Major recommendations of the 53rd GST Council Meeting: Part A

Recommendations relating to the provisions in the GST Acts and the rules

Sl No.	Recommendations	Recommended Amendments
	Amnesty	
	Relaxation in time limit to avail of input tax credit in	S.16 (4) of the CGST Act;
	terms of section 16(4):	Insertion of a new clause
	(i) The time limit to avail of input tax credit for FY 2017-18	(ga) to rule 21 of the
	to 2020-21 has been extended till 30.11.2021	CGST Rules.
	(ii) In case of revocation of cancellation, a registered taxpayer	
	would be entitled to take input tax credit in respect of any	
	invoice or debit note in a return for the period between the	
	effective date of cancellation of registration and the date	
	of revocation of cancellation of registration, filed within	
	thirty days from the revocation of cancellation subject to the	
01	condition that the restriction of section 16(4) was not	
	applicable on the date of order of cancellation. The facility	
	would be available w.e.f. 01.07.2017.	
	No refund shall be available in case the said amount has	
	already been paid or reversed on account of contravention of	
	S. 16(4).	
	Further, registration of a taxpayer would be liable to be	
	cancelled if the returns for the period between the effective	
	date of cancellation of registration and the date of revocation	
	of cancellation of registration are not filed within thirty days	
	from the revocation of cancellation.	
	Interest and penalty would be waived for all types of	Insertion of a new section
02	demand notices issued under Section 73 for FY 2017-18 to	128A of the CGST / SGST
	FY 2019-20, if the taxpayer pays the full amount of tax	Act
	demanded up to a date as may be notified	
	Levy of Tax	
	Un-denatured Extra Neutral Alcohol or Rectified Spirit	Amendment of S.9 of the
03	which is used for manufacture of alcoholic liquor for human	CGST Act
	consumption to be kept outside the ambit of GST	
04	New provision to empower the Government to regularize	Insertion of new S.11A in
U -1	non-levy or short levy of GST, where tax was being short	the CGST Act

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	paid or not paid due to common trade practices.	
	(i) The time of supply of services where tax is liable to be	Amendment of clause (b)
	paid under RCM would be earlier of the date of payment or	of S.13(3) and insertion of
	the date of issue of invoice by the recipient where the	a new clause (c) in S.
	recipient is so liable.	13(3) of the CGST Act
	(ii) Time limit within which the invoice is required to be	Amendment of S.31(3)(f)
	issued by the recipient in case of RCM supplies would be	of the CGST Act
	provided in the rule;	
	(iii) Time limit for issuance of invoice in terms of S. 31(3)(f)	Insertion of a new rule
05	by a registered person, who is liable to pay tax under RCM	47A of the CGST Rules;
	would be 30 days from the receipt of the supply.	Deletion of second proviso
	No further requirement on a registered person to issue a	to rule 46 of the CGST
	consolidated invoice at the end of a month on which tax is	Rules.
	payable under RCM for receipt of supplies from unregistered	
	persons where the supply value exceeds Rs.5, 000/- in a day	
	from any or all suppliers.	
	Government Departments registered solely for the purpose of	Insertion of a new
	TDS deduction under Section 51 would be considered as	Explanation in S. 31of the
	unregistered person for the purpose of Section 31(3) (f).	CGST Act
	Demand	
	(i) Uniform time limit would be provided for issuance of	Amendments in Section 73
	show cause notices for adjudication (forty-two months from	and Section 74;
	the due date for furnishing of annual return) and demand	Insertion of a new Section
	orders (twelve months from the date of issuance of the	74A
	show cause notice) irrespective of whether the cases	
	involve fraud, suppression, wilful misstatement etc., or	
	not, for FY 2023-24 onwards; and	
06	(ii) Time limit for the taxpayers to avail of the benefit of	
	'nil' penalty (or 25% of the tax demand in cases involving	
	fraud, suppression, wilful misstatement etc.) by way of	
	paying the full amount of tax demand along with interest to	
	extended to 60 days (instead of the existing time line of 30	
	days).	

