

B.Com LLB IV Sem Goods and Services Tax Unit I

Introduction & Advantages of GST

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Introduction of GST

Goods & Service tax(GST) is an indirect tax applicable throughout India which replaced multiple cascading taxes levied by the Central and State government. The tax came into effect from 1 July 2017 through the implementation of the One Hundred and First Amendment of the Constitution of India by the Indian government. GST is a single tax on the supply of goods and services.

Meaning of GST- Goods and services tax (GST) is a tax on goods and services with value addition at each stage having comprehensive and continuous chain of set of benefits from the producer's/service provider's point up to the retailers level where only the final consumer should bear the tax.

Objectives of GST

- One country - one tax
- Consumption based tax in stead of manufacturing
- Uniform GST registration and payment
- To eliminate cascading effect of doubling tax
- Reduce corruption and tax evasion
- Increase productivity
- Increase Tax to GDP and revenue surplus

Advantages of GST

- 1 **Unified nation market-** GST aims to make India a common market with common tax rates and procedures and remove the economic barriers, thus paving the way for an integrated economy at the national level.
- 2 **Boost to 'Make in India' Initiative-** GST will a major boost to the 'Make in India ' initiative of the Government of India by making goods and services produced in India competitive in the national as well as international as well as international market.

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- 3 **Neutrality-** As it is neutral to business processes, business models, organisational structure, geographical locations and product substitutes, it promotes economic efficiencies and sustainable long term economic growth.
- 4 **Export from India are zero rated-** More efficient neutralisation of under GST especially for export ,there by making products more competitive in global market and thus boosting exports from India.
- 5 **Eradicate corruption-**Under GST all interaction to be through common GSTN portal. It will ensure least manual interface between the taxpayer and the tax administration. It will definitely effect the corruption.
- 6 **No manual interface-** GST is based on IT, which will improve the compliances as all returns to be filled online,

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inputs credit to be verified online encouraging more paper trial of transactions.

- 7 **Tax payer's friendly-** GST is an attempt in this regards, as simplified and automated procedure for various processes to remove complexities. Such as registration, returns, refunds, tax payment etc.
- 8 **Reduced evasion-** Uniform SGST and IGST rates will reduce the incentive for evasion by eliminating rate arbitrage between neighbouring State and that between intra and inter-State supplies.
- 9 **No GST on essential and daily used goods-** Essential and daily used goods (specially agriculture based) have been kept exempt category. Small supplier upto rupees 40 lakhs annual turnover are exempt under GST.
- 10 Make in India initiative
- 11 Reduced and uniform tax rates
- 12 Boost to economic growth