

CHARGE OF GST

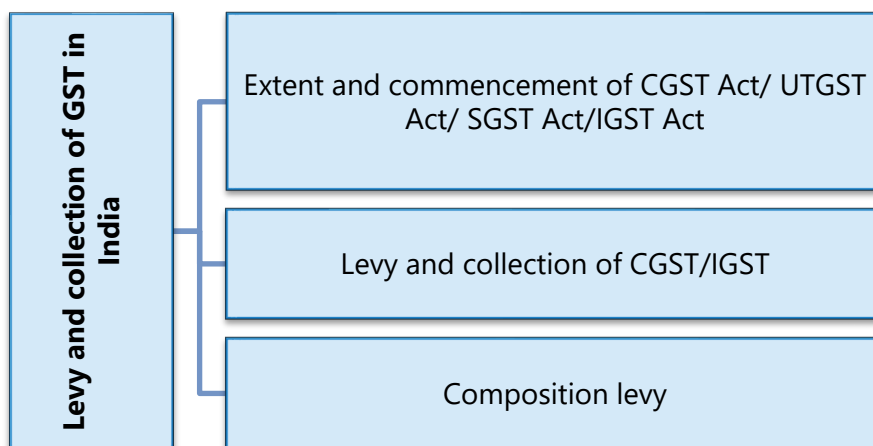


The section numbers referred to in the Chapter pertain to the CGST Act, 2017, unless otherwise specified. Examples/illustrations/Questions and Answers given in the Chapter are based on the position of GST law existing as on 30.04.2026

LEARNING OUTCOMES

After studying this Chapter, you will be able to –

- ❑ explain the extent and commencement of CGST Act, IGST Act, SGST Act & UTGST Act.
- ❑ describe the provisions pertaining to levy and collection of CGST & IGST.
- ❑ identify and analyse the services on which tax is payable under reverse charge mechanism.
- ❑ comprehend and analyse the composition levy - eligibility for the same and conditions to be fulfilled.

CHAPTER OVERVIEW**1. INTRODUCTION**

Power to levy tax is drawn from the Constitution of India. To pave way for the introduction of Goods and Services Tax ("**GST**"), 101st Constitutional Amendment Act, 2016 was passed. By virtue of this Act, enabling provision was made to levy GST on supply of goods or services or both in India. Central excise duty, State VAT and certain State specific taxes and service tax were subsumed into a comprehensive GST [Discussed in detail in Chapter-1: GST in India – An Introduction in this Module of the Study Material].

The very basis for the charge of tax in any taxing statute is the taxable event i.e the occurrence of the event which triggers levy of tax. As discussed earlier, the taxable event under GST is **SUPPLY** [Discussed in detail in Chapter – 2: Supply under GST in this Module of the Study Material]. **CGST and SGST/UTGST** are levied on all **intra-State supplies** of goods and/or services while **IGST** is levied on all **inter-State supplies** of goods and/ or services.

The provisions relating to levy and collection of CGST and IGST are contained in section 9 of the CGST Act, 2017 and section 5 of the IGST Act, 2017, respectively. Let us now have a fundamental idea of intra-State supply and inter-State supply.

As a general rule, where the **location of the supplier** and the **place of supply** of goods or services are **in the same State/Union territory**, it is treated as **intra-State supply** of goods or services respectively.

Intra-State supply

Similarly, where the **location of the supplier** and the **place of supply** of goods or services are in **(i) two different States or (ii) two different Union Territories or (iii) a State and a Union territory**, it is treated as **inter-State supply** of goods or services respectively.

Inter-State supply

The concepts of 'place of supply' and meaning of the 'location of the supplier' have been elaborated in the next chapter, Chapter 4 – Place of Supply, in this Module of the Study Material. Consequently, the meaning of terms 'inter-State supply' and 'intra-State supply' has been explained in detail in that chapter.

It is important to note that at intermediate level, provisions pertaining to import and export of goods and/or services have not been covered. These provisions will be discussed in detail at the Final level.

2. RELEVANT DEFINITIONS

- ❑ **Central tax:** means the central goods and services tax levied under section 9 of the CGST Act [Section 2(21)].
- ❑ **Integrated tax:** means the integrated goods and services tax levied under
- ❑ **State tax:** means the tax levied under any State Goods and Services Tax Act [Section 2(104)].
- ❑ **Goods:** means every kind of movable property other than money and securities but includes actionable claim, growing crops, grass and things attached to or forming part of the land which are agreed to be severed before supply or under a contract of supply. [Section 2(52)].
- ❑ **Electronic Commerce:** means the supply of goods or services or both including digital products over digital or electronic networks. [Section 2(44)]
- ❑ **Electronic Commerce Operator:** means any person who owns, operates or manages a digital or electronic facility or platform for electronic commerce. [Section 2(45)]

- ❑ **Exempt supply:** means supply of any goods or services or both which attracts nil rate of tax or which may be wholly exempt from tax under section 11, or under section 6 of the Integrated Goods and Services Tax Act, and includes non-taxable supply [Section 2(47)].
- ❑ **Non-taxable supply:** means a supply of goods or services or both which is not leviable to tax under this Act or under the Integrated Goods and Services Tax Act [Section 2(79)].
- ❑ **Aggregate turnover:** means the aggregate value of all taxable supplies (excluding the value of inward supplies on which tax is payable by a person on reverse charge basis), exempt supplies, exports of goods or services or both and inter-State supplies of persons having the same Permanent Account be computed on all India basis **but excludes** central tax, State tax, Union territory tax, integrated tax and cess [Section 2(6)].
- ❑ **Prescribed:** means prescribed by rules made under this Act on the recommendations of the council. [Section 2(87)]
- ❑ **Business:** includes –

