# BENEFITS of GST By:Asst. Prof. Agrawal R.G.

#### **Benefits of GST**

- **1.Simplified Tax Structure:** GST replaces multiple indirect taxes with a single tax, streamlining the tax structure and making it easier to understand and comply with.
- **2.Elimination of Cascading Effects:** GST allows for the input tax credit, eliminating the cascading effect of taxes, where taxes are levied on taxes. This helps in reducing the overall tax burden on businesses.
- **3.Uniform Tax Rates:** GST brings uniformity in tax rates across states and eliminates the disparity in tax rates, promoting a level playing field for businesses.
- **4.Increased Compliance:** GST introduces a robust technology-driven platform for tax compliance, making it easier for businesses to register, file returns, and fulfil their tax obligations.
- **5.Reduction in Tax Evasion:** GST leverages technology to track transactions and minimize tax evasion. A transparent and accountable tax system decreases the chances of tax evasion.

- **6. Boost to Ease of Doing Business:** GST simplifies and standardizes various tax processes, reducing the compliance burden on businesses. This promotes ease of doing business and encourages investment.
- **7. Seamless Inter-State Trade:** GST facilitates the seamless movement of goods across state borders by eliminating entry tax barriers and other inter-state taxes, making trade more efficient.
- **8. Increased Competitiveness:** GST reduces the cost of production and logistics by eliminating multiple tax checkpoints and reducing transportation time, making Indian goods more competitive in the global market.
- **9. Benefits to Consumers:** GST aims to reduce the tax burden on consumers by eliminating hidden taxes and ensuring transparency in pricing. This may lead to a decrease in the prices of goods and services.
- **10. Boost to GDP Growth:** The implementation of GST is expected to positively impact India's GDP growth by increasing tax revenues, promoting investment, and stimulating economic activities.

Overall, implementing GST brings several benefits, such as a simplified tax structure, increased compliance, reduced tax evasion, and enhanced competitiveness, contributing to the growth and development of the economy.

#### **GST Registration**

- GST Registration refer to the process and adherence to the regulations set by the Goods and Services Tax (GST) system.
- GST registration is mandatory for businesses that meet certain criteria, such as having an annual turnover above the prescribed threshold limit.
- Registration involves providing the necessary details and documents to the GST authorities through the GST Common Portal.
- Upon successful registration, a unique Goods and Services Tax Identification
  Number (GSTIN) is issued to the business.

#### **GST COUNCIL....**

- ❖ GST Council constituted w.e.f. 12.09.2016
- Thirteen meetings held so far: Decisions:
  - ☐ Threshold limit for exemption to be Rs. 20 lakh (Rs. 10 lakh for special category States)
  - Compounding threshold limit to be Rs. 50 lakh not available to inter-State suppliers, service providers (except restaurant service) & specified category of manufacturers
  - □ Government may convert existing area based exemption schemes into reimbursement based scheme

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#### Decisions:

- □ To ensure single interface all administrative control over
  - 90% of taxpayers having turnover below Rs. 1.5 cr. would vest with State tax administration
  - 10% of taxpayers having turnover below of Rs. 1.5 cr. would vest with Central tax administration
  - taxpayers having turnover above Rs. 1.5 cr. would be divided equally between Central and State tax administration
- □ Same arrangement would be applicable for IGST Act with few exceptions

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- □ CGST, UTGST, IGST, SGST & GST Compensation Law recommended
- □ Formula for calculating compensation finalized
- □ Tax rates
  - Four tax rates namely 5%, 12%, 18% and 28%
  - Some goods and services would be exempt
  - Separate tax rate for precious metals
  - Cess over the peak rate of 28% on specified luxury and demerit goods
- Rules on input tax credit, composition levy, transitional provisions and valuation recommended
- Rules on registration, invoice, payments, returns and refund, finalized in September, 2016, changed in light of the GST bills introduced in the Parliament also recommended

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