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For getting success in life my slogan of life is "Fight every battle in life until you win"

A warm wishes to all dear students,

It takes immense pleasure in informing you that, PUNE BRANCH OF WICASA OF ICAI HAS WON THE FIRST PRIZE AT NATIONAL LEVEL AND REGIONAL LEVEL IN MEGA CATEGORY. PUNE BRANCH OF WIRC OF ICAI HAS ALSO WON THE FIRST PRIZE AT NATIONAL LEVEL AND REGIONAL LEVEL IN MEGA CATEGORY. This is the acknowledgment for the hard work of the all persons related to the branch (The Chair person, Committee Members, Ex-officio, WICASA Committee, Members at large and all the students and the most important the Branch Staff). I congratulate all WICASA Committee of 2019-20 for your great achievement.

A special thanks to our beloved CA. Abhishek Dhamne, WICASA Chairman (2019-20) without whose guidance this dream would not be possible.

I would also like to congratulate the students who have passed their exams for November, 2019 and those could not clear exams this time, I give my best wishes for upcoming exams.

Now elections for WICASA of 2020-21 are already declared and will be conducted soon. I will like to give my best wishes to all candidates for the same. I also appeal to all of them that do the elections and campaign in friendly manner. Ultimately your aim should be to serve the WICASA and profession in best possible manner. It is not necessary that you can work in WICASA and serve the profession only if you win the election. You are always welcomed for it irrespective of your election results.

At the end I will conclude by saying to every student that

"खुदी को कर बुलंद इतना कि हर तकदीर से पहले खुदा बंदेसे खुद पुछे बता तेरी रजा क्या है।"

Regards,

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COVID-19 Economic Fallout: Govt. Takes Step To Boost The Economy

As the world battles with the COVID-19 pandemic, countries have started moving to stringent measures like lockdowns and curfews. With the global markets crashing; the global economy is staring at a deep distress. Similar to several countries, the Government of India has begun working on an economic package to deal with the impact of this pandemic. Realising the hardship faced by its citizens, the Union Finance & Corporate Affairs Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman has announced several important relief measures in tax and regulatory aspects.

Following is the summarized key announcements made by the Finance Minister in this regard:

Direct Taxes

1. Extension of tax return filing deadline

The deadline for following type of tax return has been extended from 31 March, 2020 to 30 June, 2020.

Belated Income-Tax Return for Assessment Year 2019-20

Revised income-tax return for Assessment Year 2019-20

2. The timeline for linking Aadhaar with PAN has been extended to 30 June, 2020

3. Relief with regards to delay in payment of taxes

- a. Interest at the reduced rate of 9% (instead of 12%) will be charged on delay in respect of following payments made between 20 March, 2020 and 30 June, 2020:
 - Advanced tax;
 - Self-assessment tax;
 - Regular tax;
 - Taxes withheld or collected at source;
 - Equalization levy;
 - Securities Transaction Tax; and
 - Commodities Transaction Tax.
- b. Penalty and late fees in relation to the above mentioned payments to be waived off.

4. Extension of compliance due dates

In respect of following, where the due dates fall between 20 March, 2020 and 29 June, 2020; the revised due dates shall be 30 June, 2020:

- issue of notice,
- intimation,

- notification,
- approval order,
- sanction order,
- filing of appeal,
- furnishing of return, statements, applications, reports, any other documents
- completion of proceedings by the authority, and
- any compliance by the taxpayer including investment in saving instruments or investments for roll over benefit of capital gains.

5. The Direct Tax Vivad se Vishwas Act, 2020

The timeline for payment of disputed arrears without attracting additional 10% amount under the 'Vivad se Vishwas Scheme' extended from 31 March, 2020 to 30 June, 2020.

Indirect Taxes

1. Extension of GST return filing deadlines:

- The last date for filing the forms 'GSTR-3B' due in months of March, April and May 2020 (i.e. returns of February, March and April 2020) will be extended till 30 June, 2020;
- Date for filing GST <u>Annual Returns</u> of FY 18-19, which is due on 31 March, 2020 is extended till the last week of June 2020.

2. Relief in respect of payment of taxes

- For those having aggregate annual turnover less than INR 50 Mn., no interest, late fee, and penalty will be charged for the period;
- However, for those having aggregate annual turnover more than INR 50 Mn., a reduced rate
 of interest @ 9% per annum will be charged from 15 days after due date (current interest rate
 is 18 % per annum) for the delayed payment between 20 March, 2020 and 30 June, 2020; but
 no late fee and penalty will be charged if complied before 30 June 2020;
- Last date for making payments by the Composition dealers for the quarter ending 31 March, 2020 will be extended till the last week of June 2020;
- Payment under 'Sabka Vishwas Scheme' shall be made without interest till 30 June 2020;

3. Extension of compliances due dates

In respect of following under GST law, where the due date falls between 20 March, 2020 and 29 June, 2020, shall be extended to 30 June, 2020:

- issue of notice,
- notification,
- approval order,
- sanction order,
- filing of appeal, and
- furnishing of return, statements, applications, reports, any other documents

4. Date for opting for composition scheme for the F.Y. 2020-2021 is extended till 30 June 2020;

5. 24X7 Custom clearance till end of 30 June 2020.

<u>Conclusion:</u> In light of COVID-19 pandemic, Govt is giving relief to help taxpayers navigate through these tiring times. While it could take some time for the economy to get back on track, other economic measures after assessing the impact would be taken by the Govt. & will help the country to get back to normalcy.



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Vivad Se Vishwas

'Vivad se Vishwas' scheme aims at dispute resolution in respect of pending income tax litigation. This scheme will generate revenue for the government and provide some benefits to taxpayer.

