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# GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

# Taxes (B) Department

NOTIFICATION

G.O.(P) No.100/2024/TD.

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 31st July, 2024. 16th Karkadakam, 1199.

S. R. O. No. 663/2024

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 26 of the Kerala Finance Act, 2024 (18 of 2024), the Government of Kerala hereby makes the following rules, namely:-



#### RULES

1. *Short title and Commencement.*- (1) These rules may be called the Kerala Amnesty Rules, 2024.

(2) They shall come into force on the  $1^{st}$  day of August, 2024.

2. Definitions.- (1) In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires,-

(a) "Act" means the Kerala Finance Act, 2024;

(b) "Amnesty Portal" means an electronic portal managed by the Kerala State Goods and Services Tax Department for the purpose of this rules;

(c) "Form" means a Form appended to these rules;

(2) Words and expressions used herein and not defined but defined in the Act shall have the same meaning as assigned to them in that Act.

3. *Application for settlement.* - (1) An application made under sub-section (1) or sub-section (3) of section 9 shall be filed electronically through the Amnesty Portal in Form NSTY-I to the designated authority. The proof of payment of the amount calculated at the rate specified in section 11 and the details of such payment shall be submitted along with the application made under sub-section (1) of section 9 electronically, through the Amnesty Portal. A copy of the specified order or any other document or any information relating to such specified order shall be provided along with the application.

(2) The designated authority may call for the details which are required for the authentication of the information furnished in the application from any person including any office of the State GST Department or from any department of the Government of Kerala or any other State or Central Government department or from any banking company within the meaning of clause (a) of section 45A of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934 (Central Act 2 of 1934) as it may be considered necessary to verify the correctness of the particulars furnished in the said application.



(3) The designated authority shall inform the fact of making the said application by the applicant in Form NSTY-II within seven days of receipt of the said application to the assessing authority, and if any appeal filed by the State is pending before the Appellate Authority or Revisional Authority or Appellate Tribunal or any court as the case may be, the information about the application in Form NSTY-I shall be intimated to such authorities also.

4. *Determination of the amount payable by the applicant.* - If the amount paid by the applicant under sub-section (1) of section 9 falls short of the amount determined under sub-section (1) of section 10, the designated authority shall demand such short paid amount in Form NSTY-III. The applicant shall file reply along with proof of payment made, if any, within sixty days of receipt of the notice in form NSTY-III

5. *Certificate of Settlement of arrears.* - The certificate of settlement of arrears issued under sub-section (1) of section 14 shall be in Form NSTY-IV. The fact of issuing the above certificate shall be informed in Form NSTY-V within fifteen days of the issue of the certificate to the assessing authority, and if an appeal filed by the State is pending before the Appellate Authority or Revisional Authority or Appellate Tribunal or any Court, as the case may be, the information about the issuance of the certificate in Form NSTY-IV shall be intimated to such authorities also.

6. *Refusal of settlement of arrears.* - (1) If there is any defect or omission in the application, the designated authority shall intimate such defect or omission to the applicant in Form NSTY - VI. The applicant shall file an application afresh rectifying such defect or omission within seven days of receipt of the intimation in Form NSTY-VI:

Provided that the applicant shall not file a fresh application if the applicant has already filed a fresh application under sub-rule (1):

Provided further that, the fresh application filed under sub- rule (1) shall be deemed to have been filed on the date of filing of the original application under sub-section (1) of section 9.

(2) If the applicant fails to file an application afresh as specified in sub rule (1), within seven days of receipt of the intimation in Form NSTY -VI, an order of refusal of settlement of

arrears under section 15 shall be issued in Form NSTY-VII. The fact of refusal of settlement, and the amount paid under the scheme shall be informed in Form NSTY-VIII within seven days from the date of passing of the order to the assessing authority, and if any appeal filed by the State is pending before the Appellate Authority or Revisional Authority or Appellate Tribunal or any Court, as the case may be, the information about the refusal of settlement, and the amounts paid under the scheme shall be intimated to such authorities also.

7. *Time limit for payment.*- The time limit for the payment of the amount payable under the scheme other than the amount paid along with application under sub-section (1) of section 9 shall in any case be on or before the 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2025:

"Provided that in cases of application filed under sub-section (3) of section 9, the time limit for completion of payment shall in any case be within one hundred and twenty day of the date of issue of the specified order under the relevant Act"

Provided further that if the applicant fails to complete the payment of the amount payable as part of the scheme, then any amount paid by the applicant towards the scheme shall be treated as a payment made towards the arrears in the specified order as per the provisions of the relevant Act.

