTR-10 by the due date but furnish the said return between the period from the 1 st day of April, 2023 to the 30th day of June, 2023.

Further, Notification No. 26/2023 – Central Tax dated 17th July, 2023 effective from 30th day of June, 2023 - The Central Government, has made the following further amendments in the Notification No. 08/2023 – Central Tax dated 31st March, 2023, namely: —

In the said notification, for the words, letter and figure "30th day of June, 2023" the words, letter and figure "31st day of August, 2023" shall be substituted.

9.12.2.1 Departmental Clarifications - System based reconciliation of information furnished in FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2 with FORM GSTR-3B - <u>Circular No. 7/7/2017-GST dated 01st September, 2017</u>

Sections 37, 38 and section 39 of the CGST Act, 2017(hereinafter referred to as 'the Act') read with rules 59, 60 and 61 of the CGST Rules, 2017(hereinafter referred to as 'the Rules') require every registered person to furnish details of outward supplies made in a month in FORM GSTR-1, details of inward supplies received in a month in FORM GSTR-2 and a return in FORM GSTR-3 by the 10th, 15th and 20thof the next month respectively. Keeping in view that taxpayers may face certain issues in the initial days after the introduction of GST, the GST Council extended the date for filing of FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2 for the months of July and August, 2017 and approved the filing of a simplified return in FORM GSTR-3Bfor these two months by the notified due dates after making the due payment of tax.

2. Registered persons opting to utilize transitional credit available under section 140 of the Act read with the rules made there under for discharging the tax liability for the month of July, 2017 were required to file FORM GST TRAN -1 on or before 28th August, 2017. This transitional

credit was to be credited to the electronic credit ledger and be available for discharging the tax liability.

- 3. As per the provisions of sub-rule (5) of rule 61 of the Rules, the return in FORM GSTR-3B was required to be furnished when the due dates for filing of FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2 have been extended. After the return in FORM GSTR-3B has been furnished, the process of reconciliation between the information furnished in FORM GSTR3B with that furnished in FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2 would be carried out in accordance with the provisions of sub-rule (6) of rule 61 of the Rules.
- 4. The detailed procedure for reconciliation of information furnished in FORM GSTR-3 and FORM GSTR-3B is detailed in succeeding paras.

Furnishing of information in FORM GSTR-1 & FORM GSTR-2:

- 5. It may be noted that after the registered person has filed his return in FORM GSTR3B and the statement of outward supplies in FORM GSTR-1, the inward supplies shall be auto drafted for all registered persons (corresponding recipients of supply) and made available to them in FORM GSTR-2A as per sub-rule (3) of rule 59 of the Rules. FORM GSTR-2A is the exact replica of FORM GSTR-2 containing only those details that are auto populated from the details furnished in FORM GSTR-1 by the corresponding suppliers. Based on the details communicated in FORM GSTR-2A, the registered person shall prepare the statement of inward supplies in FORM GSTR-2 by:-
- a. adding, deleting or modifying the invoice level details communicated in FORM GSTR-2A;
- b. adding information pertaining to details that are required to be furnished in GSTR-2 but are not part of FORM GSTR-2A like details of imports, details of supplies attracting reverse charge that have been received by registered person;
- c. providing details of supplies received from composition suppliers and exempt, nil-rated & non GST inward supplies;
- d. providing details of advances paid on inward supplies attracting reverse charge, if any, along with adjustments;
- e. providing details of reversal of ITC as per the provisions of rules 37, 39, 42 and 43 of the Rules, if any; and f. providing HSN wise summary details of inward supplies.

Correction of erroneous details furnished in FORM GSTR-3B:

6. In case the registered person intends to amend any details furnished in FORM GSTR3B, it maybe done in the FORM GSTR-1 or FORM GSTR-2, as the case may be. For example, while preparing and furnishing the details in FORM GSTR-1, if the outward supplies have been under reported or excess reported in FORM GSTR-3B, the same maybe correctly reported in the FORM GSTR-1. Similarly, if the details of inward supplies or the eligible ITC have been reported less or more than what they should have been, the same maybe reported correctly in the FORM GSTR-2. This will get reflected in the revised output tax liability or eligible ITC, as the case may be, of the registered person. The details furnished in FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2 will be auto-populated and reflected in the return in FORM GSTR-3 for that particular month.

