



Understanding Goods and Services Tax

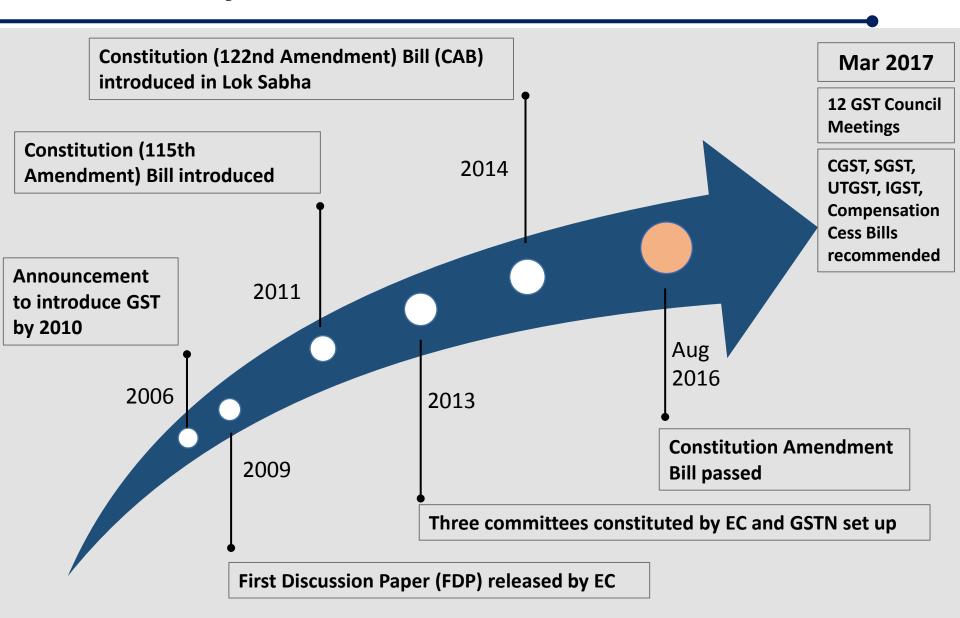
Agenda



- ☐ Journey so far
- □ Design of GST
- Main features of GST Law
- □ Administration and IT Network
- Benefits of GST and Way Forward

The Journey so far





The Effort and Work Done



10 Years In Making	30 + Sub-Groups & Committees	31000 + Industry professionals trained	18000 + Man Hours of discussion by GST Council
14 Empowered Committee Meetings	175 + Officers Meetings	51000 + Officers trained	Constitution Amendment and 5 Laws approved by collaborative effort

Existing Indirect Tax Structure in India



Central Taxes

- Central Excise duty
- Additional duties of excise
- Excise duty levied under Medicinal
 & Toiletries Preparation Act
- Additional duties of customs (CVD & SAD)
- Service Tax
- Surcharges & Cesses

State Taxes

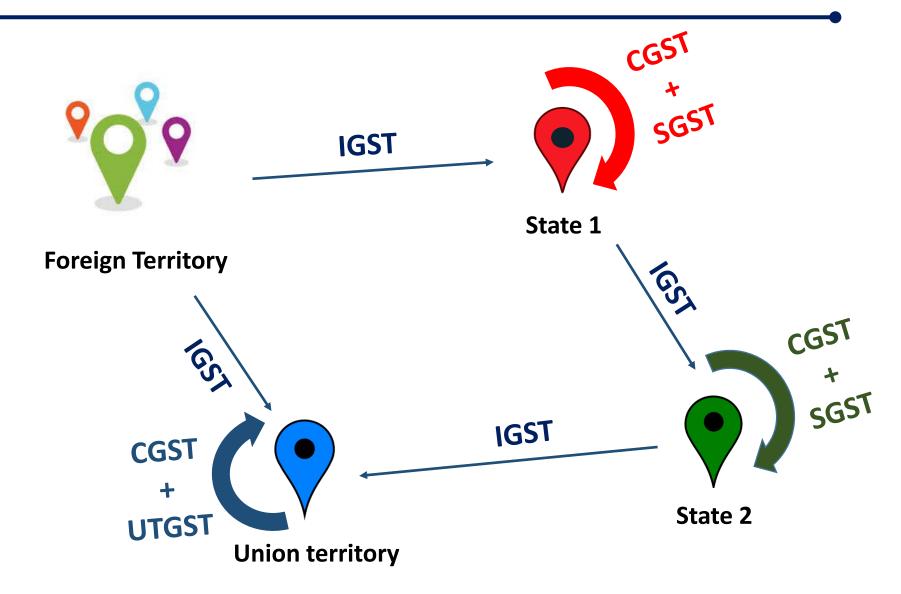
- State VAT / Sales Tax
- Central Sales Tax
- Purchase Tax
- Entertainment Tax (other than those levied by local bodies)
- Luxury Tax
- Entry Tax (All forms)
- Taxes on lottery, betting & gambling
- Surcharges & Cesses