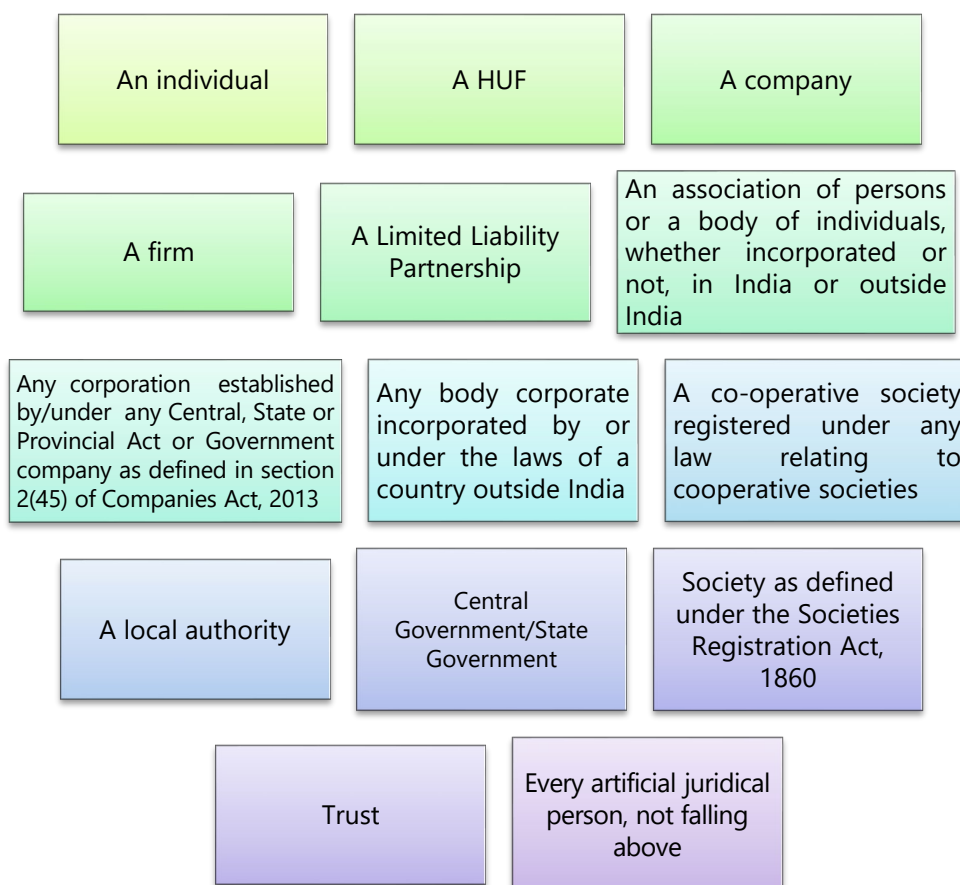
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| (a) any trade, commerce, manufacture, profession, vocation, adventure, wager or any other similar activity, whether or not it is for a pecuniary benefit; |
| (b) any activity or transaction in connection with or incidental or ancillary to (a) above; |
| (c) any activity or transaction in the nature of (a) above, whether or not there is volume, frequency, continuity or regularity of such transaction; |
| (d) supply or acquisition of goods including capital assets and services in connection with commencement or closure of business; |
| (e) provision by a club, association, society, or any such body for a subscription or any other consideration) of the facilities or benefits to its members, as the case may be; |
| (f) admission, for a consideration, of persons to any premises; and |
| (g) services supplied by a person as the holder of an office which has been accepted by him in the course or furtherance of his trade, profession or vocation; |
| (h) activities of a race club including by way of totalisator or a license to book maker or activities of a licensed book maker in such club; |
| (i) any activity or transaction undertaken by the Central Government, a State Government or any local authority in which they are engaged as public authorities |

[Section 2(17)].

- ❑ **Consideration:** in relation to the supply of goods or services or both includes:
- ✓ any payment made or to be made, whether in money or otherwise, in respect of, in response to, or for the inducement of, the supply of goods or services or both, whether by the recipient or by any other person but shall not include any subsidy given by the Central Government or a State Government,
 - ✓ the monetary value of any act or forbearance, in respect of, in response to, or for the inducement of, the supply of goods or services or both, whether by the recipient or by any other person but shall not include any subsidy given by the Central Government or a State Government.

However, a deposit given in respect of the supply of goods or services or both shall not be considered as payment made for such supply unless the supplier applies such deposit as consideration for the said supply [Section 2(31)].

- ❑ **Person:** includes [Section 2(84)]-



- ❑ **Recipient:** of supply of goods and/or services means-
 - (a) where a consideration is payable for the supply of goods or services or both, the person who is liable to pay that consideration,
 - (b) where no consideration is payable for the supply of goods, the person to whom the goods are delivered or made available, or to whom possession or use of the goods is given or made available, and
 - (c) where no consideration is payable for the supply of a service, the person to whom the service is rendered,

and any reference to a person to whom a supply is made shall be construed as a reference to the recipient of the supply and shall include an agent acting as such on behalf of the recipient in relation to the goods or services or both supplied [Section 2(93)].

- ❑ **Registered Person:** means a person who is registered under section 25 but does not include a person having unique identity number.
- ❑ **Reverse charge:** means the liability to pay tax by the recipient of supply of goods or services or both instead of the supplier of such goods or services or both under section 9(3)/9(4), or under section 5(3)/5(4) of the IGST Act [Section 2(98)].
- ❑ **Services:** means anything other than goods, money and securities but includes activities relating to the use of money or its conversion by cash or by any other mode, from one form, currency or denomination to another form, currency or denomination for which a separate consideration is charged [Section 2(102)].

Explanation.—For the removal of doubts, it is hereby clarified that the expression “services” includes facilitating or arranging transactions in securities.

- ❑ **Supplier** in relation to any goods or services or both, shall **mean** the person supplying the said goods or services or both and shall **include** an agent acting as such on behalf of such supplier in relation to the goods or services or both supplied.

However, a person who organises or arranges, directly or indirectly, supply of specified actionable claims, including a person who owns, operates or manages digital or electronic platform for such supply, shall be deemed to

be a supplier of such actionable claims, whether such actionable claims are supplied by him or through him and whether consideration in money or money's worth, including virtual digital assets, for supply of such actionable claims is paid or conveyed to him or through him or placed at his disposal in any manner, and all the provisions of this Act shall apply to such supplier of specified actionable claims, as if he is the supplier liable to pay the tax in relation to the supply of such actionable claims [Section 2(105)].

- ❑ **Taxable supply:** means a supply of goods and/or services which is leviable to tax under CGST Act [Section 2(108)].
- ❑ **Taxable person:** means a person who is registered or liable to be registered under section 22 or section 24 of the CGST Act [Section 2(107)].

It is important to note that a person who is liable to be registered but does not take a registration and remains an unregistered person shall be construed as a taxable person. Similarly, a person not liable to be registered, but has taken voluntary registration and got himself registered is also a taxable person.

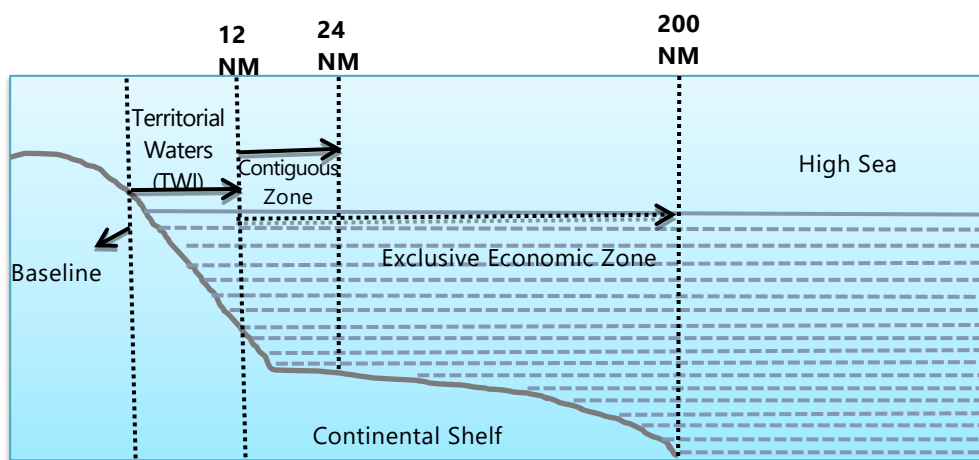
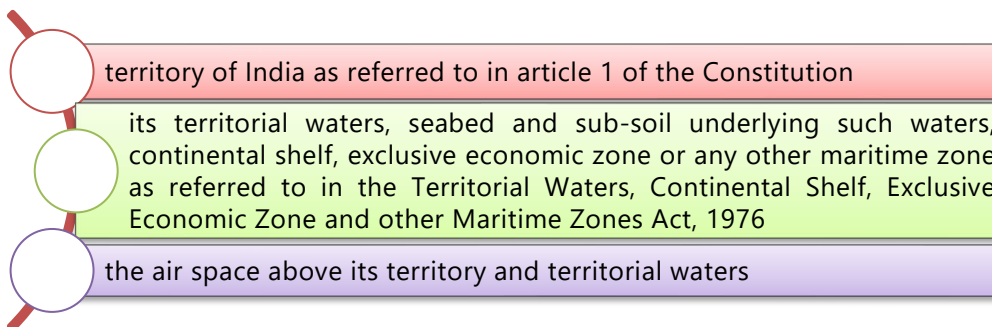
Section 22 enumerates the persons liable to be registered under CGST Act and section 24 lists the persons liable to be registered compulsorily under the GST law. The said sections and the concept of taxable person thereto has been discussed in detail in Chapter 9 – Registration in Module 2 of this Study Material.

