

FROM THE DESK OF PRESIDENT...

DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF THE SALES TAX BAR ASSOCIATION,

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I firmly believe that all the Members of our STBA pariwar are safe at home and taking care of their health. This crucial time will definitely be over shortly and things will be back to normal at the earliest.

It has been the primary objective of the Sales Tax Bar Association to spread, impart and disseminate knowledge for the larger benefit of its members. During this period of lockdown we organized two study circles meeting through webinars. The first was on the Topic of "GST implication on Charitable activities under COVID period and implications under Rule 36(4)" by CA (Dr.) Gaurav Gupta who spared his valuable time, out of his busy schedule to enlighten us on the subject. The second study circle meeting was conducted on the Topic of "Latest updates under GST" Speaker was CA Sh. Vinod Kaushik. Both the study circle meeting was attended by large numbers of BAR Members.

Our BAR submitted many representations with the concerned department officers in respect of various issues faced during this lockdown period. The office bearers conducted personal meeting in the chamber of the Commissioner DGST and T&T. The meeting was attended by the worthy Commissioner, Special Commissioner and Joint Commissioner and all related issues were discussed in detail.

At the outset, I along with officer bearers and the Executive Committee Members, express my gratitude to all the members who whole heartedly contributed for the noble cause of humanity and I feel proud to share that in spite of the lockdown an amount of Rs.16,50,000/- approx. has been directly credited by the contributors in the bank account of our Association. It is indeed a great gesture shown to the appeal of the STBA. My special thanks to all senior members who have been instrumental to encourage and approach the contributors to contribute for the noble cause of humanity. I once again extend my heartfelt thanks to all.

Our entire executive is putting all its efforts to take care of BAR members who may be in any type of need or problem in this very difficult time of lockdown due to COVID 19. All members have been communicated by WhatsApp and SMS message to contact any office-bearer or member of the Executive Committee or to convey their need to any other member of our BAR. We shall extend the best possible help, keeping in mind the respect and dignity of our members. I, once again repeat this message through this letter.

This tough time has also given us an opportunity to think about our society, our country, our fellow men in distress, doctors, scavengers and Police personnel who are serving as demigods. Our senior members of BAR suggested that apart from contribution to Prime Minister Care Fund and Chief Minister Relief fund, our BAR should come forward to extend the best possible help to these real heroes.

We conducted two emergent meetings of the Executive Committee via zoom to discuss the aforesaid suggestions of our senior members. I am glad to share that entire executive committee unanimously resolved to take all steps in this regard at the earliest. A subcommittee has been formed under the convenorship of respected Sh. H.C. Bhatia Ji for the implementation of the suggestions and its modalities. The members of the subcommittee are Sh. Vineet Bhatia, Sh. Suresh Aggarwal, Sh. Mahender Khetrpal, Sh. Rahul Gupta and Sh. Rakesh Kumar. The office bearers are ex-officio members of this committee.

I ensure to all the esteemed members that our Executive Committee will take all necessary steps to extend all possible help to our BAR members, BAR staff, other persons attached to our BAR as well as to Doctors, Scavengers, Police personnel who are serving the nation as real heroes.

At this juncture, I would like to mention the passion and efforts of our Joint Secretary cum Treasurer Sh. Manish Mittal who poured all his efforts in supervising all financial transactions and in coordinating with the branch manager of our bank during this lockdown period. Thank you very much, Manish.

I earnestly request all of you to take good care of yourself, your family and your surroundings. Stay home and Stay safe.

With warm regards

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President

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