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1101	(iii) Restriction on availing of ITC in respect of any tax paid	1 I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I
	in accordance with S. 74 to be removed for FY 2023-24	
	onwards	
	Return	
	Form GSTR 7 to be filed by TDS Deductors for a calendar	Amendment in S.39(3) of
07	month even if no deduction is made.	the CGST Act and
07	No late fee would be payable by the TDS deductor in respect	Notification No. 22/2021-
	of delayed filing of nil return in FORM GSTR-7.	CT dated 01.06.2021
	A new FORM GSTR-1A would be introduced to facilitate	Insertion of new FORM
	amendment of the details furnished in ${\bf FORM~GSTR\text{-}1}$ for a	GSTR-1A
08	tax period and/ or to declare additional details, if any, before	
	filing of the return in $FORM\ GSTR\text{-}3B$ for the said tax	
	period.	
	Exemption from filing of annual return in FORM GSTR-9	Amendment in the related
	for the FY 2023-24 to be continued for taxpayers with	Notification and
09	aggregate annual turnover up to two crore rupees.	instructions in FORM
		GSTR-9
	The due date for filing of return in FORM GSTR 4 for	Amendment in clause (ii)
10	composition taxpayers would be extended to 30 th June	of rule 62
10	(instead of existing 30th April) following the end of financial	
	year to which such return pertains from FY 2024-25.	
11	FORM GSTR-8 required to be filed by TCS collector to	Amendment in FORM
11	incorporate details of place of supply.	GSTR -8
	The threshold for reporting of invoice-wise B2C inter-State	Amendment in FORM
12	supplies in Table 5 of FORM GSTR-1 would be reduced	GSTR-1
	from Rs 2.5 Lakh to Rs 1 Lakh .	
	Appeal	
	Monetary limits for filing applications by the Department	A Circular to be issued is
	before GSTAT, High Courts and Supreme Court would be as	this regard
13	follows:	
	GSTAT: Rs. 20, 00, 000/-; High Court: Rs. 1, 00, 00, 000/-;	
	Supreme Court: Rs. 2, 00, 00, 000/-	
	The maximum amount of pre-deposit for filing appeal with	S. 107 and S. 112 of the
14	the first appellate authority would be reduced to Rs. 20	CGST/SGST Act
1	crores CGST and Rs. 20 crores SGST instead of the	

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	existing limit of Rs. 25 crores CGST and Rs. 25 crores	
	SGST.	
	Further, the amount of pre-deposit for filing appeal with the	
	GST Appellate Tribunal has been reduced to 10 % of the	
	amount of tax in dispute with a maximum of Rs. 20 crores	
	CGST and Rs. 20 crores SGST instead of the existing limit	
	of 20% of the amount of tax in dispute with a maximum	
	amount of Rs. 50 crores CGST and Rs. 50 crores SGST	
	New provision for adjustment of amount paid in respect of	Insertion of new sub-rule
4=	a demand through FORM GST DRC-03 against the	(2B) in rule 142 and Form
15	liability created in the Electronic Liability Ledger by way of	GST DRC 03A.
	filing an application in Form GST DRC 03A.	
	GST Appellate Tribunal [GSTAT]
	(i) Time limit for filing appeals before the GSTAT would	Amendment in S.112(1)
	be within three months from the date on which the order	/(3)/(6) of the CGST Act;
	sought to be appealed or the date, as may be notified by the	Insertion of new sub-
	Government whichever is later(Similar amendment made for	section (5A) of Section
	filing of appeals by the Department before the GSTAT);	109, proviso to sub-section
	(ii) GSTAT would be empowered to entertain appeals filed by	(5) of section 109 of the
16	the department for a further period of 3 months after the	CGST Act;
	expiry of the stipulated time limit(Similar provision exists for	
	appeal by taxpayers);	
	(iii) Government would be empowered to notify cases or class	
	of cases other than those where one of the issues involved is	
	related to Place of Supply, which shall only be heard by the	
	Principal Bench.	
	Provision for electronic filing and processing of appeals in	Amendment in rules 110
	the GSTAT in alignment with the business process being	and 111; Insertion of new
17	developed in this regard.	rule 113A
	Provision for withdrawal of appeal or application filed before	
	the GSTAT	
	Refund	
	(i) No refund of unutilized input tax credit or integrated tax	Deletion of Second
18	would be allowed in cases where the zero rated supply of	proviso to S.54 (3);
	goods is subjected to export duty .	Insertion of a new sub-