3. EXTENT & COMMENCEMENT OF GST LAW

- (i) **Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017** extends to the whole of India [Section 1 of the CGST Act].



India: "India" means [Section 2(56) of CGST Act]-



- (ii) **State GST law** of the respective State/Union Territory with Legislature [Delhi, Puducherry and Jammu & Kashmir]* extends to whole of that State/Union Territory.



(1) Maharashtra GST Act, 2017 extends to whole of the State of the Maharashtra.

***State:** includes a Union territory with Legislature [Section 2(103) of the CGST Act].

- (iii) **Integrated Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017** extends to the whole of India [Section 1 of the IGST Act].
- (iv) **Union Territory Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017** extends to the Union territories** of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep, Dadra and

Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu, Ladakh¹, Chandigarh and other territory, i.e. the Union Territories without Legislature [Section 1 of the UTGST Act].

****Union territory:** means the territory of—
means the territory of—

- (a) the Andaman and Nicobar Islands;
- (b) Lakshadweep;
- (c) Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu;
- (d) Ladakh
- (e) Chandigarh; and
- (f) other territory.

Explanation—For the purposes of this Act, each of the territories specified in sub-clauses (a) to (f) shall be considered to be a separate Union territory [Section 2(114) of CGST Act].



Quiz Time!

Sudhakar Enterprises has undertaken an intra-State supply of taxable goods. CGST and UTGST will be payable on said supply provided the supply is made within _____.

(a) Delhi	(b) Puducherry	(c) Ladakh	(d) Jammu & Kashmir
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Our discussion in this Study Material will principally be confined to the provisions of CGST and IGST laws as the specific State GST laws are outside the scope of syllabus.

¹ Students may note that the erstwhile State of Jammu and Kashmir was reorganised into the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir (with Legislature) and Union territory of Ladakh vide the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019. Further, the erstwhile Union territories of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu were merged into Union territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu vide the Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu (Merger of Union Territories) Act, 2019.



4. LEVY & COLLECTION OF CGST & IGST [SECTION 9 OF THE CGST ACT & SECTION 5 OF THE IGST ACT]

 STATUTORY PROVISIONS	
Section 9 of the CGST Act, 2017	Levy and collection (CGST)
Sub-section	Particulars
(1)	<i>Subject to the provisions of sub-section (2), there shall be levied a tax called the central goods and services tax on all intra-State supplies of goods or services or both, except on the supply of alcoholic liquor for human consumption and un-denatured extra neutral alcohol or rectified spirit used for manufacture of alcoholic liquor, for human consumption, on the value determined under section 15 and at such rates, not exceeding twenty percent, as may be notified by the Government on the recommendations of the Council and collected in such manner as may be prescribed and shall be paid by the taxable person.</i>
(2)	<i>The central tax on the supply of petroleum crude, high speed diesel, motor spirit (commonly known as petrol), natural gas and aviation turbine fuel shall be levied with effect from such date as may be notified by the Government on the recommendations of the Council.</i>
(3)	<i>The Government may, on the recommendations of the Council, by notification, specify categories of supply of goods or services or both, the tax on which shall be paid on reverse charge basis by the recipient of such goods or services or both and all the provisions of this Act shall apply to such recipient as if he is the person liable for paying the tax in relation to the supply of such goods or services or both.</i>
(4)	<i>The Government may, on the recommendations of the Council, by notification, specify a class of registered persons who shall, in</i>

	<i>respect of supply of specified categories of goods or services or both received from an unregistered supplier, pay the tax on reverse charge basis as the recipient of such supply of goods or services or both, and all the provisions of this Act shall apply to such recipient as if he is the person liable for paying the tax in relation to such supply of goods or services or both.</i>
(5)	<i>The Government may, on the recommendations of the Council, by notification, specify categories of services the tax on intra-State supplies of which shall be paid by the electronic commerce operator if such services are supplied through it, and all the provisions of this Act shall apply to such electronic commerce operator as if he is the supplier liable for paying the tax in relation to the supply of such services.</i> <i>Provided that where an electronic commerce operator does not have a physical presence in the taxable territory, any person representing such electronic commerce operator for any purpose in the taxable territory shall be liable to pay tax:</i> <i>Provided further that where an electronic commerce operator does not have a physical presence in the taxable territory and also he does not have a representative in the said territory, such electronic commerce operator shall appoint a person in the taxable territory for the purpose of paying tax and such person shall be liable to pay tax.</i>
Section 5 of the IGST Act, 2017	Levy and Collection of Tax (IGST)
Sub-section	Particulars
(1)	<i>Subject to the provisions of sub-section (2), there shall be levied a tax called the integrated goods and services tax on all inter-State supplies of goods or services or both; except on the supply of alcoholic liquor for human consumption, and un-denatured extra neutral alcohol or rectified spirit used for manufacture of alcoholic liquor, for human consumption, on the value determined under section 15 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act and at such rates, not exceeding forty per cent., as may be notified by the Government on the recommendations of the</i>

	<i>Council and collected in such manner as may be prescribed and shall be paid by the taxable person.</i>
(2)	<i>The integrated tax on the supply of petroleum crude, high speed diesel, motor spirit (commonly known as petrol), natural gas and aviation turbine fuel shall be levied with effect from such date as may be notified by the Government on the recommendations of the Council.</i>
(3)	<i>The Government may, on the recommendations of the Council, by notification, specify categories of supply of goods or services or both, the tax on which shall be paid on reverse charge basis by the recipient of such goods or services or both and all the provisions of this Act shall apply to such recipient as if he is the person liable for paying the tax in relation to the supply of such goods or services or both.</i>
(4)	<i>The Government may, on the recommendations of the Council, by notification, specify a class of registered persons who shall, in respect of supply of specified categories of goods or services or both received from an unregistered supplier, pay the tax on reverse charge basis as the recipient of such supply of goods or services or both, and all the provisions of this Act shall apply to such recipient as if he is the person liable for paying the tax in relation to such supply of goods or services or both</i>
(5)	<i>The Government may, on the recommendations of the Council, by notification, specify categories of services, the tax on inter-State supplies of which shall be paid by the electronic commerce operator if such services are supplied through it, and all the provisions of this Act shall apply to such electronic commerce operator as if he is the supplier liable for paying the tax in relation to the supply of such services.</i> <i>Provided that where an electronic commerce operator does not have a physical presence in the taxable territory, any person representing such electronic commerce operator for any purpose in the taxable territory shall be liable to pay tax.</i> <i>Provided further that where an electronic commerce operator does not have a physical presence in the taxable territory and also does not have a representative in the said territory, such</i>