8. *Appeals.* - (1) An appeal under section 16 shall be filed in Form NSTY-IX in duplicate along with a copy of the order passed under section 10 or sub-section (3) of section 14 or section 15, within thirty days from the date of communication or receipt of the order, as the case may be.

Provided that if the Appellate Authority is satisfied that the appellant was prevented by a sufficient cause from preferring an appeal within the aforesaid period of thirty days, allow such appeal to be preferred within a further period not exceeding thirty days.

(2) On receipt of the appeal in Form NSTY-IX, the Appellate Authority shall verify the same and issue an acknowledgement within fifteen days from the date of the appeal filed under sub- rule (1).

(3) Appellate Authority may after giving the appellant a reasonable opportunity of being



heard and for reasons to be recorded in writing, dispose the appeal in the manner specified in section 16 and direct the designated authority to pass an order afresh after such further enquiry as may be directed:

Provided that in case where an appellate authority allows an appeal filed by an applicant, the amount payable shall be calculated at the rate applicable on the date of filing of the original application under sub-section (1) of section 9.

(4) The Appellate Authority shall dispose of an appeal within ninety days from the date of filing of the same.

(5) Every order passed under sub-rule (3) shall be communicated to the appellant and the designated authority.

9. *Revocation of Certificate and Order*. - The revocation of the certificate and order of settlement of arrears issued under sub-section (1) of section 20, shall be in Form NSTY-X. The designated authority shall serve the order of revocation to the applicant and also send a copy of the same forthwith to the Assessing Authority or Appellate Authority or Revisional Authority or Appellate Tribunal or any Court, as the case may be, in Form NSTY-XI.

10. *Mode of Payment.* - The amount payable shall be paid by means of e-treasury challan through the e-treasury portal "www.etreasury.kerala.gov.in".

11. *Amnesty portal.* - The Commissioner of State Tax shall notify the Amnesty Portal for implementing these rules

12. *Service of notices or orders.* - The service on the applicant of any notice, summons or order under the Act or these rules shall be made either by registered post or by making available in the Amnesty Portal and a copy of the same shall be communicated to the e-mail address of the applicant, if it is available.

#### Form NSTY-I

[See rule 3(1)]



#### APPLICATION.

Application Reference Number (ARN):

Date: DD/MM/YYYY

[To be filled up by the office]

.....

(Name and address of the Designated Authority)

Sir/ Madam,

I hereby make an application under sub-section (1) of section 9 / sub-section (3) of section 9.

I hereby furnish the following particulars:-

1.	Name of the applicant (Legal name of the dealer)	
2.	(a) Trade Name of the applicant	
3.	<ul><li>(b) Office/Trade address</li><li>(a) Name of the Person filing the application for settlement under section 9 of the Act;</li></ul>	
	(b) Legal capacity of the person filing the application	
	(c) Address for communication	
4.	Relevant Act under which the levy was made	
5.	If registered, registration number (under the relevant Act)	
6.	Designation of the specified order issuing authority and Assessment Circle/office in which the levy was made/ demand created	



	Details of specified order	-			
7.	-				
	(Order Number and date)				
	If this application is filed of section 9 of the Act,				
	the Appellate Authority/				
	Tribunal/ High Court/				
8.	which modification is pe				
	number, date, designatio				
	Whether Appeal/Revision Appeal/ Special Leave F				
	any, pending before the				
9	Authority/Revisional Aut				
	Court/Supreme Court.				
	If Yes, whether leave to	withdraw has been			
10.	granted by the authority	Yes/No			
11.	Details of each demand of t	tax, penalty, and interes	st in respe	ct of which	this
	application is filed:				
				(	In Rupees)
	Details of the demand and	Torr /			
	payments	Tax / Surcharge	Penalty	Interest	Total
		ourcharge			
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
	Amount as per the				
(a)	specified order				
	If the best judgment				
	assessment was not carried				
(b)	out on the penalty levied, then the tax element				
	involved in the case.				
	Part/Portion of the above				
	demand paid subsequently				
	till the date of application				
(c)	with details of payments.				
(d)	Amount to be paid to se	ettle the arrears under			
(u)	Chapter III of the Act.				



