

FROM THE DESK OF PRESIDENT... September 2020.

DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF THE SALES TAX BAR ASSOCIATION,

NAMASKAR!

Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India announced unlock-5 and issued an order to re-open more activities to start normal functioning of our day to day life. The economy started recovering gradually on all fronts. All government, semi Government Department and private sector offices started working with full strength. It is a good and positive sign towards the end of the COVID -19 pandemic.

Take good care of yourself and always use a mask and maintain social distancing. I firmly believe that we will celebrate the coming festival season with full zeal and passion and will meet physically in our BAR premises very soon.

With these words, I am sharing the activities of our BAR during the month of September 2020.

A grievance of BAR members was pending for a long regarding that DVAT refund orders were passed in December 2019, January 2020, and February 2020 but the credit of the same was not received in the bank account of the dealers. I am happy to share this issue is now resolved completely. All remittances were credited to the bank account of the dealers. Our BAR was taking up this matter regularly with The Commissioner DGST. We thank Commissioner DGST Sh. Vivek Pandey ji for persuading the matter personally with the Finance Department of

Government of Delhi and for getting approval during this financial crisis due to COVID 19 Pandemic.

Respected members, undersigned received many complaints from our BAR members that some past contractual DEOs are still working informally at the behest of the Assistant Commissioner and GSTOs. Further, some persons who are never been employed in the Department are also seen present in and around the Department Building.

BAR raised this issue very seriously with Commissioner DGST and I am happy that he took an urgent note of it and after inspection from senior officers, issued a circular prohibiting the presence of all such unauthorized persons. Further responsibility is fixed on all Ward In charges in case of any violation.

BAR received complaints regarding harassment by some ward in charge of the Department. The complaints were resolved on the spot with a clear message that the dignity of our BAR members is our foremost priority. I humbly request all the members that please intimate immediately in case of these kinds of grievances.

Some suggestions were received from our respected BAR members that there should be uniformity in timings of hearing before the Objection hearing authority. The matter was considered and we do hope to resolve it soon.

Respected members, construction of Chambers for the members of our BAR Association is the topmost agenda for our EC. During this month a meeting of the Chamber Committee conducted for seeking suggestions from our senior members. We are happy that many suggestions were

received from the Hon'ble member of the Chamber Committee to expedite the process. We are sure the after completing some preliminary preparation as suggested by the Chamber Committee, we will file a writ petition before the Hon'ble High Court very soon.

Draft of BAR Directory 2020 is ready and available in the BAR office. Members are requested to check their details and contact the BAR office in case of any discrepancies. Please note that the last date for inspection of your date is 15/10/2020 thereafter BAR Directory 2020 will be sent for printing. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all the members of the Directory Committee and convenor Sh. Suresh Aggarwal ji for pouring their wholehearted efforts in compiling data of more than 1700 plus members.

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

With warm regards

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