Action on the system-based reconciliation:

7. After the registered person has furnished the statement of inward supplies in FORM GSTR-2 by the extended date, the common portal shall auto-draft Part-A of the return in FORM GSTR-3 for the said month based on the information furnished in FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2. Based on the revised figures of output tax liability and eligible input tax credit, Table 12 of Part B of FORM GSTR-3 shall be made available. The common portal would populate the correct figures of tax payable in column (2) of Table 12 of FORM GSTR3, based on the information furnished in FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2. The tax paid through the electronic cash ledger and electronic credit ledger in the return in FORM GSTR3B shall be displayed by the system in column (3) to (7) of the Table 12 of Part B of FORM GSTR-3. Where there is no difference between the details of output tax liability and eligible input tax credit furnished in FORM GSTR-3B and the details furnished in FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2, the amount of tax payable and tax paid shall be the same in FORM GSTR-3B and FORM GSTR-3. The person can sign and submit FORM GSTR-3 without any additional payment of tax.

Additional payment of taxes:

8. Where the tax payable by a registered person as per FORM GSTR-3is more than what has been paid as per FORM GSTR-3B, the common portal would show another instance of Table 12 for making additional payment of taxes, in accordance with the mandate of clause (b) of sub-rule (6) of rule 61. As the tax payable in column (2) of Table 12 of FORM GSTR-3 is more than what was shown in FORM GSTR-3B, the additional amount of tax payable can be paid by debiting the electronic cash or credit ledger as per the provisions contained in section 49 of the Act along with applicable interest on delayed payment of tax starting from 26th day of August, 2017 till the date of debit in the electronic cash or credit ledger. If the eligible ITC claimed by the person in FORM GSTR-2 is less than the ITC claimed and utilised by the registered person in FORM GSTR-3B, the same would be added to his output tax liability and shall have to be paid by him along with interest by debiting the electronic cash or credit ledger as per the provisions contained in section 49 of the Act before submitting the return in FORM GSTR-3 to complete the process. It may be noted that where the transitional credit as declared in FORM GST TRAN-1 is credited to the electronic credit ledger, the same can be utilised for the payment of the said additional tax liability.

Additional claim of eligible ITC:

9. Where the eligible ITC claimed by the taxpayer in FORM GSTR-3B is less that the ITC eligible as per the details furnished in FORM GSTR-2, the additional amount of ITC shall be credited to the electronic credit ledger of the registered person when he submits the return in FORM GSTR-3 (in accordance with clause (c) of sub-rule (6) of rule 61). However, simultaneously, if there is an increase in the output tax liability, the registered person can utilise this additional amount of ITC eligible as per the details furnished in FORM GSTR-2 along with the balance in the electronic cash ledger, if required, for the payment of the increased output tax liability and submit his return in FORM GSTR-3.

Reduction in output tax liability:

10. Where the output tax liability of the registered person as per the details furnished in FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2 is less than the output tax liability as per the details furnished in the FORM GSTR-3B and the same is not offset by a corresponding reduction in the input tax credit to which he is entitled, the excess shall be carried forward to the next month's return to be offset against the output liability of the next month by the taxpayer when he signs and submits the return in FORM GSTR-3. However, simultaneously, if there is a decrease in the

eligible input tax credit, the same will be adjusted against the above mentioned reduction in output tax liability and the balance, if any, of the reduction in output tax liability shall be carried forward to the next month's return to be offset against the output liability of the next month.

Submission of GSTR-3B without payment of taxes:

- 11. Where, for some reasons, the registered person has only submitted the return in FORM GSTR-3B and has not made the payment of taxes by debiting the same from his electronic cash or credit ledger, the return shall still be subjected to the reconciliation process as detailed above. Such registered person should furnish the details in FORM GSTR-1, FORM GSTR-2 and sign and submit the return in FORM GSTR-3 along with the payment of the due taxes as per the provisions of section 49 of the Act. However, since the payment was not made on or before the due date, the registered person shall be liable for payment of interest on delayed payment of tax starting from 26th day of August, 2017 till the date of debit in the electronic cash and / or credit ledger but will not be liable to pay any late fee provided the requisite return in FORM GSTR-3B was submitted on or before the due date.
- 12. Where the registered person has not submitted the return in FORM GSTR-3B, he is required to furnish the details in FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2 and sign and submit the return in FORM GSTR-3 along with the payment of the due taxes as per the provisions of section 49 of the Act. However, since the payment was not made on or before the due date, the registered person shall be liable for payment of interest on delayed payment of tax starting from 26th day of August, 2017 till the date of debit in the electronic cash and / or credit ledger. No late fee, however, would be levied for late filing of return in terms of section 47 of the Act, in accordance with the recommendation of the GST Council, as notified vide Notification No. 28/2017-Central tax dated 01.09.2017.