Constitution amended to provide concurrent powers to both Centre & States to levy GST (Centre to tax sale of goods and States to tax provision of services)

Understanding CGST, SGST, UTGST & IGST





IGST Credit can be used for payment of IGST, CGST, SGST / UTGST in that order

Features of Constitution Amendment Act



- □ Concurrent jurisdiction for levy & collection of GST by the Centre (CGST) and the States (SGST)
- ☐ Centre to levy and collect IGST on supplies in the course of inter-State trade or commerce including imports
- □ Compensation for loss of revenue to States for five years
- □ GST on petroleum crude, high speed diesel, motor spirit (commonly known as petrol), natural gas & aviation turbine fuel to be levied from a later date on recommendations of Council

GST Council - Constitution



- Consists of Finance Minister, the MOS (Finance) and the Minister of Finance / Taxation of each State
- Chairperson Union FM
- Vice Chairperson to be chosen amongst the Ministers of State Government
- Quorum is 50% of total members
- Decision by 75% majority
- Council to make recommendations on everything related to GST including laws, rules and rates etc.

GST Council - Decisions (1/2)



- ☐ Threshold limit for exemption to be Rs. 20 lac (Rs. 10 lac for special category States)
- □ Compounding threshold limit to be Rs. 50 lac − not available to inter-State suppliers, service providers (except restaurant service) & specified category of manufacturers
- Government may convert existing Area based exemption schemes into reimbursement based scheme
- □ Four tax rates namely 5%, 12%, 18% and 28%
- □ Some goods and services would be exempt
- □ Separate tax rate for precious metals

GST Council - Decisions (2/2)



- ☐ Cess over the peak rate of 28% on specified luxury and sin goods
- □ To ensure single interface all administrative control over
 - 90% of taxpayers having turnover below Rs. 1.5 cr would vest with State tax administration
 - 10% of taxpayers having turnover below of Rs. 1.5
 cr. would vest with Central tax administration
 - taxpayers having turnover above Rs. 1.5 cr. would be divided equally between Central and State tax administration

Compensation Mechanism for States



Compensation = (State's Revenue for FY 2015-16)* 14%* - State's Revenue (for x year)

- Revenue of all taxes subsumed in GST by the
 State for 2015 16 as the base
- Assumption of 14% Annual Growth Rate
- Compensation to be provided through Cess
- Cess only on few specified luxury and sin goods

Main Features of the GST Act (1/4)



- ☐ GST to be levied on supply of goods or services
- □ All transactions and processes only through electronic mode – Non-intrusive administration
- □ PAN Based Registration
- □ Registration only if turnover more than Rs. 20 lac
- □ Option of Voluntary Registration
- ☐ Deemed Registration in three days
- □ Input Tax Credit available on taxes paid on all procurements (except few specified items)

Main Features of the GST Act (2/4)



- □ Credit available to recipient only if invoice is matched – Helps fight huge evasion of taxes
- Set of auto-populated Monthly returns and Annual Return
- Composition taxpayers to file Quarterly returns
- □ Automatic generation of returns
- ☐ GST Practitioners for assisting filing of returns
- ☐ GSTN and GST Suvidha Providers (GSPs) to provide technology based assistance

Main Features of the GST Act (3/4)



- □ Separate electronic ledgers for cash and credit
- □ Tax can be deposited by internet banking, NEFT / RTGS, Debit/ credit card and over the counter
- □ Cross utilization of IGST Credit first as IGST and then as CGST or SGST /UTGST
- □ Concept of TDS for Government Departments
- □ Concept of TCS for E-Commerce Companies
- □ Refund to be granted within 60 days
- Provisional release of 90% refund to exporters within 7 days