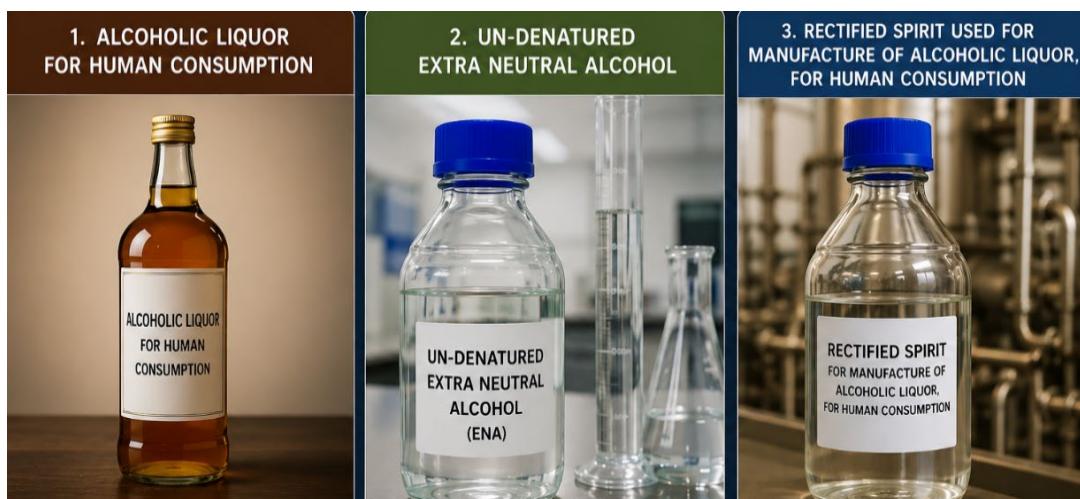
electronic commerce operator shall appoint a person in the taxable territory for the purpose of paying tax and such person shall be liable to pay tax.



ANALYSIS

Central Goods and Services Tax (**CGST**) shall be **levied** on **all intra-State supplies** of goods or services or both².

The tax shall be **collected** in such manner as may be prescribed and shall be **paid by the taxable person**. Alcoholic liquor for human consumption is outside the purview of GST law. Further, the un-denatured extra neutral alcohol or rectified spirit which are used for manufacture of alcoholic liquor for human consumption; they have also been kept outside the purview of GST.



Value for levy: Transaction value under section 15 of the CGST Act– *Discussed in detail in Chapter 7 – Value of supply in this Module of Study Material.*

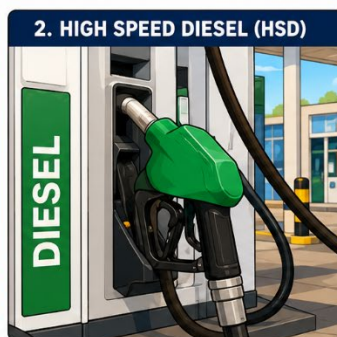
Rates of CGST: Rates for CGST are rates as may be notified by the Government on the recommendations of the GST Council. *[Discussed in detail subsequently in this Chapter]*. Maximum rate of **CGST** can be 20%.

² IGST is leviable on import of goods and on import of services.

💡 In case of inter-State supplies of goods and/or services, Integrated Goods and Services Tax (**IGST**) is **levied** on the **transaction value** under section 15 of the CGST Act. Alcoholic liquor for human consumption is outside the purview of GST law. Further, the un-denatured extra neutral alcohol or rectified spirit which are used for manufacture of alcoholic liquor for human consumption; they have also been kept outside the purview of GST. IGST is not leviable on the same. IGST is the sum total of CGST and SGST/UTGST. The maximum rate of IGST can be 40%.

However, CGST/IGST on supply of the following items has not yet been levied. It shall be levied with effect from such date as may be notified by the Government on the recommendations of the Council:

- ☐ petroleum crude
- ☐ high speed diesel
- ☐ motor spirit (commonly known as petrol)
- ☐ natural gas and
- ☐ aviation turbine fuel



Tax payable on supply of goods or services or both under reverse charge

CGST/IGST shall be **paid by the recipient** of goods or services or both, on reverse charge basis, in the following cases:

- ☐ Supply of such goods or services or both, **as notified** by the Government on the recommendations of the GST Council.
- ☐ Supply of specified categories of goods or services or both **by an unregistered supplier to** specified class of registered persons, as notified by the Government on recommendation of GST Council.

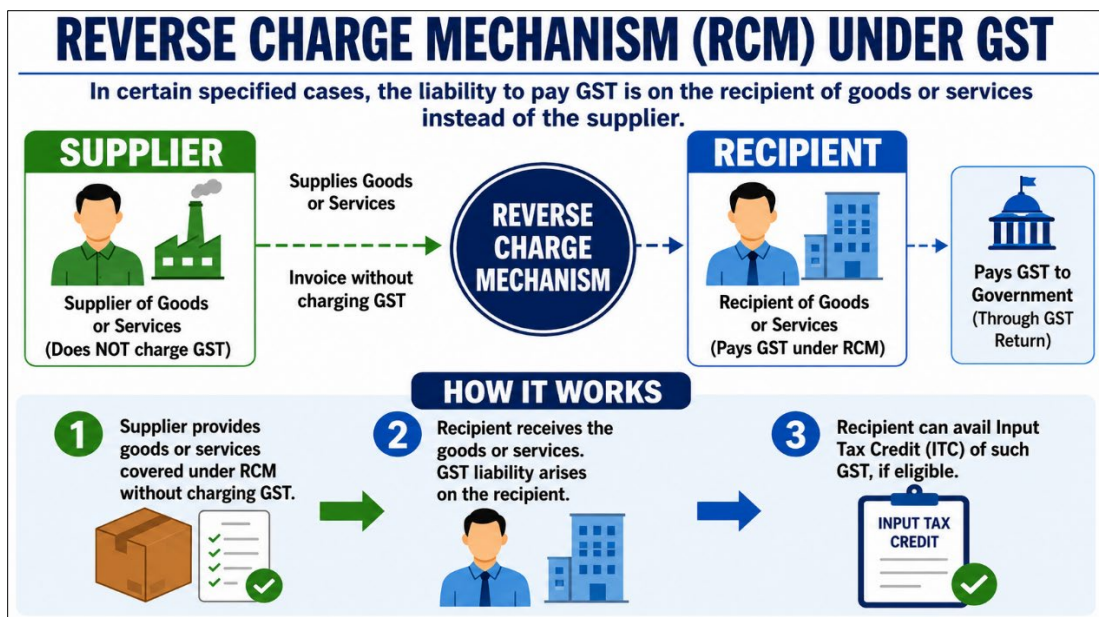
All the provisions of the CGST Act/ IGST Act shall apply to the recipient in the aforesaid cases as if he is the person liable for paying the tax in relation to the supply of such goods or services or both. **Let us first understand the concept of reverse charge mechanism:**

Reverse charge mechanism

Generally, the supplier of goods or services is liable to pay GST. However, under the reverse charge mechanism, the liability to pay GST is cast on the recipient of the goods or services.