Processing of information furnished:

13. After submission of the information in FORM GSTR-1 and FORM GSTR-2, the process of matching as per section 41, 42 and 43 of the Act read with rules 69 to 76 of the Rules shall be carried out as if these details were submitted in the regular course. Any amendment in the details furnished in FORM GSTR-1 and GSTR-2 shall be done following the procedure laid down under sub-section (3) of section 37 and sub-section (5) of section 38 of the Act respectively. The return shall be considered to be a valid return when the tax payable as per FORM GSTR-3 has been paid in full after which the return shall be taken up for matching.

9.12.2.2 Departmental Clarifications - 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) - Circular No. 136/06/2020-GST dated 3rd April, 2020

The spread of Novel Corona Virus (COVID-19) across many countries of the world, including India, has caused immense loss to the lives of people and resultantly impacted the trade and industry. In view of the emergent situation and challenges faced by taxpayers in meeting the compliance requirements under various provisions of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (hereinafter referred to as the "CGST Act"), Government has announced various relief measures relating to statutory and regulatory compliance matters across sectors.

2. Government has issued following notifications in order to provide relief to the taxpayers:

S. No.	Notification	Remarks
1.	30/2020- Central	Amendment in the CGST Rules so as to allow taxpayers opting for the Composition Scheme for the financial year 2020-21 to file their option in FORM CMP-02 till 30th June, 2020 and to allow cumulative application of the condition in rule 36(4) for the months of February, 2020 to August, 2020 in the return for tax period of September, 2020.
2.	31/2020- Central	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 is notified for those registered persons having aggregate turnover above Rs. 5 Crore and NIL rate of interest is notified for those registered persons having aggregate turnover below Rs. 5 Crore in the preceding financial year, for the tax periods of February, 2020 to April, 2020. This lower rate of interest shall be subject to condition that due tax is paid by filing return in FORM GSTR-3B by the date(s) as specified in the Notification.
3.	32/2020- Central	Notification under section 128 of CGST Act for waiver of late fee for delay in furnishing returns in FORM GSTR-3B for the tax periods of February, 2020 to April, 2020 provided the return in FORM GSTR-3B by the date as specified in the Notification.
4.	33/2020- Central	Notification under section 128 of CGST Act for waiver of late fee for delay in furnishing the statement of outward supplies in FORM GSTR-1 for taxpayers for the tax periods March, 2020 to May, 2020 and for quarter ending 31st March 2020 if the same are furnished on or before 30th day of June, 2020.
5.	34/2020- Central	Extension of due date of furnishing statement, containing the details of payment of self-assessed tax in FORM GST CMP- 08 for the quarter ending 31st March, 2020 till the 7th day of July, 2020 and filing FORM GSTR-4 for the financial year ending 31st March, 2020 till the 15th day of July, 2020.
6.	35/2020- Central	Notification under section 168A of CGST Act for extending due date of compliance which falls during the period from the 20th day of March, 2020 to the 29th day of June, to 30th day of June, 2020.

3. Various issues relating to above mentioned notifications have been examined. 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 each of these issues as under:-

S. No.	Issue	Clarification
1.	measures that have been specifically taken for taxpayers who have opted to pay tax under section 10 the CGST Act	1. The said class of taxpayers, as per the notification No. 34/2020-Central Tax, dated 03.04.2020, have been allowed, to, — (i) furnish the statement of details of payment of self- assessed tax in FORM GST CMP-08 for the quarter January to March, 2020 by 07.07.2020; and (ii) furnish the return in FORM GSTR-4 for the financial year 2019-20 by 15.07.2020. 2. In addition to the above, taxpayers opting for the composition scheme for the financial year 2020-21, have been allowed, as per the notification No. 30/2020- Central Tax, dated 03.04.2020, to, — (i) file an intimation in FORM GST CMP-02 by 30.06.2020; and (ii) furnish the statement in FORM GST ITC-03 till 31.07.2020.
2.	of furnishing FORM GSTR-3B for the months of February, March and April, 2020	1. The due dates for furnishing FORM GSTR-3B for the months of February, March and April, 2020 has not been extended through any of the notifications referred in para 2 above. 2. However, as per notification No. 31/2020- Central Tax, dated 03.04.2020, NIL rate of interest for first 15 days after the due date of filing return in FORM GSTR-3B and reduced rate of interest @ 9% thereafter has been notified for those registered persons whose aggregate turnover in the preceding financial year is above Rs. 5 Crore. For those registered persons having turnover up to Rs. 5 Crore in the preceding financial year, NIL rate of interest has also been notified. 3. Further, vide notification as per the notification No. 32/2020- Central Tax, dated 03.04.2020, Government has waived the late fees for delay in furnishing the return in FORM GSTR-3B for the months of February, March and April, 2020. 4. The lower rate of interest and waiver of late fee would be available only if due tax is paid by filing return in FORM GSTR-3B by the date(s) as specified in the Notification.
3.	conditions attached for availing the reduced rate of interest for the months of February, March	 As clarified at sl. no. (2) above, the due date for furnishing the return remains unchanged; i.e. 20th day of the month succeeding such month. The rate of interest has been notified as Nil for first 15 days from the due date, and 9 per cent per annum thereafter, for the said months. The reduced rate of interest is subject to the condition that the registered person must furnish the returns in FORM GSTR-3B on or before 24th day of June, 2020. In case the returns in FORM GSTR-3B for the said months are not furnished on or before 24th day of June, 2020 then interest at 18% per annum shall be payable from the due date of return, till the date on which the return is filed. In addition, regular late fee shall also be leviable for such delay along with liability for penalty.