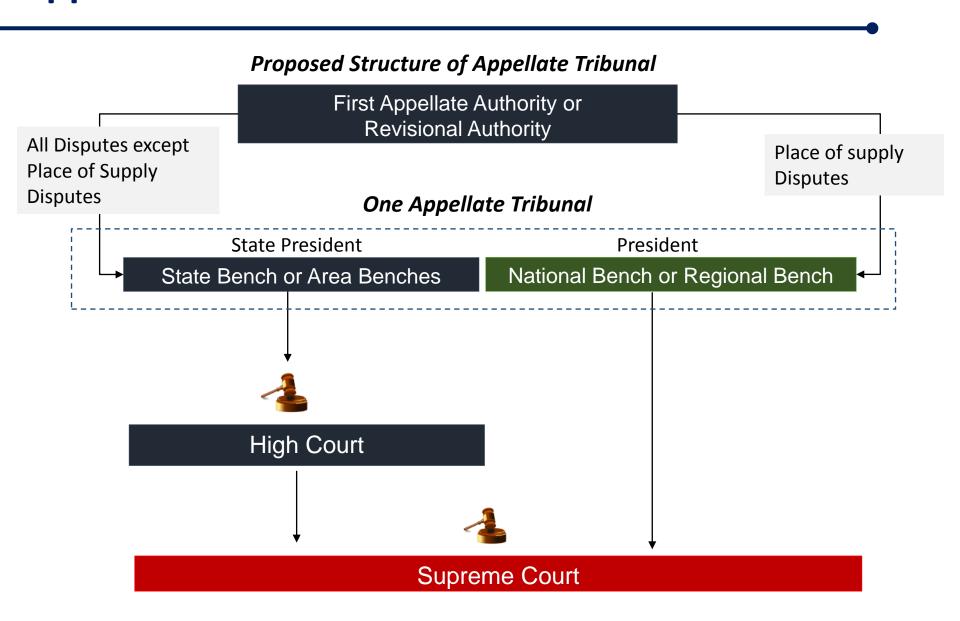
Main Features of the GST Act (4/4)



- ☐ Interest payable if refund not sanctioned in time
- □ Refund to be directly credited to bank accounts
- □ Comprehensive transitional provisions for smooth transition of existing tax payers to GST regime
- ☐ Special procedures for job work
- □ System of GST Compliance Rating
- □ Anti-Profiteering provision

Appeals and Revision under GST





GST Network (GSTN)



- □ A section 25 private limited company with Strategic Control with the Government
- To function as a Common Pass-through portal for taxpayers
 - submit registration application
 - ☐ file returns
 - make tax payments
- □ To develop back end modules for 25 States (MODEL –II)
- □ Infosys appointed as Managed Service Provider (MSP)
- □ 34 GST Suvidha Providers (GSPs) appointed

Role of CBEC



- □ Role in Policy making: Drafting of GST Law, Rules & Procedures CGST, UTGST & IGST Law
- □ Assessment, Audit, Anti-evasion & enforcement under CGST & IGST Law
- □ Levy & collection of Central Excise duty on products outside GST – Petroleum Products & Tobacco
- □ Levy & collection of Customs duties
- Developing linkages of CBEC GST System with GSTN
- ☐ Training of officials of both Centre & States
- Outreach programs for Trade and Industry

Benefits of GST



- Overall reduction in Prices for Consumers
- Reduction in Multiplicity of Taxes, Cascading and Double Taxation
- Uniform Rate of Tax and Common National Market
- Broader Tax Base and decrease in "Black" transactions
- Free Flow of Goods and Services No Checkpoints
- Non-Intrusive Electronic Tax Compliance System

Way Forward



- Passage of CGST, UTGST, IGST & Compensation Law by Parliament and passing of SGST laws by State Legislatures
- ☐ GST Council to fit tax rates to various categories of Goods or Services
- □ Rules relating to registration, returns, valuation, transitional, Input Credit etc. to be finalized
- Migration and handholding of existing tax payers
- Outreach program for trade and industry
- □ Change Management





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