

**January 27, 2020**

**FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT...**

**DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF THE SALES TAX BAR ASSOCIATION,**

**NAMASKAR!**

I extend my warm greetings on behalf of the Executive Committee and myself to you and your family and wish you all a very Happy New Year.

I join distinguished members of my Executive Committee to assure you that the faith reposed by you in us will be remembered all through the year. We would strive to achieve common objectives to the best of our abilities. We will work for the welfare of the members and in the interest of our great Institution the Sales Tax Bar Association. We will definitely work hard to achieve the laudable aims of our Association.

We resumed office on 24<sup>th</sup> December 2019 and since then are continuously working with our full zeal to serve each and every member of the BAR. I would like to present our report card for one month in office before all of you.

**First Meeting of the Executive Committee:** We had our first Executive Committee meeting on 01<sup>st</sup> January 2020 and discussed in detail the road map and the programs and activities that we propose to undertake in the current year. The suggestions of each and every member of the Executive Committee were discussed in detail and unanimously accepted.

**Meeting with the Commissioner VAT & DGST:** The Office Bearers and member Executive of our esteemed Bar have been meeting with the Commissioner and other Senior Officials of the Department regularly to resolve the following difficulties of the members:

1. Availability of Objection Hearing Authorities.
2. Receipt of Dak.
3. Non-issuance of State part of GST refunds issued by CGST Authorities.
4. No Ex-parte Orders till the officers are busy in Election duty.
5. Blocking of FORM CST-09 for Assessment Year 2015-16.

All the above agenda was discussed in detail and the worthy Commissioner appreciated and issued necessary directions and circulars to resolve our all issues to the satisfaction of our BAR.

**Study Circle Meetings:** We organised our first Study Circle Meeting on 08<sup>th</sup> January 2020 on the Topic of “Appeals under GST” Speaker was Sh. Rohit Vaswani. As desired by the members of our BAR, we organised the second Study Circle Meeting on 17.01.2020 on the Topic of “Appeals under the Income Tax” Speaker was Sh. K. Sampath. We do hope these Study Circle Meetings helped the members in understanding the aforesaid topics.

**Mechanism to resolve the grievances of the members have:** We introduced a mechanism to resolve the grievances of our esteemed members. A performa to point out for the grievance is available in BAR office and soft copy of the same will be sent through the E mail. On receipt of grievance, we will immediately take it up with the concerned authority with a letter on BAR letter head for resolving the issue at the earliest. The BAR will maintain a proper record of grievances received and redressed. I repeat that we are committed to resolve every grievance of our member. I humbly request all the members to send their grievances in prescribed Performa to serve you better.

**Meeting with Principal Chief Commissioner CGST:** On 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020, the Officer Bearers along with Senior Members of our BAR met the Principal Chief Commissioner CGST Delhi alongwith Sh. Sandeep Kumar. The Additional Commissioner Delhi Zone Sh. S.K. Mishra, Principal Commissioner North, Ms. Hombika R. Priya and Principal Commissioner East, Dr. Prem Verma. The following points were discussed:

1. The need of One Centralised Building in “Delhi” for all offices of CGST Delhi as in the case of DGST Delhi offices situated at Vyapar Bhawan New Delhi.
2. Requirement of BAR premises in the Centralised Office.
3. Non receipt of Central part of GST Refunds issued by DGST.
4. Non-Functioning of Authority for Advance Ruling.

The Principal Chief Commissioner CGST Delhi was very receptive and kind enough to hear the issues raised by us and issued necessary directions to the concerned officers on the spot.

**STBA Vs UOI WP (C) 9575/2017 & STBA Vs UOI 10284/2018:** On 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020, writ petitions relating to system glitches and Refunds under GST were listed in Court No. 4. The matter was argued by our member Mr. Puneet Aggarwal, Advocate and attended by the office bearers and the members of the Court Committee namely Sh. Raj K. Batra, Sh. Sanjay Sharma, Sh. Kumar Jee Bhatt, Sh. Naveen Upadhyay, Sh. Saket Grover and Sh. Rakesh Kumar. Hon’ble Court has directed all respondents that is UOI, GSTN to file their response to the various issues by next date. I.T. Support service providers Infosys and Tech Mahindra have also been issued Court notices and directed to appear for clarification as to why the amendments made to Acts and Rules aren’t made operational immediately on the portal.

I express my sincere thanks to my fellow office bearers and all the members of Executive Committee for their confirmed support and active participation.

With warm regards  
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**Feb., 2020**

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**DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF THE SALES TAX BAR ASSOCIATION,**

**NAMASKAR!**

I extend warm greetings on behalf of executive committee and myself and wish you and your family a very happy Holi.