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4.	the interest for late payment of tax for the months of February, March	1. As explained above, the rate of interest has been notified as Nil for first 15 days from the due date, and 9 per cent per annum thereafter, for the said months. The same can be explained through an illustration. <i>Illustration:</i> Calculation of interest for delayed filing of return for the month of March, 2020 (due date of filing being 20.04.2020) may be illustrated as per the below Table:				
		S. No.	Date of filing GSTR-3B	No. of days of delay	Whether condition for reduced interest is fulfilled?	Interest
		1	02.05.2020	11	Yes	Zero interest
		2	20.05.2020	30	Yes	Zero interest for 15 days + interest rate @9% p.a. for 15 days
		3	20.06.2020	61	Yes	Zero interest for 15 days + interest rate @9% p.a. for 46 days
		4	24.06.2020	65	Yes	Zero interest for 15 days + interest rate @9% p.a. for 50 days
		5	30.06.2020	71	NO	Interest rate @18% p.a. for 71 days (i.e. no benefit of reduced interest)
5.	conditions attached for availing the NIL rate of interest for the months of	rema said 2. T regis	ains unchanged months. he conditions tered person n te the date as	. The rate for availing the furnismentioned in the contract of	of interest ha ng the NIL r sh the returns	late for furnishing the return s been notified as Nil for the ate of interest is that the in FORM GSTR-3B on or cation No. 31/2020- Central
	for a registered person whose	3. In the c shall retur entry	late mentioned be charged fro n is filed as exp	n for the sa in the no om the du- plained in regular la	tification then e date of retui the illustratior te fee shall als	e not furnished on or before interest at 18% per annum rn, till the date on which the n at sl.no (4) above, against so be leviable for such delay
6.	date of furnishing the statement of outward supplies	notifi levia state	cation No. 33 ble under secti ment of outwar	<mark>/2020- C</mark> on 47 has d supplies	entral Tax, description of the control of the contr	he CGST Act, in terms of lated 03.04.2020, late feed for delay in furnishing the STR-1 under Section 37, for ay, 2020 and quarter ending

		31st March 2020 if the same are furnished on or before the 30th day of June, 2020.
7.	rule 36(4) of the CGST Rules would apply during the	Vide notification No. 30/2020- Central Tax, dated 03.04.2020, a proviso has been inserted in CGST Rules 2017 to provide that the said condition shall not apply to input tax credit availed by the registered persons in the returns in FORM GSTR-3B for the months of February, March, April, May, June, July and August, 2020, but that the said condition shall apply cumulatively for the said period and that the return in FORM GSTR-3B for the tax period of September, 2020 shall be furnished with cumulative adjustment of input tax credit for the said months in accordance with the condition under rule 36(4).
8.	status of e-way bills which have expired during the	In terms of notification No. 35/2020- Central Tax, dated 03.04.2020, Issued under the provisions of 168A of the CGST Act, where the validity of an e-way bill generated under rule 138 of the CGST Rules expires during the period 20th day of March, 2020 to 15th day of April, 2020, the validity period of such e-way bill has been extended till the 30th day of April, 2020.
9.	measures that have been specifically taken for taxpayers who	Under the provisions of section 168A of the CGST Act, in terms of notification No. 35/2020- Central Tax, dated 03.04.2020, the said class of taxpayers have been allowed to furnish the respective returns specified in sub-sections (3), (4) and (5) of section 39 of the said Act, for the months of March, 2020 to May, 2020 on or before the 30th day of June, 2020.
10.	measures that have been specifically taken	Under the provisions of section 168A of the CGST Act, in terms of notification No. 35/2020- Central Tax, dated 03.04.2020, the said class of taxpayers have been allowed to furnish the statement specified in section 52, for the months of March, 2020 to May, 2020 on or before the 30th day of June, 2020.
11.	compliance of some of the provisions of the CGST Act is falling during the	Vide notification No. 35/2020- Central Tax, dated 03.04.2020, issued under the provisions of 168A of the CGST Act, except for few provisions covered in exclusion clause, any time limit for completion or compliance of any action which falls during the period from the 20th day of March, 2020 to the 29th day of June, 2020, and where completion or compliance of such action has not been made within such time, has been extended to 30th day of June, 2020.