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12.	Details of payments made electronically:			
	Act/Head of Account	Tax / Surcharge		
	Amount			
	Date			
	Government Reference Number			

# DECLARATION

I..... (Name of the person filing application in Block Letters) son/daughter of ...... solemnly declare that the information given in this application, statements and annexures accompanying it are correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief and the amount of arrears and other particulars shown therein are truly stated and related to the assessment year and the relevant Act as indicated in the application.

I further declare that I am making this application in my capacity as ...... (Status of the person filing application) and that I am competent to make this application.

I also declare that I have obtained and produced a copy of leave to withdraw granted by...... (Name of the Appellate Forum/Revisional Authority/ Tribunal/ High Court/ Supreme Court) with respect to the..... (Appeal / Revision / Tax Case / Writ Petition / Writ Appeal /Special Leave Petition/Others) in ...... (Appeal Reference Number and Year) filed against the specified order.

Place:

Date:

# Name of the person filing application

#### Enclosures:

- Copy of the specified order or any other document or any information relating to such specified order
- Copy of the Appellate/Revision/ Tribunal/Court order (mentioned in Sl. No.8)



- Copy of leave to withdrawal
- Proof of all payments (copy of challans)

# Form NSTY-II

# [See rule 3(3)]

# INTIMATION OF THE APPLICATION FILED

Intimation Number:

Date: DD/MM/YYYY

Application Reference Number:

Date of Application:

То

The (Assessing Authority/ Appellate Authority/ Revisional Authority/ Tribunal/Registry of High Court/ Registry of Supreme Court).

This is to inform you that ..... (Name and address of the applicant) has filed an application in Form NSTY-I under the Kerala Amnesty Rules, 2024 on....., to designated authority, ......(Name and address of the designated authority). The the details of the application are as below:-

(1)	Act under which the levy was made	:				
(2)	Details of the specified order (order nur		:			
(3)	Designation of the specified order issui circle/office Amount as per specified order (in Rupe	:				
	ActTax / Surcharge (2)PenaltyInterest(1)(3)(4)					

Place:

Date:

This is a digitally signed Gazette.

Name and designation of the Designated Authority:



#### Form NSTY-III

#### [See rule 4]

#### DEMAND NOTICE.

Demand Notice Number:

Date: DD/MM/YYYY

Application Reference Number:

Date of Application:

То

(Name of the Applicant)

Address

After deducting the amount of payment already made by you towards the tax/ penalty/ interest for the respective demand and the amount paid along with the application you have to pay a further sum of Rs...../- (Amount short paid as determined by designated authority).

This short-paid amount at the rate applicable under section 11 shall be paid within sixty days from the date of receipt of this notice or

The recalculated amount as notified under sub-section (3) of section 10 shall be paid



within the stipulated time, by the mode of payment as specified under sub-rule (1) of rule 3 and the proof of the same to be furnished to this office failing which the amount already paid shall be treated as a payment made towards the arrears in the specified order under the relevant Act and no certificate shall be issued for settlement of arrears.

(1)	Name of the relevant Act	•			
(2)	Specified order No.				
(3)	Date of specified order				
(4)	Assessment circle				
(5)	Designation of specified order-issued authority				
(6)	Details of the amount short-paid	which is to	be paid (ii	n Rupees)	
	Details	Tax/ Surcharge	Penalty	Interest	Total
(i)	Amount of Arrears				
(ii)	Total amount paid upto the date of demand notice.				
(iii)	Amount determined under sub- section (1) of section 10 for settling of arrears under Amnesty Scheme, 2024				
(iv)	Amount short paid				
(v)	Balance payable under sub-section (3) of section 10 within 60 days				
(vi)	Amount payable under sub-section (3) of section 10 after 60 days and Upto 120 days). Upto (date)				
(vii)	Amount payable under sub-section (3)of section 10 after 120 days.Upto(date)				
(viii)	Amount payable under sub-section (3) of section 10 after Upto (date)				

Place:

Date:

Name and designation of the Designated Authority



#### Form NSTY-IV

#### [See rule 5]

#### CERTIFICATE OF SETTLEMENT.

Certificate Number: **Application Reference Number:** Date of Application:

WHEREAS, ..... (Name and address of the person filing application) had filed an application under sub-section (1) of section 9 / sub-section (3) of section 9 of the Act in respect of ...... (Name and address of the applicant) (hereinafter referred to as the applicant)

AND WHEREAS, the designated authority determined the amount of Rs........ /- (Total amount paid by the applicant including the amount paid against demand notice) payable by the applicant at the rate specified in chapter III of the Act towards full and final settlement of arrears as per details furnished below;

AND WHEREAS, the applicant has paid an amount of Rs...../- (Total amount paid by the applicant including amount paid against demand notice) being the sum determined by the designated authority;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 14, the certificate of settlement is issued to the said applicant, on the application made by the aforesaid applicant, certifying the receipt of payment from the applicant towards full and final settlement of arrears in the specified order ........ (Specified order Number and Year/Relevant Act under which levy was made) dated...... (Date of application), and granting a waiver of the remaining arrears of tax/ surcharge, interest, and penalty payable under the relevant Act as detailed below:-

(1)	Name of the Relevant Act	
(2)	Specified Order number, Year & date, designation and name of office.	