Reverse charge means the liability to pay tax is on the recipient of supply of goods or services instead of the supplier of such goods or services in respect of notified categories of supply [Section 2(98)].

It may be noted that the underlying principle of an indirect tax is that burden of tax has to be ultimately passed on to the recipient. GST being an indirect tax, this principle holds good for GST. Under normal circumstances, the statutory liability to deposit GST and undertake compliances [*i.e. to obtain registration under GST, deposit the tax with the Government, filing returns, etc.*] is on the supplier while he may recover the same from its recipient. However, under reverse charge mechanism, the statutory liability to deposit GST and undertaking compliance requirements, [*i.e. to obtain registration under GST, deposit the tax with the Government, filing returns, etc.*] shifts from supplier to recipient.



There are two types of reverse charge scenarios provided in law.

- (i) First scenario occurs in case of supply of specified categories of goods or services, covered by section 9(3) of the CGST/ SGST (UTGST) Act. **Similar provisions are contained under section 5(3) of the IGST Act.**
- (ii) Second scenario occurs in case of supply of specified categories of goods or services made by an unregistered supplier to specified class of registered recipients, covered by section 9(4) of the CGST Act. **Similar provisions are contained under section 5(4) of the IGST Act.** Goods and services notified under this case have been discussed subsequently in this chapter.

Goods and services notified under reverse charge mechanism under section 9(3) of the CGST Act/ section 5(3) of the IGST Act are as follows:

A. Supplies of goods taxable under reverse charge, i.e. supply of the goods where tax is payable by the recipient: Goods like cashewnuts [not shelled/peeled], bidi wrapper leaves, tobacco leaves and raw cotton (when supplied by an agriculturist to any registered person), supply of lottery (when supplied by State Government, Union Territory or any local authority to lottery distributor or selling agent), silk yarn (when supplied by manufacturer of silk yarn to any registered person), used vehicles,

seized and confiscated goods, old and used goods, waste and scrap (when supplied by Central Government, State Government, Union Territory or any local authority to any registered person), priority sector lending certificate – when supplied by registered person to any registered person, etc. are taxable under reverse charge³.



B. Supply of services taxable under reverse charge under section 9(3) of the CGST Act, i.e. the services where tax is payable by the recipient:

Notification No. 13/2017 CT (R) dated 28.06.2017 as amended has notified the following categories of supply of services wherein whole of the tax shall be paid on reverse charge basis by the recipient of services:

S. No.	Category of supply of services	Supplier of service	Recipient of Service
1.	Supply of services by a Goods Transport Agency (GTA) in respect of transportation of goods by road to-	Goods Transport Agency (GTA)	(a) Any factory registered under or governed by the Factories Act, 1948; or (b) any society

³ Examples of goods on which tax is payable by the recipient under reverse charge have been given hereunder only for the knowledge of the students. These are not relevant for examination purposes. They have been discussed in detail at Final level.

	(a) any factory registered under or governed by the Factories Act, 1948; or (b) any society registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 or under any other law for the time being in force in any part of India; or (c) any co-operative society established by or under any law; or (d) any person registered under the CGST Act or the IGST Act or the SGST Act or the UTGST Act; or (e) any body corporate established, by or under any law; or (f) any partnership firm whether registered or not under any law including		registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 or under any other law for the time being in force in any part of India; or (c) any co-operative society established by or under any law; or (d) any person registered under the CGST Act or the IGST Act or the SGST Act or the UTGST Act; or (e) any body corporate established, by or under any law; or (f) any partnership firm whether registered or not under any law including association of persons; or (g) any casual taxable person; located in the taxable territory. [Hereinafter referred as Specified recipients]
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	association of persons; or (g) any casual taxable person.		
	However, reverse charge mechanism (RCM) shall not apply to services provided by a GTA, by way of transport of goods in a goods carriage by road to- (a) a Department/ establishment of the Central Government/ State Government/ Union territory; or (b) local authority; or (c) Governmental agencies, which has taken registration under the CGST Act only for the purpose of deducting tax under section 51⁴ and not for making a taxable supply of goods or services⁵. Further, nothing contained in this entry shall apply where, - i. the supplier has taken registration under the CGST Act, 2017 and exercised the option to pay tax on the services of GTA in relation to transport of goods supplied by him under forward charge; and ii. the supplier has issued a tax invoice to the recipient charging CGST at the applicable rates and has made the prescribed declaration on such invoice issued by him.		
2.	Services provided by an individual advocate including a senior advocate or firm of advocates by way of legal services, directly or indirectly.	An individual advocate including a senior advocate or firm of advocates.	Any business entity located in the taxable territory.

⁴ Provisions relating to tax deducted at source contained in section 51 shall be discussed in Chapter 14 – Tax Deduction at Source and Collection of Tax at Source.

⁵ These services have been simultaneously exempted from GST vide entry 21B of Notification No. 12/2017 CT(R) dated 28.06.2017. Thus, there will be no tax liability in this case. [Refer Chapter 5: Exemptions from GST in this Module of the Study Material for discussion on this exemption].

	"Legal service" means any service provided in relation to advice, consultancy or assistance in any branch of law, in any manner and includes representational services before any court, tribunal or authority.		
3.	Services supplied by an arbitral tribunal to a business entity.	An arbitral tribunal.	Any business entity located in taxable territory.
4.	Services provided by way of sponsorship to any body corporate or partnership firm.	Any person other than a body corporate	Any body corporate or partnership firm located in the taxable territory.
5.	Services supplied by the Central Government, State Government, Union territory or local authority to a business entity excluding, - (1) renting of immovable property, and (2) services specified below- (i) services by the Department of Posts <i>and</i>	Central Government, State Government, Union territory or local authority	Any business entity located in the taxable territory.