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9.13 Goods and services tax practitioners. [Section 48]

Section 48(1)	01.07.2017 to till date	The manner of approval of goods and services tax practitioners, their eligibility conditions, duties and obligations, manner of removal and other conditions relevant for their functioning. The manner of approval of goods and services tax practitioners, their eligibility conditions, duties and obligations, manner of removal and other conditions relevant for their functioning shall be such as may be prescribed.
Section 48(2)	01.07.2017 to 31.01.2019	furnish the details of outward supplies under section 37, the details of inward supplies under section 38 and the return under section 39 or section 44 or section 45. A registered person may authorise an approved goods and services tax practitioner to furnish the details of outward supplies under section 37, the details of inward supplies under section 38 and the return under section 39 or section 44 or section 45 in such manner as may be prescribed.
	01.02.2019 to 30.09.2022	An approved goods and services tax practitioner may furnish the details of outward supplies under section 37, the details of inward supplies under section 38 and the return under section 39 or section 44 or section 45 and perform other functions. A registered person may authorise an approved goods and services tax practitioner to furnish the details of outward supplies under section 37, the details of inward supplies under section 38 and the return under section 39 or section 44 or section 45 ¹ [and to perform such other functions] in such manner as may be prescribed. 1. Inserted w.e.f. 01.02.2019 vide Section 19 of the Central Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Act, 2018 which comes into force vide Notification No. 02/2019 – Central
	01.10.2022 to till date	An approved goods and services tax practitioner may furnish the details of outward supplies under section 37 and the return under section 39 or section 44 or section 45 and perform other functions.

		A registered person may authorise an approved goods and services tax practitioner to furnish the details of outward supplies under section 37, ¹ [*****] and the return under section 39 or section 44 or section 45 [and to perform such other functions] in such manner as may be prescribed.
		1 Omitted the words and figures ", the details of inward supplies under section 38" w.e.f. 01.10.2022 vide section 109 of the Finance Act, 2022 which comes into force by Notification No. 18/2022 – Central Tax dated 28.09.2022.
Section 48(3)	01.07.2017 to till date	Responsibility for correctness of any particulars furnished in the return or other details filed by the goods and services tax practitioners shall continue to rest with the registered person on whose behalf such return and details are furnished.

9.13.1.1 Departmental Notifications – NACIN as the authority for conducting the examination for GST Practitioners

Notification No. 24 /2018 – Central Tax dated 28th May, 2018 - The Commissioner, on the recommendations of the Council, has notified the National Academy of Customs, Indirect Taxes and Narcotics, Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance, Government of India, as the authority to conduct the examination as per the said sub-rule.

9.13.2.1 Departmental Clarifications - Officer authorized for enrolling or rejecting application for Goods and Services Tax Practitioner - <u>Circular No 9/9/2017- GST dated</u>
18th October, 2017

The Board has issued <u>Circular No 9/9/2017- GST dated 18th October, 2017</u> wherein the Board, has specified the Assistant Commissioner/Deputy Commissioner, having jurisdiction over the place declared as address in the application for enrolment as Goods and Service Tax Practitioner in FORM GST PCT-1 submitted in terms of sub-section (1) of section 48 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 read with sub-rule (2) of rule 83 of the Central

Goods and Service Tax Rules, 2017 as the officer authorized to approve or reject the said application.

It is also clarified than the applicant shall be at liberty to choose either the Centre or the State as the enrolling authority. The choice will have to be specified by the applicant in Item 1 of Part B of FORM GST PCT-1.