



State GST Department

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Press Release

FINANCE MINISTER INAGURATES TWO DAYS POST BUDGET WORKSHOP OF OFFICERS OF STATE GST DEPARTMENT

Thiruvananthapuram- The State Minister of Finance and Coir Dr.T.M.Thomas Issac inaugurated the two days post budget workshop conducted by the State Goods and Service Department at Gulathi Institute of Finance and Taxation on 19th and 20th February 2018. Dr Thomas Isaac personally chaired all the sessions for formulating implementation plan with respect to VAT works and GST works in the coming financial year.

Prl Secretary and Commissioner SGST, Joint commissioners, Assessment and intelligence wing Deputy Commissioners and Assistant Commissioners and Appellate authorities Dy Commissioners and Asst Commissioners of the State Goods and Service Tax Department have participated in the two days workshop.

The first day was dedicated for the GST related discussions. The officers in four groups deliberated and presented their action plan on the following themes –

1. GST information system – additional requirement and MIS
2. Action plan for the month of February and March 2018 to complete the GST works of the last three quarters.
3. Organization structures, capacity building and infrastructure requirement
4. Intelligence and enforcement during GST regime

It was decided that the officers shall give regular feedback based on their field level experience to improve the back end modules in Kerala GST information system so that the KGIS will be a dynamic evolving web portal to do seamless work and less direct interventions with the dealers. Similarly, by March end all the migrated dealers who have not completed registration, shall be verified. They shall be removed from the list, if they are not interested to take registration. Such dealers are not entitled to collect GST if they are not registered. The Intelligence wing is informed to monitor these dealers. The officers have been instructed to complete the validation of registered dealers who have been given registration as deemed registration. The officers shall do study of dealers remittances during VAT period and compare with the GST remittances to complete the analysis with respect to tax remittance, credit taken etc. There are around 83,642 GSTR 3 B Return non filers till date. Similarly there are around 2,61,527 GSTR 1 non filers (These are cumulative figures of non filers). All Dealers are advised to do return filing promptly. The officers shall take the list of non filers and contact them to file the returns. The list of Dealers with the mismatch regarding credit shall be entrusted to Intelligence for further verification. The data from KER1,2 and 3 and e Way bill shall be verified with the Return filing. Therefore, all the Dealers are requested to file correct Returns as per the Law.

All the officers also discussed the reasons for low growth and Intelligence wing suggested strong vigilance in the border districts and inspections of vehicles and shops where undeclared goods are stored.

Hon Finance Minister released the 1st Quarter progress report of the State GST Department. It gives basic information about the pre GST and post GST launch first quarter information.

Officers discussed on the second day mainly completion of VAT works. They presented few issues. Prl Secretary & Commissioner presented an innovative method of scrutiny by computer program using algorithms as per the VAT Act. In the past the officers used to face lot of problems to fetch data from various fields and compare to arrive at conclusion with respect to total turnover and tax due as

the process was manual. The drawbacks of this was the time taken for scrutiny was varying from days to years. This was causing revenue losses. There were pending works at all levels. The quality of the scrutiny and assessment was the casualty.

The field officers demonstrated the functioning of scrutiny module by presenting cases of Works Contract and Gold sector respectively. The entire scrutiny procedure was demonstrated and explained. The Department has given training to all Assessing Authorities. The scrutiny module is a simple tool to scrutinize returns and complete the assessments.

The following efficiency gain was evident from the Scrutiny module –

- a. Correct application of laws and the tax rates
- b. Time required for scrutiny has crunched from years to minutes.
- c. Transparent process
- d. Ruling out subjectivity
- e. Easy to handle
- f. Use of all available data and information

All the assessing authorities and Dy Commissioners have been instructed to organize properly collection of statutory documents filing and keep them properly in assessment files and complete the scrutiny and assessments in time bound manner. The dealers were to file these documents for the last five years. However, department is giving opportunity to submit statutory documents promptly. All the dealers who have not yet filed statutory documents are requested to file the documents in time.

The meeting also conducted file workshop with respect to various other administrative issues in which around one third reports were received and it was decided to complete pending works of remaining 4000 files by 16th of March 2018 and within next three months to clear other back log files.

The meeting concluded with the officers stating their commitment to complete the scrutiny and assessment works systematically in this financial year and improve overall tax administration.

The basic data as on date – 22nd Feb 2018

New Registration Application	
New Application Received	37663
Approved by Tax officers	4604
Show cause notice raised	4042
Rejected by Tax officers	1623
Auto approved	30371

GST REGISTRATION

Category	Regular	Composition	Total
New	43020	8895	51915
Migrated	194810	35856	230666
CBEC	28710	2337	31047
Total Registration	266540	47088	313628