	the Ministry of Railways (Indian Railways); (ii) services in relation to an aircraft or a vessel, inside or outside the precincts of a port or an airport; (iii) transport of goods or passengers.		
5A.	Services supplied by Central Government excluding the Ministry of Railways (Indian Railways), State Government, Union territory or local authority by way of renting of immovable property to a person registered under CGST Act, 2017	Central Government, State Government, Union territory or local authority	Any person registered under the CGST Act, 2017
5AA.	Service by way of renting of residential dwelling to a registered person	Any person	Any registered person
5AB.	Services by way of renting of any immovable property	Any unregistered person	Any registered person other than a person who has opted to pay tax

	other than residential dwelling.		under composition levy.
6.	Services supplied by a director of a company/body corporate to the said company/body corporate.	A director of a company or a body corporate	Company or a body corporate located in the taxable territory.
7.	Services supplied by an insurance agent to any person carrying on insurance business.	An insurance agent	Any person carrying on insurance business, located in the taxable territory.
8.	Services supplied by a recovery agent to a banking company or a financial institution or a non-banking financial company.	A recovery agent	A banking company/financial institution or a non-banking financial company, located in the taxable territory.
9.	Supply of services by a music composer, photographer, artist or the like by way of transfer or permitting the use or enjoyment of a copyright covered under section 13(1)(a) of the Copyright Act, 1957 relating to original dramatic, musical or artistic works to a music company, producer or the like.	Music composer, photographer, artist, or the like	Music company, producer or the like, located in the taxable territory.
9A.	Supply of services by an author by way of	Author	Publisher located in the taxable territory.

	transfer or permitting the use or enjoyment of a copyright covered under section 13(1)(a) of the Copyright Act, 1957 relating to original literary works to a publisher.		
	However, an author can choose to pay tax under forward charge if- (i) he has taken registration under the CGST Act and filed a declaration, in the prescribed form, that he exercises the option to pay CGST on the said service under forward charge in accordance with section 9(1) and to comply with all the provisions as they apply to a person liable for paying the tax in relation to the supply of any goods and/or services and that he shall not withdraw the said option within a period of 1 year from the date of exercising such option; (ii) he makes a declaration on the invoice issued by him in prescribed form to the publisher.		
10.	Supply of services by the members of Overseeing Committee⁶ to Reserve Bank of India (RBI)	Members of Overseeing Committee constituted by the RBI	RBI
11.	Services supplied by individual Direct Selling Agents (DSAs) other than a body corporate, partnership or limited liability partnership	Individual Direct Selling Agents (DSAs) other than a body corporate, partnership or	A banking company or a NBFC, located in the taxable territory

⁶ The Overseeing Committee is a group set up by RBI to check that banks are handling bad loans fairly and honestly. It monitors and independently reviews banks' resolution plans for large stressed/defaulted loans.

	(LLP) firm to bank or non-banking financial company (NBFCs).	LLP firm	
12.	Services provided by business facilitator to a banking company.	Business facilitator	A banking company, located in taxable territory
13.	Services provided by an agent of business correspondent to business correspondent.	An agent of business correspondent	A business correspondent, located in the taxable territory.
14.	Security services (services provided by way of supply of security personnel) provided to a registered person. However, nothing contained in this entry shall apply to: (i) (a) a Department or Establishment of the Central Government or State Government or Union territory; or (b) local authority; or (c) Governmental agencies;	Any person other than a body corporate	A registered person, located in the taxable territory.

	which has taken registration under the CGST Act, 2017 only for the purpose of deducting tax under section 51 of the said Act and not for making a taxable supply of goods or services; or (ii) a registered person paying tax under composition scheme.		
15.	Services provided by way of renting of any motor vehicle designed to carry passengers where the cost of fuel is included in the consideration charged from the service recipient, provided to a body corporate.	Any person, other than a body corporate who supplies service to a body corporate & doesn't issue an invoice charging CGST @ 9% to service recipient.	Any body corporate located in the taxable territory.
16.	Services of lending of securities under Securities Lending	Lender i.e., a person who deposits securities registered in his	Borrower i.e., a person who borrows the securities under the Scheme through an

	Scheme, 1997 ⁷ of Securities and Exchange Board of India, as amended.	name/in the name of any other person duly authorised on his behalf with an approved intermediary for the purpose of lending under Scheme of SEBI	approved intermediary of SEBI.
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🔔 All the above services have also been notified for reverse charge under IGST Act vide Notification No. 10/2017 IT (R) dated 28.06.2017 as amended. In addition to them, following service is also notified by said notification under reverse charge for IGST purposes:

Any service supplied by any person who is located in a non-taxable territory to any person located in the taxable territory other than non-taxable online recipient⁸ located in taxable territory. Thus, **in case of import of service, tax is payable by the person importing such service.**



⁷ Circular No. 116/35/2019 GST dated 11.10.2019 explaining the GST implication on security lending mechanism under Securities Lending Scheme, 1997 has been covered at the Final level.

⁸ The concept of non-taxable online recipient has been discussed at the Final level.

For purpose of the notification notifying the above services under reverse charge mechanism, following explanations shall apply-

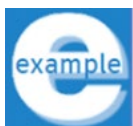
- (a) The person who pays or is liable to pay freight for the transportation of goods by road in goods carriage, located in the taxable territory shall be treated as the person who receives the service for the purpose of this notification.
- (b) **Body Corporate:** has the same meaning as assigned to it in clause (11) of section 2 of the Companies Act, 2013.

As per section 2(11) of the Companies Act, 2013, body corporate or corporation includes a company incorporated outside India, but does not include—

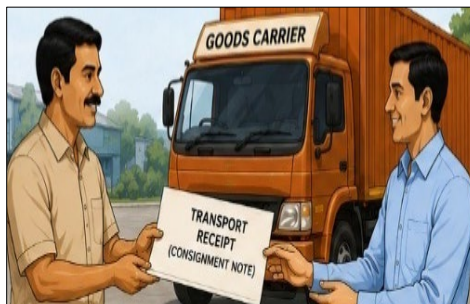
- (i) a co-operative society registered under any law relating to co-operative societies; and
 - (ii) any other body corporate (not being a company as defined in this Act), which the Central Government may, by notification, specify in this behalf.
- (c) the business entity located in the taxable territory who is litigant, applicant or petitioner, as the case may be, shall be treated as the person who receives the legal services for the purpose of this notification.
- (d) the words and expressions used and not defined in reverse charge notification but defined in the CGST Act, the IGST Act, and the UTGST Act shall have the same meanings as assigned to them in those Acts.
- (e) **Limited Liability Partnership** formed and registered under the provisions of the Limited Liability Partnership Act, 2008 shall also be considered as a partnership firm or a firm.
- (f) **Insurance agent** means an insurance agent licensed under section 42 of the Insurance Act, 1938 who receives agrees to receive payment by way of commission or other remuneration in consideration of his soliciting or procuring insurance business including business relating to the continuance, renewal or revival of policies of insurance [Section 2(10) of the Insurance Act, 1938].

- (g) **Renting of immovable property** means allowing, permitting or granting access, entry, occupation, use or any such facility, wholly or partly, in an immovable property, with or without the transfer of possession or control of the said immovable property and includes letting, leasing, licensing or other similar arrangements in respect of immovable property.
- (h) the provisions of reverse charge notification, in so far as they apply to the Central Government, State Government, shall also apply to the Parliament and State Legislature, Courts and Tribunals.

Let us understand each of these services covered above through simple examples:



(2) A Goods Transport Agency (GTA), Speedway Logistics, not registered under GST, transports raw materials by road from Delhi to Noida warehouse of Alpha Industries Pvt. Ltd. Since Alpha Industries falls under "specified recipients" (body corporate), recipient - Alpha Industries Pvt. Ltd. and not Speedway Logistics is liable to pay GST under reverse charge.