Date: DD/MM/YYYY



(3)	Details of the amount of arrears which is settled (in Rupees)				
	Details	Tax/ Surcharge	Penalty	Interest	Total
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
(i)	Amount of Arrears due				
(ii)	Total amount paid (The amount paid along with the application in Form <b>NSTY</b> -I, the amount paid in response to the notice in NSTY-III and the amount already paid towards the specified order.)				
(iii)	Amount of arrears waived				

Place:

Date:

# APPROVED

Name and designation of the Designated Authority:

Date: DD/MM/YYYY

# Form NSTY-V

# [See rule 5]

# INTIMATION OF ISSUE OF CERTIFICATE OF SETTLEMENT,

Intimation Number:

Application Reference Number:

Date of Application:

То

The (Assessing Authority/ Appellate Authority/ Revisional Authority/ Tribunal/Registry of High Court/ Registry of Supreme Court).

This is to inform you that a certificate of settlement under sub-section (1) of section 14 of the Kerala Finance Act, 2024 (18 of 2024) was issued on......(Date of issuance of



certificate) in respect of Sri/Smt/M/s. ..... (Name of the Applicant, address),-

- (a) Certifying the receipt of payment from the applicant towards a full and final settlement of arrears determined in the order of the Designated authority in...... (number of demand notice), dated...... (date of demand notice) on the application made by the aforesaid applicant.
- (b) Granting waiver of the balance arrears payable as detailed below:

(1)	Reference nu	mber of the Aj	:				
(2)	Act under which the levy was made				:		
(3)	Details of the	specified orde	•				
(4)	-	Designation of the specified order issuing authority and the : assessment circle/office					
(5)	Details of the	amount of arre	ears which is s	ettled (in Rupe	ees)		
		Details	Tax/Surcharge	Penalty	Interest	Total	
		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	
(i)		Amount of Arrears due					
(ii)		Amount paid by the applicant					
(iii)		Amount of arrears waived					

Place:

Date

Name and designation of the Designated Authority:



#### Form NSTY-VI

#### [See rule 6(1)]

### INTIMATION OF DEFECT OR OMISSION

Date: DD/MM/YYYY

То

Name of the applicant Address

Sir/Madam,

Ref: Your application under section 9 of the Act, date..... - Reg.

This with in reference to your application filed under section 9 of the Kerala Finance Act, 2024. Upon scrutiny of your application, the following defect(s) or omission(s) have been noticed:

1.

2.

You are advised to file a fresh application after rectification of the above defect(s) or omission(s) within seven days of receipt of this intimation

#### OR

Appear in person or through authorised representative before the undersigned at ...... (time) on ....... (date) in the office at ..... (Venue where personal hearing will be held).

Failing which, your application for settlement of arrears shall be refused.

Place

Date

Name and Designation Office Address



#### Form NSTY-VII

[See rule 6(2)]

### ORDER OF REFUSAL

Refusal Order Number:

Date: DD/MM/YYYY

Application Reference Number:

Date of Application:

То

The.....(Name and address of the applicant)

WHEREAS you have filed an application under section 9 of the Act *for Settlement of Arrears* against the specified order ...... (number and date of the specified order) for the year..... issued under the ....... (Relevant Act under which levy was made);

AND WHEREAS, the application filed for Settlement of Arrears has been examined and the following defects were noticed.

1)

2)

AND WHEREAS, an opportunity of being heard was granted to the applicant on ....(date of hearing) vide Form **NSTY-VI**.

As the applicant failed to cure the defects / (specify other reasons if any) ...... (date of application) filed under section 9 of the Kerala Finance Act, 2024 (Act No. 18 of 2024) for settlement of arrears of tax/surcharge/interest/ penalty is hereby refused.

