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GST and its Impact on Various Sectors in India

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Abstract

Goods and Service Tax is a comprehensive tax levy on manufacture, sale and consumption of goods and services. GST is termed as greatest tax reform in Indian Tax Structure. It won't be an additional tax; it will include central service tax, excise duty additional duties of customers at the central level, VAT, CST, Entertainment tax, Luxury tax, State Surcharge, Octroi, Lottery tax and other surcharge on supply of goods and services. The motive behind GST is to supplant all these duties with single complete duty, presenting to everything under single umbrella. The purpose is to eliminate cascading effect of tax. This paper will throw light on GST its features and also impact of GST on various sectors.

Keywords: GST, CST, VAT, State Surcharge, Service tax

Introduction

The presentation of GST in India is a considerable move from the present tax regime. It is normal that service sectors will have real effect of GST than the manufacturing or trading sector. Among the services gave by Banks and NBFCs, financial services such as fund based, fee-based and insurance services will see real moves from the present situation. Attributable to the nature and volume of tasks gave by Banks and NBFC lease transactions, hire purchase, related to actionable claims, fund and non-fund based services and so forth., GST consistence will be very hard to execute in these segments. Under Model GST Law, the system does not give much advantages or thought to banks and NBFCs on comprehension of the sort of exchanges made by them on a reliable and voluminous premise.

Review of Literature:

John Mathai Committee (1953) The Taxation Inquiry Commission was named by the Government of India on April 1, 1953 under the chairmanship of John Mathai. The terms of reference of the commission were to look at the frequency and reasonableness of Central, State and Local tax assessment on different classes of individuals and specifically as to (a) changes required in the present arrangement of tax assessment and (b) new roads of tax collection. The committee made several recommendations to the Government.

Nicholas Kaldor Committee (1956) British economist Nicholas Kaldor carried out, on the request of the Government of India from January to March 1956, a review of the Indian tax system particularly with reference to personal and business taxation. The committee made the first systematic estimates of income tax evasion in India and recommended in favour of wealth tax, capital gains tax, gift tax and a personal expenditure tax.

Kelkar Committee (2002) The Immediate and Circuitous Expense Changes Advisory group was set up by the Legislature of India in July 2002 under the chairmanship of Dr. Vijay L. Kelkar. The major objectives of the advisory group were to prescribe measures for improvement and simplification of direct and indirect taxes. Thus two teams were set up. The committee proposed different measures under direct taxes like, development of tax payers both qualitatively and quantitatively. Simple access to citizens through web and email and extension of facilities, for example, Tele-filing and Tele-refunds and in the event of indirect taxes the team prescribed traditions freedom to be founded on trust and to be consistently connected to all importers and exporters, variety of tolls to be decreased. On service tax the task force suggested, the implementation of service tax on comprehensive basis.

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Empowered Committee on Goods and Services Tax (2007) To accomplish promote noteworthy leap forward and the following consistent advance towards a comprehensive indirect tax reform in the country, Sri P. Chidambaram, the then Union Finance Minister, declared during Central Budget 2007-08 such that GST would be introduced from April 1, 2010 and an Empowered Committee of State Finance Ministers was constituted. The committee would work with the Central Government to set up a guide for presentation of GST in India. After this announcement the Empowered Committee of State Finance Ministers chose to set up a Joint Working Group on May 10, 2007. The Joint Working Group after concentrated inward talks and additionally connection with specialists and agents of Chambers of Commerce and Industry presented its report to the Empowered Committee in November 2007. Considerations and dialogs are going on ceaselessly to work out an instrument to present GST. As of late, in the Spending discourse, amid July 2014, the Finance Minister Mr. Arun Jaitley has announced that the GST would be rolled-out by the end of the financial year 2014-15 (at Central level).

M.N. Murty (1995) discusses the various types of VAT and their application in a federal country or a country with government at many levels. In particular, this study takes up a detailed examination of a comprehensive VAT covering the full chain of business activities from manufacturing to retailing. The author also discusses a case for having a comprehensive VAT at Central and State levels in India. The study finds that, such a tax system supplemented by specific excises and subsidies to deal with the problem of equity, environment and social needs is ideal for India.

Om Prakash and A.S. Sidhu (2011) state that, in developing economy like India, tax occupies a strategically important position in the overall development of the country, due to its significant contribution to the national exchequer, which is ultimately spent on the overall development of different sectors of the economy. The study analyzes the impact of direct tax reforms on Indian economy in terms of various economic indicators and compares it with the pre-reform period. The examination uncovers that tax reforms introduced amid the post-liberalization period could not create the outcomes as wanted. The reduction in direct tax rates could not prompt better tax compliance in a wanted way. The researchers opine that, the tax reforms have increased the number of assesseees but the resultant increase in the tax revenue has not been sufficient. The major share of taxes comes from low income groups. This ineffectiveness will widen the gap between rich and poor and will lead to further inequality in the society. The study also argues that, there is again a very strong need to review the tax reform policies being followed in the post-liberalization period.

Objective of the Study

- To study the salient features and benefits of GST.
- To examine the impact of GST on various sectors in India.

Research Methodology

The study conducted in this paper is based on Secondary Sources of Data. This data has been taken by accessing

various papers, articles, published books, journals and online sources as per the need of study.