(3) In above case, other things remaining the same, if Speedway Logistics is registered and has exercised the option to pay tax on the services of GTA in relation to transport of goods supplied by him under forward charge and issues a proper tax invoice charging GST @ 18%, then reverse charge provisions are not applicable and Speedway pays GST under forward charge.

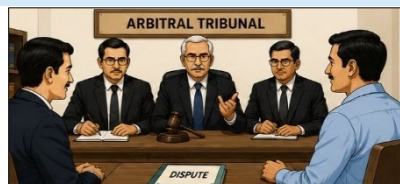
(4) Bharat Roadways, a GTA, transports office furniture by road for the Public Works Department (PWD), a State Government establishment. PWD holds GST registration only to deduct TDS under section 51 on payments made to its contractors. Reverse charge provisions are not applicable in given case since services are being provided by GTA to a Department of State Government (PWD) which has taken registration only for the purpose of deducting tax under section 51.

Moreover, services provided by a GTA, by way of transport of goods in a goods carriage, to a Department of State Government which has taken registration only for the purpose of deducting tax under section 51 and not for making a taxable

supply of goods or services are exempt from GST⁹. Thus, GST is not at all payable on said transaction.

(5) Advocate Sharma, a practising lawyer, represents ABC Ltd. (a business entity) before the High Court. Turnover of ABC Ltd. in preceding financial year was ₹ 42 lakh. ABC Ltd. is liable to pay GST under reverse charge on the legal fees paid.

(6) An arbitral tribunal resolves a commercial dispute of Gargi Ltd. with its freelance software consultant. Gargi Ltd. is liable to pay GST under reverse charge on the arbitration fee.



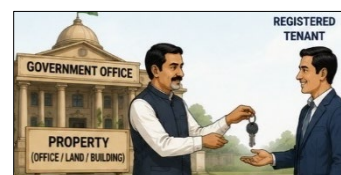
(7) Bharat Associates, a non-body corporate, organised a business summit. Sugam Enterprises, a manufacturer of readymade garments, sponsored the summit and paid a sponsorship fee to Bharat Associates. Sugam Enterprises (a partnership firm), being recipient of sponsorship services, is liable to pay GST under reverse charge.



(8) The State Government of Odisha grants a mining lease to Beta Steel Ltd. (a business entity registered under GST) for extraction of iron ore from a specified area. Tax on given services is payable by the recipient - Beta Steel Ltd. under reverse charge.



(9) The Municipal authority rents out a commercial building to Jagmohan Private Limited, registered under GST. Jagmohan Private Limited is liable to pay GST under reverse charge.



(10) However, in above example, other things remaining the same, if Indian railways rents out the commercial building, tax is not payable under reverse charge.

⁹ These services are exempted from GST vide entry 21B of Notification No. 12/2017 CT(R) dated 28.06.2017. [Refer Chapter 5: Exemptions from GST in this Module of the Study Material for discussion on this exemption].

(11) Mr. Verma rents a residential flat to Ronn Traders Pvt. Ltd. (a registered company), which uses it to provide residential accommodation to its manager. GST is payable by Ronn Traders Pvt. Ltd. under reverse charge since the recipient is a registered person.



(12) An unregistered individual, Mr. Das, owns a shop and rents it out to Reliance Retail Ltd. (a company registered under GST, but not under composition scheme) for commercial use. Reliance Retail is liable to pay GST under reverse charge since the landlord is unregistered and tenant is registered.



(13) An unregistered individual, Mr. Das, owns a shop and rents it out to Dhurv Enterprises, registered under GST under composition scheme, for commercial use. Since recipient has opted for composition scheme, reverse charge provisions are not applicable in given case. Moreover, since Mr. Das is unregistered, no GST is payable in the given case.

(14) Mr. Mehta (registered under GST), a director of Tech Solutions Pvt. Ltd., receives sitting fees for attending board meetings (in his capacity as director). Tech Solutions Pvt. Ltd. is liable to pay GST under reverse charge on the sitting fees paid to Mr. Mehta.



(15) In the above example, if subsequently, Mr. Mehta also rents out his commercial property to Tech Solutions Pvt. Ltd., reverse charge provisions will not be applicable since Mr. Mehta has not provided said services in the capacity of a director. Further, tax is not payable under reverse charge even under Entry 5AB (renting of commercial property) since supplier, Mr. Mehta, is a registered person.

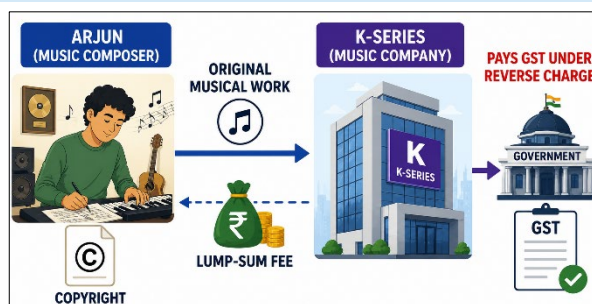
(16) Mr. Kapoor, an insurance agent, sells insurance policies and earns commission from Jyoti Insurance Company. JIC (the insurance company), not Mr. Kapoor, is liable to pay GST under reverse charge on the commission.



(17) A recovery agent, Rapidrecovery Services, helps ADFC Bank recover dues from defaulting borrowers and charges a recovery fee. ADFC Bank is liable to pay GST under reverse charge on the fee paid to the recovery agent.

(18) A recovery agent, Rapidrecovery Services, helps Swadeshi Limited, a manufacturing company, recover dues from defaulting dealers and charges a recovery fee. Reverse charge provisions will not be applicable in the given case since services are being provided to a manufacturing company and not a banking company. Thus, Rapidrecovery Services is liable to pay GST under forward charge.

(19) A music composer, Arjun, composes a song and transfers copyright of the original musical work to K-Series (a music company) for a lump-sum fee. K-Series is liable to pay GST under reverse charge on the amount paid to Arjun.



(20) An author, Dr. Priya Dubey (unregistered under GST), writes a novel and transfers copyright to Reliance Publishers for royalty. Reliance Publishers is liable to pay GST under reverse charge on the royalty.

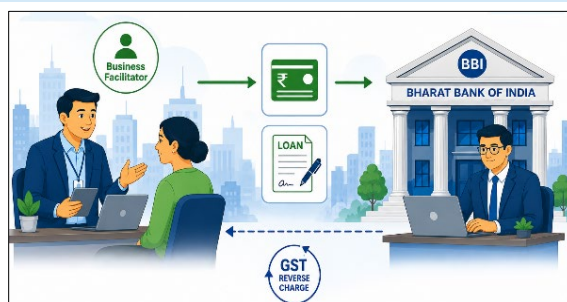
(21) In above example, all other things remaining the same, if Priya registers under GST law, opts to pay GST under forward charge and makes a declaration on the invoice issued to Reliance Publishers, then Priya will be liable to pay GST under forward charge.

