

CBEC initiate steps for ensuring implementation of GST by 1st April, 2017 & No additional levy on use of cards at petrol stations says Hon'ble Petroleum Minister

Central Board of Excise & Customs (CBEC) has initiated the process of migration of its existing CENTRAL EXCISE/SERVICE TAX assesses to GST with effect from 9th January, 2017.

As part of its efforts to ensure implementation of GST by 1st April, 2017, CBEC has taken steps to ensure that its existing taxpayers are migrated to GST in a simple, user-friendly and smooth manner. Once the existing registered Taxpayers (both Central Excise as well as Service Tax) login to CBEC's Web Portal www.aces.gov.in, a facility will be given in a secure manner to access the provisional login ID and password given by Goods and Services Tax Network (GSTN). Thereafter, using the same, they can log in to GST Portal (www.gst.gov.in) to fill the required fields and submit scanned documents.

However, if they have already initiated the process of migration to GST as a VAT assessed under STATE COMMERCIAL TAX department, no further action is necessary. PAN is mandatory for migration to GST. Hence, if the existing Central Excise/Service Tax Registration Code does not have PAN, then PAN has to be obtained from Income Tax Department and the Registration details have to be updated in the ACES Portal www.aces.gov.in

CBEC has made available a **24x7 HELPDESK** (TOLL-FREE NO 1800-1200-232, EMAIL: cbecmitra.helpdesk@icegate.gov.in) for the purpose of assisting existing CENTRAL EXCISE/SERVICE TAX assesses. GSTN also has a HELP DESK number: 0124-4688999 and GSTN email address is: help@gst.gov.in A Step-by-Step Taxpayers User guide for Migration is available at www.aces.gov.in and at www.cbec.gov.in

CBEC is also sending Emails/recorded telephonic messages to all registered CENTRAL EXCISE / SERVICE TAX assesses requesting them to migrate to GST. Outreach programmes such as Awareness Workshops/ Training for CENTRAL EXCISE/SERVICE TAX assesses are being organized all over India at the Commission rates and Divisional offices of CBEC. **All existing CENTRAL EXCISE/SERVICE TAX assesses are requested to migrate as early as possible, latest by 31st January, 2017.**

No additional levy on use of cards at petrol stations says Petroleum Minister

MoS (I/C) for Petroleum and Natural Gas, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan said neither the customers nor petrol pump dealers will bear additional charges on digital transactions at petrol stations. He said that the Government had issued guidelines in February 2016 stating that the Merchant Discount Rate (MDR) charge will not be passed on to the consumers and that the stakeholders will take appropriate steps to absorb the MDR charges.

The Government has stepped in after the issue on levy on digital transaction at petrol stations was raised by association of petrol pump dealers. Shri Pradhan said that there will be no additional levy on digital transaction at petrol stations even after 13

January, 2017. He also said that the Petrol pump transaction fee is a business model between the banks & oil marketing companies which they will resolve.

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