

**FROM THE DESK OF PRESIDENT... July 2020**

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

**NAMASKAR!**

Today 5<sup>th</sup> August 2020 is a very landmark day and will go down in the annals of our country's history, because of the glorious occasion of laying of the foundation of Ram Mandir at the birthplace of Bhagwan Shri Ram at Ayodhya by our prime Minister, Sh. Narendra Modi ji. This Day is also special for another reason because it was on this day that Article 370 was abrogated in Jammu and Kashmir.

We are sure that it will strengthen our National Unity.

Congratulations to all.....

With these words, I am happily presenting the main activities of our BAR during the month of July 2020.

**Reopening of BAR premises-** The Executive Committee discussed the matter for the reopening of Bar premises. Two meetings of the BAR maintenance committee were held during the month and report submitted by the Convenor Sh. Sunil Minocha jee was taken into consideration. It is decided to open only Bar Office from 4th August 2020 from 11.00 am to 4.00 PM. The BAR office will remain open only for the limited purpose of payment of dues and related office work and further the members are allowed to access their lockers with prior intimation to BAR staff. I do hope members have received a detailed notice issued by Secretary Neetika Khanna jee.

At this juncture I am happy to share that two new air conditioners are installed in our BAR premises.

**Study circle meetings -** During the month, STBA organized a webinar on the occasion of GST Day. This webinar was attended by CEO- GSTN Mr. Prakash Kumar, Principal Chief Commissioner- CGST Delhi Ms. Sungita Sharma, Commissioner- Delhi GST Mr. Vivek Pandey. Panelists for discussion were CA H.L.Madan jee, Mr. Rajesh Jain, Advocate, Mr. Vineet Bhatia, Advocate. This webinar was attended by a large number of members.

On this occasion, we re-submit our demand before the Principal Chief Commissioner- CGST Delhi Ms. Sungita Sharma for allotment of space for our BAR in Central GST office at Central Revenue Building.

**K&D section of STBA** released Part 7, Part 8 and Part 9 of DSTC Volume 58 editions in E-Book format. 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 and my special thanks for incorporating important and latest notification, judgments, articles and circulars for the benefit of all members.

**Grievances of the Members:** We are taking note of all grievances of the members on the issues of release of refunds, review, cancellation, and restoration of registrations, blocking of ITC without notices, and various portal glitches. During the month, Office bearers conducted two meetings in the Chamber of DGST Commissioner. These meetings were attended by DGST and senior officers of the Department. Some issues are resolved but I have no hesitation to accept that many issues are still pending for resolution and one of the main pending issues is the 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.

This issue was discussed in both meetings with Commissioner DGST/ VAT, he expressed his willingness to release the refund amount but pointed out some administrative hindrances at the end of Government level. We are going to take up the matter with respected Deputy Chief Minister in view of his statements promising ease of business in Delhi.

**Chambers:** We submitted our representation through a letter to Hon'ble Chief Minister of Delhi, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister/Finance Minister of Delhi and Respected Commissioner DGST Delhi Sh Vivek Pandey Ji to expedite the process of construction of Chambers for the members of the Sales Tax Bar Association.

This matter is again discussed in Executive Committee meeting held during this month and it was decided to call the meeting of Chamber Committee members to discuss about filing 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.

It is further decided to discuss the progress of the Chamber Project in every ensuing executive committee meeting to monitor the Construction of Chambers project on a regular basis.

**Members Directory:** Directory: Our All the members of Directory Committee are working hard under the direction of Suresh Aggarwal jee convenor of Directory Committee. I through this letter once again request all the members to send duly filled form earliest so that the new Directory can be printed and released earliest.

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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