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No.	(ii) Government would be empowered to notify the class of	Amendments section (15) to S. 54 of
	goods or services which can be supplied to SEZ units or SEZ	CGST Act;
	developers for authorized operations, on payment of IGST	Insertion of a new sub-
	(The existing provision empowers the Government to notify in	section (5) in S. 16 of the
	case of export only).	IGST Act;
		Amendment in clause (ii)
		of S. 16 of the IGST Act
	Provision for claiming refund of additional IGST paid on	Insertion of new sub-rule
	account of upward revision in price of the goods	(1B), clause (bb) and (bc)
19	subsequent to export and on which refund of IGST paid at the	to sub-rule (2) of Rule 89,
	time of export of such goods has already been sanctioned	Insertion of a new proviso
		to rule 96(1)
	Provision for online processing of refund of tax paid on	Insertion of new rule 95B
20	inward supply of goods received by the Canteen Stores	
	Department(CSD)	
	Time period for realization of sale proceeds in respect of	Amendment in rule clause
	export of services without payment of tax would be one	(b) of rule 96A(1)
21	year or the period as allowed under the FEMA Act, 1999,	
	from the date of issue of the invoice for export, whichever is	
	later	
	Registration	
	The provision for undergoing the process of Bio-metric	Amendment in rule 8(4A)
	based Aadhaar authentication, taking photograph along	and (4B)
	with verification of the original copies of the documents	
	uploaded with the application before grant of registration	
	would be rolled out on pan India basis in respect of	
22	applicants who opt for Aadhar authentication and are	
	identified on the basis of data analytics and risk parameters;	
	Applicants who do not opt for Aadhar authentication would	
	also be required to undergo the process of taking photograph	
	and verification of the original copies of the documents	
	uploaded with the application before grant of registration.	
	Interest	
22	The amount which is credited into the Electronic Cash	Amendment in Rule 88B
23	Ledger on or before the due date of furnishing of the return	

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	and debited for payment of tax while filing the said return	
	after the due date, would not be considered for calculation	
	of interest, if the said amount lies continuously in the	
	ledger during such period.	
	E-commerce	
	TCS rate would be reduced from the existing 1% to 0.5 %	Amendment in
24		Notification 52/2018-CT
24		& 2/2018–CT both dated
		20.09.2018
	The penal provision for contraventions by ECOs related to	Amendment in S.122(1B)
	supply of goods made through them by unregistered persons	of the CGST Act
25	or composition taxpayers would be applicable to e-	
	commerce operators, who are required to collect tax	
	under section 52 only (In terms of the existing provision, all	
	e-commerce operators were made liable).	
	Anti-profiteering	
	(i) No new application shall be accepted by the Anti-	Amendment of S. 171 of
	profiteering authority w.e.f. 01.04.2025;	the CGST Act and
26	(ii) Government to notify that, the Principal Bench of the	Insertion of new
	GSTAT would act as the anti-profiteering authority w.e.f. a	S.109(5A) of the CGST
	date to be notified;	Act
	Others	
	Applicability of sub-rule (2) of rule 28 (value of supply of	
	service to a related person by way of providing corporate	
27	guarantee which is deemed to be one per cent of the amount	
	of such guarantee offered, or the actual consideration,	Amendment of rule 28(2)
	whichever is higher) to be restricted only to those supplies	
	where the recipient is located in India and that the said	
	deemed valuation shall be applicable per annum	

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