It is my inclination to share with you the activities of our BAR during the month of February'2020.

We organised our third Study circle meeting on dated 02/02/2020, on the Topic of **"A talk on Union Budget 2020"** The speaker was FCA Dr. Girish Ahuja Jee, who is a firebrand Speaker and Guru of all Gurus in the Direct Tax Profession. This talk was organised on Sunday at 1PM and inspite of being a holiday the premises of Sales Tax Bar Association was house full. FCA Dr. Girish Ahuja Jee elaborated the Union budget 2020 comprehensively. We are thankful to Mr. Sanjay Sharma for arranging this Talk of Dr. Girish Ahuja Jee every year in the BAR premises on the very next day of Union Budget. The host of this special session of Study circle meeting was Sh. H.C. Bhatia who arranged a delicious lunch for all the members present.

The BAR filed an application before the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi for extension of date of filing annual Return and reconciliation Form GSTR-9, GSTR-9A and GSTR-9C. This application was listed on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2020 with writ petition filed for technical glitches in system. On dated 20/02/2020 the Delhi High Court Bar Association called upon to abstain from work as a token of protest and to express anguish at the transfer of HMJ S. Murlidhar. The Court assembled and in compliance of the directions of the Hon'ble Court in previous date of hearing, Mr. Venkat Narayan S., Vice-President, Infosys Ltd. In person, Mr. Deepak

Grover, Mr. Kumar Abhishek Sinha and Mr. Shrish Mishra, Representatives of Tech Mahindra, in person were present.

The Hon'ble court intimated them the various issues being faced by the tax payers and therefore a writ has been filed. Various technicalities and restrictions of the portal which are not even prescribed by GST law, have been hampering the filing the returns, refund etc. The sole purpose of GSTN is to ease the process however it has complicated instead. Therefore the purpose is not being served. The court in the order directed the Tech Mahindra and Infosys to collect all the record of the case from the registry and file the status report within 4 weeks to the grievances raised in the case. The court also wrote in the order that "We have interacted with the respective officers, who are present, and tried to sensitise them of the grievances raised by the Petitioner." The matter is now listed for 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020. I personally appeal to all the members of the BAR to attend the court proceedings in large number.

It is matter of immense pleasure that our own member Sh. S.K. Bagga Advocate elected member of Legislative Assembly of Delhi consequently for second time. Our BAR organized a felicitation program in BAR premises on dated 13/02/2020. Members of BAR attended this function in large number. Felicitation function was sponsored by Sh. H.C. Bhatia and as such funds of the bar were not burdened.

On dated 19<sup>th</sup> February 2020 we organize a blood donation for the noble cause of humanity. It was a successful camp and members of the BAR and officers and other staff of Department voluntarily came forward to donate the blood. We express our heartfelt thanks to all.

The Goods & Services Tax law having come into force w.e.f.01/07/2017. We wrote a letter to Deputy Chief Minister of Delhi Sh. Manish Sisodiya jee to bring an effective " Kar Samdhan Scheme" to clear the backlog of assessment, objections and all other disputes pending in any court of Law which are related to all erstwhile relevant Acts. It will definitely be a welcome step to afford a chance to assesses to clear the arrears of tax, interest and penalty. I am happily share that Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister will notify the scheme very shortly.

The BAR organized a very successful tour to Vrindavaan Dham on dated 28-29/02/2020. It was a one night stay program and most the members joined us with spouse and family members. It brings us a chance for better fellowship.

The office bearer and member of executive committee regularly conducting meeting the Commissioner DGST and Commissioner CGST for removal of difficulties faced by the members of our BAR.

We are regularly attending meetings with Bar Council of Delhi Chairman Sh. K.C. Mittal ji and other office bearers to implement Welfare scheme for Lawyer for which an amount of Rs. 50.00 cr has already been allocated in this year budget by the Delhi Government. Our BAR passed a resolution to authorize Bar Council of Delhi to take up the issue with the Delhi Government for its immediate implementation.

At this juncture I on behalf of executive committee extend our thanks to our respected member Sh. Sushil Verma ji who came forward voluntarily to install 2 number of Soap Dispensers and a hand dryer in Toilet adjoining BAR premises. The toilet is now more hygienic. Specific instructions were given to caretaking staff to clean the toilet three times a Day.

I call upon all the members of our BAR to come forward with your valuable suggestion for the betterment of our members and BAR. Our executive will definitely consider the suggestion positively and assure all of you for implantation of fruitful suggestions at its earliest.

I express my sincere thanks to office bearers and all the members of executive committee for their kind support and their active participation.

With warm regards

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