Features of GST:

- GST will subsume indirect central taxes like, services tax, excise duty and so forth and also state taxes like Octroi, VAT, Luxury tax, Entry tax and so on.
- It will have two segments, Central GST demanded by Center and State GST collected by the States.
- In case of inter-state trade only Centre can levy and collect GST on supply of Goods & Services and the amount of tax will be divided between Centre and State.
- A two-rate structure will be received. It implies bring down rate for vital things and merchandise of essential significance and a standard rate for products all in all. There will likewise be an exceptional rate for valuable metals and a rundown of exempted things.
- Over-lapping of tax, and cascading effect of tax will be wiped out with GST.
- The two Products and Services are saddled in same way in chain of supply till they are come to buyer. They are not recognized under GST.

Benefits of GST:

- GST give thorough and more extensive scope of input credit setoff, you can utilize benefit assess credit for the installment of tax for the payment of prescribed taxes.
- CST will be expelled and require not pay. At present there is no input tax credit accessible for CST.
- Numerous indirect taxes in state and central level included by GST, You have to pay only GST rather than all.
- Consistency of tax rates over the states.
- Guarantee better consistence because of total tax rate reduces.
- By diminishing the taxation rate the aggressiveness of Indian items in worldwide market is relied upon to increment and there by development of the country.
- Costs of products are relied upon to decrease over the long haul as the advantages of less taxation rate would be passed on to the customer.

Impact of Goods and Services Tax (GST):

- ✓ *Food Industry:* The use of GST to food items will significantly affect the individuals who are living under subsistence level. Yet, in the meantime, an entire exclusion for food items would radically shrivel the expense base. Food incorporates grains and oats, meat, fish and poultry, grain and dairy items, leafy foods, treat and confectionary, snacks, arranged dinners for home utilization, eatery suppers and refreshments. Regardless of whether the nourishment is inside the extent of GST, such deals would to a great extent stay excluded because of independent company enrollment edge. Given the exemption of food from CENVAT and 4% VAT on food item, the GST under a solitary rate would prompt a multiplying of taxation rate on food.
- ✓ *Lodging and Development Industry:* In India, development and Lodging segment should be incorporated into the GST charge base since development part is a noteworthy supporter of the national economy.

- ✓ *FMCG Sector:* Regardless of the monetary stoppage, India's Fast Moving Consumer Goods (FMCG) has developed reliably amid the previous three – four years coming to \$25 billion at retail deals in 2008. Implementation of proposed GST and opening of Foreign Direct Investment (F.D.I.) are required to fuel the development and raise industry's size to \$95Billion by 2018.
- ✓ *Rail Sector:* There have been recommendations for including the rail sector under the GST umbrella to realize critical duty picks up and enlarge the assessment net to keep general GST rate low. This will have the additional advantage of guaranteeing that all inter – state transportation of goods can be followed through the proposed Information technology (IT) network.
- ✓ *Financial Services:* In the greater part of the nation's GST isn't charged on the financial services. Like, In New Zealand the vast majority of the services covered except financial services as GST. Under the service tax, India has taken after the approach of bringing for all intents and purposes every monetary administration inside the ambit of expense where thought for them is as an explicit fee. GST additionally incorporate financial services on the above grounds as above.
- ✓ *Information Technology Enabled Services:* To be in a state of harmony with the best Universal practices, local supply of programming ought to likewise pull in G.S.T. based on method of exchange. Henceforth if the product is exchanged through electronic shape, it ought to be considered as Intellectual Property and viewed as a service. What's more, if the product is transmitted on media or some other unmistakable property, at that point it ought to be dealt with as merchandise and subject to G.S.T. According to a FICCI – Technopak Report. Execution of GST will likewise help in uniform, streamlined and single point Tax assessment and thereby reduced prices.
- ✓ *Impact on Small Enterprises:* There will be three classes of Small Enterprises in the GST administration. Those underneath limit require not enlist for the GST. Those between the limit and creation turnovers will have the choice to pay a turnover based assessment or select to join the GST administration. Those above edge farthest point should be inside system of GST Conceivable descending changes in the limit in a few States ensuing to the presentation of GST may bring about commitment being made for a few merchants. For this situation extensive help is wanted. In regard of Centre GST, the position is marginally more mind boggling. Small scale units fabricating determined merchandise are enabled exclusions of extract up to Rs.1.5 Crores. These units might be required to enroll for payment of GST, may consider this to be an extra cost.

Conclusion

GST is the most consistent step towards the comprehensive indirect tax reform in our nation since autonomy. GST is leviable on all supply of goods and provision of services and the combination of both too. All parts of economy whether the business, business including Govt. Divisions and service sector might need to tolerate effect of GST. All areas of economy viz., big, medium, small scale units,

middle people, shippers, exporters, merchants, experts and purchasers might be straightforwardly influenced by GST. One of the greatest tax taxation changes in India – the Goods and Service Tax (GST) - is good to go to coordinate State economies and boost general development. GST will make a solitary, brought together Indian market to make the economy more strong. Specialists say that GST is probably going to enhance impose accumulations and Lift India's financial advancement by breaking tax barriers amongst States and incorporating India through a uniform tax rate. Under GST, the tax collection weight will be isolated fairly amongst manufacturing and services, through a lower tax rate by expanding the duty base and minimizing exemptions.

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