

FROM THE DESK OF PRESIDENT... June 2020

DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF THE SALES TAX BAR ASSOCIATION,

NAMASKAR!

I wish you a happy *Guru Purnima* to all. I deeply and humbly express my gratitude to all my seniors who always have been instrumental in guiding me at all times. Today is a very special and auspicious day. It is the first day of the *Saavan* month and starting of the festival season.

I confidently believe that our country will get rid of the pandemic of coronavirus very soon and we will enjoy our life healthy and happy.

I am happily sharing the main activities of our BAR during the month of June 2020

Study circle meetings - During the month, STBA organized two study circle meetings through webinars. The first was on the Topic “Liability of registration in case of Works Contract Service, RCM u/s 9(3) & 9(4) in case of Works Contract Service, Eligibility of refund in case of export of Service with respect to Place of Supply, Various Compliances under GST” by FCA Sh Rakesh Garg & Sh Suresh Aggarwal, Advocate. The Second meeting was conducted on the Topic of “Demonetisation period cash deposit in the bank -addition as undisclosed income. How to handle appeal before CIT (A)” by FCA Mr. M R Sahu. We extend our heartfelt thanks to speakers for sparing their valuable time.

K&D section of STBA released Part 5 and Part 6 of DSTC Volume 58 editions in E-Book format. These volumes consist of various landmark articles, judgments, Notification, clarification, and circulars. We are sure that it will very beneficial to disseminate knowledge among members and professionals. I extend my thanks to DSTC Editor-In-Chief Sh. Raj K. Batra Jee, Joint Chief Editor, Editors, and all members of the Editorial Board for their continuous efforts during the lockdown.

STBA started the official Twitter Handle of our BAR. All members are requested to take maximum advantage of it.

Chambers : The issue of construction of Chambers for the members of the Sales Tax Bar Association was discussed in the Executive Committee meeting held, the order of the Hon’ble High Court of Delhi dated 12/01/2011 was read out and discussed. The operative part of this order is reproduced as under:

“In view of the aforesaid submissions, we do not intend to keep the writ petition pending and direct that State Government shall construct adequate chambers for the members of Sales Tax Bar Association by end of February,2012 as per their policy decision. The allotment of the chambers shall be made in consultation with the High Court.”

A marathon discussion was held on this issue. The undersigned expressed deepest thanks to all the Past Presidents for their untiring efforts for this noble cause. After detailed discussions it is unanimously resolved to submit a detailed representation before the Government of Delhi as well as before the Commissioner DGST asap.

It is further resolved to file a writ petition before the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi with a prayer to pass the necessary directions to the Government of Delhi for time-bound implementation of the order dated 12th January 2011.

I assure the members that I will not leave any stone unturned to accomplish the dream of construction of Chambers for the members of the Sales Tax Bar Association as promised by me.

Members Directory : Our Sales Tax Bar Association is coming out with a new and updated Directory of Members in this year 2020. A letter along with Directory Data Form had already been sent through post and email. I request all the members to send duly filled form earliest so that the new Directory can be printed and released earliest.

Helping Hands : STBA continuously rendering support to real firefighters of this period of national calamities and distress. During the month of June 2020, STBA provided 200 pcs of PPE Gown and 200 pcs of KN 95 mask to Safdarjung Hospital New Delhi. Besides, we are regularly helping our BAR members who are in distress. I, once again repeat the message through this letter that any BAR member who needs any type of help in this very difficult time of lockdown may contact any office-bearer or member of the Executive Committee or to convey their need to any other member of our BAR. We shall render the best possible help, keeping in mind the respect and dignity of our members.

Refunds : The Office bearers were regularly perusing the long-pending issue of release of Refund amount specifically the cases in which refund order was issued but the amount was not credited in the bank account of the dealer. We are happy to share that Commissioner DGST released various such payments amounting to Rs. 15 Cr. Approx. in the first phase and assured to release the balance payment till the end of July 2020.

Respected members, the office bearers, and members of the executive committee putting all efforts to render their best services to all members even in this lockdown and difficult situation. We are resolving all grievances of our members on a daily basis, conducting physical and virtual meetings with all officers and submitting our representation to various authorities on regular basis. I humbly and sincerely seek your valuable suggestions to serve the BAR and its members more efficiently.

With these words, I express my sincere thanks to office bearers, members of the executive committee and to all the members of our BAR for their kind support and participation at all times.

With warm regards
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