Place:

Date:

Name and designation of the Designated Authority:



#### Form NSTY-VIII

#### [See rule 6(2)]

#### INTIMATION OF ORDER OF REFUSAL.

Rejection Order Number:

Date: DD/MM/YYYY

Application Reference Number: Date of Application:

Intimation Number :

Intimation Date :

Demand Notice Number :

Demand Notice Date :

То

The (Assessing Authority/ Appellate Authority/ Revisional Authority/ Tribunal/Registry of High Court/Registry of Supreme Court).

WHEREAS ...... (Name and address of the applicant) had filed an application under sub-section (1) of section 9 of the Act for Settlement of Arrears for the assessment year ....., under the ...... (Relevant Act under which levy was made);

AND WHEREAS, the application filed for Settlement of Arrears has been examined and rejected for the following reasons: -

1.

2.

Place:

Date:

Name and designation of the Designated Authority:



#### Form NSTY-IX

# [See rules 8(1)]

# FORM OF MEMORANDUM OF APPEAL.

Before the Appellate Authority .....

Sri/Smt/M/s.....Appellant(s).

(Name and Address of the Appellant)

Versus

The.....(Designated Authority and

Address).....Respondent.

1.	Reference Number of the order appealed	:	
2.	Date of the order appealed	:	
3.	Date of receipt of the order appealed	:	
1 1	Act under which settlement was applied	:	
	Assessment number, year and date of the order which was applied for settlement	:	
6.	Designation of the Officer and Assessment Circle	:	
1 7	Address to which notice/order to be sent to the appellant	:	
8.	<ul><li>(a) e-mail ID of the appellant</li><li>(b) Mobile Number of the appellant</li></ul>	:	
9.	Relief claimed in the appeal	:	
10.	Grounds of appeal	:	



Signature of the Appellant(s)

or

his/their duly Authorized Agent

# VERIFICATION

I/We.....appellant(s) named in the above appeal do hereby declare that what is stated above is true to the best of my/our knowledge and belief.

Verified today the......day of......2024.

Signature of the Appellant(s) or his/their duly Authorized Agent

# Form NSTY-X

# [See rule 9]

# CERTIFICATE OF REVOCATION.

WHEREAS, the Designated Authority under Chapter III of the Act issued a Certificate of Settlement dated..... in Form **NSTY-IV** granting waiver on the application filed by ...... (Name and address of the applicant) of the following amounts:

1. Act under which the settlement was made		:	
2. Number of the Certificate of Settlement		:	
3. Date of Certificate of Settlement		:	
4. Assessment number, year & date of the Spec	ified Order	:	
5. Designation of the officer and Assessment C	ircle	:	
6. Details of amount waived (in Rupees)		:	
Tax/ Surcharge/ Additional Sales Tax	Penalty	Interest	Total



AND WHEREAS, the designated authority came to know that the applicant had obtained the benefit of settlement under Chapter III of the Act by suppressing/material information/ furnishing incorrect or false information/particulars (i.e.,.....)

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 20 of the Act, the designated authority hereby revokes the Certificate of Settlement issued in ...... (Reference Number) dated the ...... issued to the said applicant.

Place:

Date:

Name and Designation of the Designated Authority:

To:

1. ..... (Name & Address of the Applicant)

2. The Assessing Authority,.....Assessment Circle.

#### Form NSTY-XI

[See rule 9]

# INTIMATION OF ISSUE OF CERTIFICATE OF REVOCATION.

This is to inform that the Certificate of Settlement issued in...... (Reference No.) dated ...... based on the application filed by ...... (Name and address of the applicant) has been revoked on...... (date of revocation) for having suppressed material information or particulars / furnishing incorrect or false information or particulars as indicated below: -



.....

Place:

Date:

Name and Designation of the

**Designated Authority:** 

To:

The......(Assessing Authority/Appellate Authority/ Revisional Authority/ Tribunal/Registry of the High Court/Registry of the Supreme Court) (along with a copy of the revocation made in Form **NSTY-**X)

> By order of the Governor, Dr. A. JAYATHILAK, Additional Chief Secretary to Government.

# **Explanatory Note**

(This does not form part of the notification, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

As per the Kerala Finance Act, 2024 (18 of 2024) the Government of Kerala have introduced an Amnesty Scheme, called Amnesty Scheme, 2024 for settling arrears of tax, surcharge, penalty and interest under various relevant Acts upto the period of 2017-18. The Government have decided to frame rules for carrying out the provisions of the Scheme.

The notification is intended to achieve the above object.

