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GST panel may consider allowing transfer of unused tax credit within corporate groups

A key panel under the goods and services tax (GST) council is likely to consider suggestions from the industry on transfer of unutilised input tax credit (ITC) within a corporate group and giving exemption to intra-group corporate guarantees from any tax levy. These recommendations, once approved by the GST fitment committee, will be placed before the GST Council, the apex decision-making body on the indirect tax, at its next meeting, said people familiar with the matter. The meeting is likely in the next few weeks.

The Economic Times

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Industry seeks 3-month extension for GST e-way bill changes from August 1

Industry bodies have urged the finance ministry to defer by three months the implementation of changes to the goods and services tax network's (GSTN's) e-way bill system, saying businesses need more time to upgrade technology systems and processes, according to people familiar with the matter. The changes, scheduled to take effect from August 1, require businesses to mandatorily provide the goods and services tax identification number (GSTIN) of the final recipient of goods, or the 'Ship-to GSTIN', in Bill-to/Ship-to transactions. In such transactions, the invoice is raised on one party (Bill-to), while the goods are delivered to another party or location of the same party (Ship-to). GSTN has also introduced a voluntary facility to close an e-way bill after goods have been delivered.

Business Standard

SC backs taxpayers, rules out GST on industrial lease rights transfer

Companies cannot be charged goods and services tax (GST) when they transfer long-term leasehold rights in industrial plots allotted by Gujarat Industrial Development Corporation (GIDC), the Supreme Court has ruled while upholding the position of taxpayers and dismissing the Centre's special leave petitions (SLPs) against a January 2025 Gujarat High Court order. The Supreme Court twice declined to interfere on the Revenue's SLP on this issue, ensuring that GST is not applicable on the transfer of long-term leasehold rights and the applicable refund would be eligible where the amount has been paid during investigation.

Business Standard

CBIC readies rules to facilitate filing of multi-state GST appeals

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs is preparing a framework for streamlining the process for departmental appeals in cases involving more than one state, bringing greater clarity for field formations filing appeals, said officials. Jurisdictional commissioners will independently decide on appeals for each taxpayer. A formal circular will soon be issued to implement these changes.

The Economic Times

Income tax refund delayed for AY 2026-27? 5 reasons your refund may be stuck

Several taxpayers who have already filed their ITRs for Assessment Year (AY) 2026-27 are now awaiting their refunds. The provision for income tax refunds was introduced to refund an individual taxpayer when the tax they paid exceeds their actual tax liability for a given financial year. The refund process may take longer than expected if there are errors, like i.e. incorrect bank details, pending e-verification, PAN issues, tax mismatches or errors in return filing.

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