The objective of 'Vivad se Vishwas' is to reduce pending income tax litigation and provide taxpayer some certainty and saving of time and resources .This scheme will give some relief in amount which was payable as in earlier case due to waived of interest, penalty and fees.

Key factors of 'Vivad se Vishwas' Scheme are as follow-

- 1. Waiver of Interest and Penalty.
- 2. Case once resolved cannot be reopened by any tax authorities.
- 3. Appellate authority cannot issue an order on same matter which has been resolved under this scheme.
- 4. Simplified procedure of the scheme.

Apart from above factors, scheme also covered fees which is imposed under section 234E and 234F of the Income Tax Act, 1961 is waived off by 70% to 75% as the case may be. In case of disputed Interest/Penalty/Fees, if amount is paid on or before 31st March 2020,taxpayer shall be liable to pay 25% of disputed Interest/Penalty/Fees amount and if such amount is paid after 01st April 2020 but before 30th June 2020,taxpayer is liable to pay 30% of disputed amount of Interest/Penalty/Fees. Also interest which is levied on delay of deposit of TDS and TCS is completely waived off under this scheme.

This scheme requires short span of time to determine amount payable by taxpayer i.e. within 15 days after submission of the declaration. So it will be an opportunity to close down long pending litigation for the taxpayer and reduce the burden from the same. However it may cause some certain practical challenges, for example, to arrange the funds within 15 days after determination of amount payable by tax authorities and cut off time for the same is 31st March 2020.

In my opinion, CBDT should extend date for the scheme as economic growth is slow down and there is significant impact of corona virus on the market .Also taxpayer has various payments in March 20 like Advance Tax, GST etc. So it will be hardship for taxpayer to arrange fund.

Thus, 'Vivad se Vishwas' scheme shows that the government is taking initiative and showing eagerness in reaching out to the taxpayer to settle down long pending litigation.



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LLP Amnesty Scheme, 2020

The **Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA)** has launched the Limited Liability Partnership LLP Amnesty Scheme, 2020. It has been observed that due to applicability of additional fee on late filing, which in case of inordinate delay could actually become a financial burden. A large number of Limited Liability Partnerships (LLPs) have remained non-compliant because of their inability to pay late fees for the cumulative period of delay.

Basically LLP Amnesty Scheme, 2020 is being introduced in pursuance of the Government's objective of providing greater Ease of Living to the citizens of the country and is expected to provide significant relief and a window of opportunity for LLPs to abide by the Law & conduct their business accordingly.

This scheme is also known as **LLP Settlement Scheme**, **2020**. **So** basically the word settlement here itself gives the idea that this scheme is something related to resolve a dispute or conflict.

The scheme is applicable to a "**Defaulting LLP**". Defaulting LLP means those LLP Registered under LLP Act, 2008 and have made default in filing of certain documents due for filing till October 31, 2019.

The Scheme shall come into force on the 16th March, 2020 and shall remain in force up to 13th June, 2020. It would be applicable to a "defaulting LLP" for filing overdue documents, which were due for filing till 31st October, 2019. To reduce the burden on LLPs, they would be required to pay only Rs.10 as additional fee for each day delay in filing documents as against the earlier practice of Rs. 100 for each day of delay. The penalty on delayed filing will also be capped to a maximum of Rs. 5,000 providing relief to LLPs, some of whom have not filed their documents for years.

The Scheme shall apply to the filing of the following **overdue documents**:

- **Form-3** Information with regard to the limited liability partnership agreement and changes, if any, made therein;
- **Form-4** Notice of appointment, cessation, change in name/ address/designation of a designated partner or partner and consent to become a partner/designated partner;
- Form-8

 Statement of Account & Solvency (Annual or Interim); and
- Form-11- Annual Return of Limited Liability Partnership (LLP).

The Scheme shall not apply to the filing of the following documents:-

- LLPs that have applied Form 24 with ROC for name strike off from the register
- LLPs that defaulted in filing documents after October 31st, 2019.

For instance, if the LLP incorporated in the year January, 2016, erroneously didn't file the e form 3 and due to this initial default it couldn't file the belated or current Annual filings as on October 31, 2019 i.e. e Form 8 and e Form 11 of the LLP, the total approximate fees would as on date would be

approximate between Rs. 3,70,000 to 3,80,000 and the penalty of Rs. 100/- per document would still continue.

Post the LLP Amnesty Scheme, 2020, all the three documents can be filed for **maximum Rs. 15,000/**total for all the three aforesaid e forms, with a maximum cap of Rs. 5,000 per document, and the difference between the penalty amounts in both the scenarios runs into lacs which is a **cost saviour** to the LLP.

The major benefits that the defaulting LLPs can avail, which have filed their pending documents till June 13th, 2020 and made good the default, shall not be subjected to criminal prosecution by Registrar for such defaults and waiver of huge penalties which can run into lakhs of rupees.

The MCA received representations from various quarters on waiver of fee or condonation of delay and relaxations in additional fee on the ground of excessive financial burden. Many firms have a capital of Rs 1 lakh and have penalties amounting to Rs 2-3 lakh, which stops them from approaching for a solution due to the high penalty amount.

The one-time scheme corrects this and is one time opportunity to correct the belated filings with a nominal penalty amount which has a ceiling amount and safeguard the interest of the Designated Partners/Partners and the LLP from any further prosecution or liability.

India has around 1.25 lakh active LLPs, of which a majority is in business services, followed by trading, manufacturing and real estate & renting. This one-time scheme benefits around 25,000-30,000 LLPs that have a capital base of around Rs 1 lakh.

The Scheme is being introduced in pursuance of the Government's objective of providing greater Ease of Living to the citizens of the country and is expected to provide significant relief and a window of opportunity for LLPs to abide by the Law & conduct business accordingly.

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