(22) A member of the Overseeing Committee constituted by RBI (to monitor resolution of stressed bank accounts) receives sitting fees from RBI. RBI is liable to pay GST under reverse charge on the fees paid to the member.

(23) Mr. Ramesh Iyer, a Direct Selling Agent, provides services of sourcing home loan customers, marketing bank's products, helping customers fill out loan application forms and collect KYC documents, income proof, bank statements, etc. and other ancillary services to Dhriti Finance Limited (an NBFC). Dhriti Finance Limited pays commission to Mr. Iyer for his services. GST on said services is payable by Dhriti Finance Limited under reverse charge.

(24) Ganga Private Limited, a Direct Selling Agent, provides said services to Dhriti Finance Limited (an NBFC). Dhriti Finance Limited pays commission to Ganga Private Limited for its services. GST on said services is payable by Ganga Private Limited under forward charge since direct selling agent is not an individual.

(25) A Business Facilitator, operating in an urban area, assists Bharat Bank of India (BBI) in opening savings bank accounts for customers and in collecting and forwarding their loan applications. BBI is liable to pay GST under reverse charge on services provided by the business facilitator.



(26) Sahayak Services Pvt. Ltd. is appointed by Manimani Bank as its Business Correspondent (BC) for select towns in Bihar. It appoints Mr. Ravi Kumar as its sub-agent to execute doorstep banking operations on its behalf including loan disbursement/collection and Aadhaar-based verification. Tax on the services provided by Mr. Ravi Kumar to Sahayak Services Pvt. Ltd. is payable under reverse charge by Sahayak Services Pvt. Ltd.

(27) Secureguard Services, a proprietorship firm, supplies security guards to Wonderland Mall Pvt. Ltd., registered under GST. Wonderland Mall is liable to pay GST under reverse charge on the said security services.



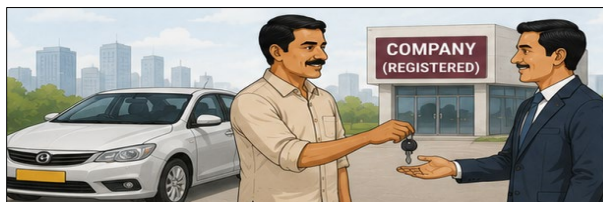
(28) M/s. Safety-n-Security Services, sole proprietorship firm, supplies security guards to Jhamku Traders, a firm registered under composition scheme. M/s. Safety-n-Security Services is liable to pay GST under forward charge on the said security services since recipient is registered under composition scheme.

(29) Secureguard Services Ltd. supplies security guards to Wonderland Mall Pvt. Ltd., registered under GST. Secureguard Services Ltd. is liable to pay GST under forward charge on the said security services since supplier is a body corporate.

(30) Secureguard Services, a proprietorship firm, supplies security guards to Public Works Department (PWD), a State Government establishment. PWD holds GST registration only to deduct TDS under section 51 on payments made to its

contractors. Secureguard Services is liable to pay GST under forward charge on the said security services since recipient is a Department of State Government (PWD) which has taken registration under the CGST Act, 2017 only for the purpose of deducting tax under section 51 and not for making a taxable supply of goods or services.

(31) Mr. Singh, an individual cab operator, rents his car to Wipro Ltd. for employee transport, with fuel cost included in the consideration and does not issue an invoice charging GST. Wipro Ltd. is liable to pay GST under reverse charge on the rental charges.



(32) Mrs. Sharma owns 1,000 shares of ABC Industries, which she isn't planning to sell right now. Through an approved SEBI intermediary, she lends these shares¹⁰ to Mr. Kapoor, a trader who urgently needs ABC Industries shares for a short-term trading strategy.

Mr. Kapoor borrows the shares for a fixed period and pays Mrs. Sharma a lending fee. After the period ends, Mr. Kapoor returns the shares back to Mrs. Sharma. Tax on services of lending of securities is payable by Mr. Kapoor under reverse charge.

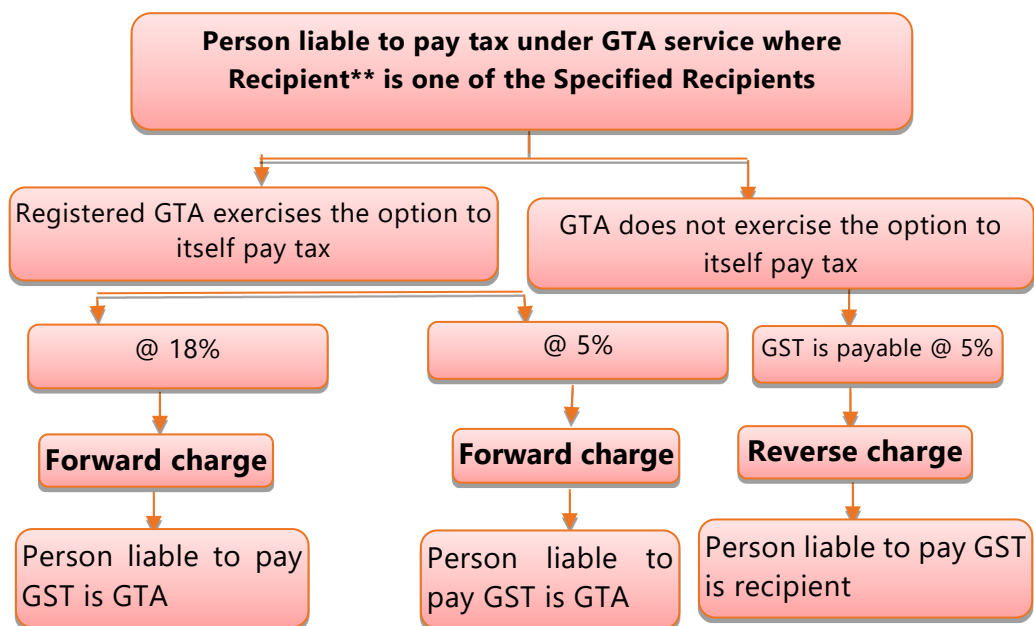
Person liable to pay GST on GTA service

GTA services are taxable at the following two rates:

- (i) @ 5%** (2.5% CGST+2.5% SGST/UTGST or 5% IGST) where GTA has not taken the Input Tax Credit (ITC) on goods or services used in supplying GTA service (there can be either of the cases - where GTA exercises the option to itself pay GST at said rate or /does not exercise the option to itself pay GST at said rate, on services supplied by it) or
- (ii) @ 18%** (9% CGST+9% SGST/UTGST or 18% IGST) where GTA exercises the option to itself pay GST at said rate on services supplied by it. In this case, there is no restriction on availing ITC on goods or services used in supplying GTA service by GTA.

¹⁰ under Securities Lending Scheme, 1997

In the following paras, we have explained as to who is the person liable to pay tax in case of each of the above two rates:



Note - Where recipient is other than the specified recipients (Unregistered individual end consumer or unregistered casual taxable person), GST will be exempt – Discussed in detail in Chapter 5 – Exemptions under GST in this Module of the Study Material.

**** Recipient of GTA service** is the person who pays/is liable to pay freight for transportation of goods by road in goods carriage, located in the taxable territory.

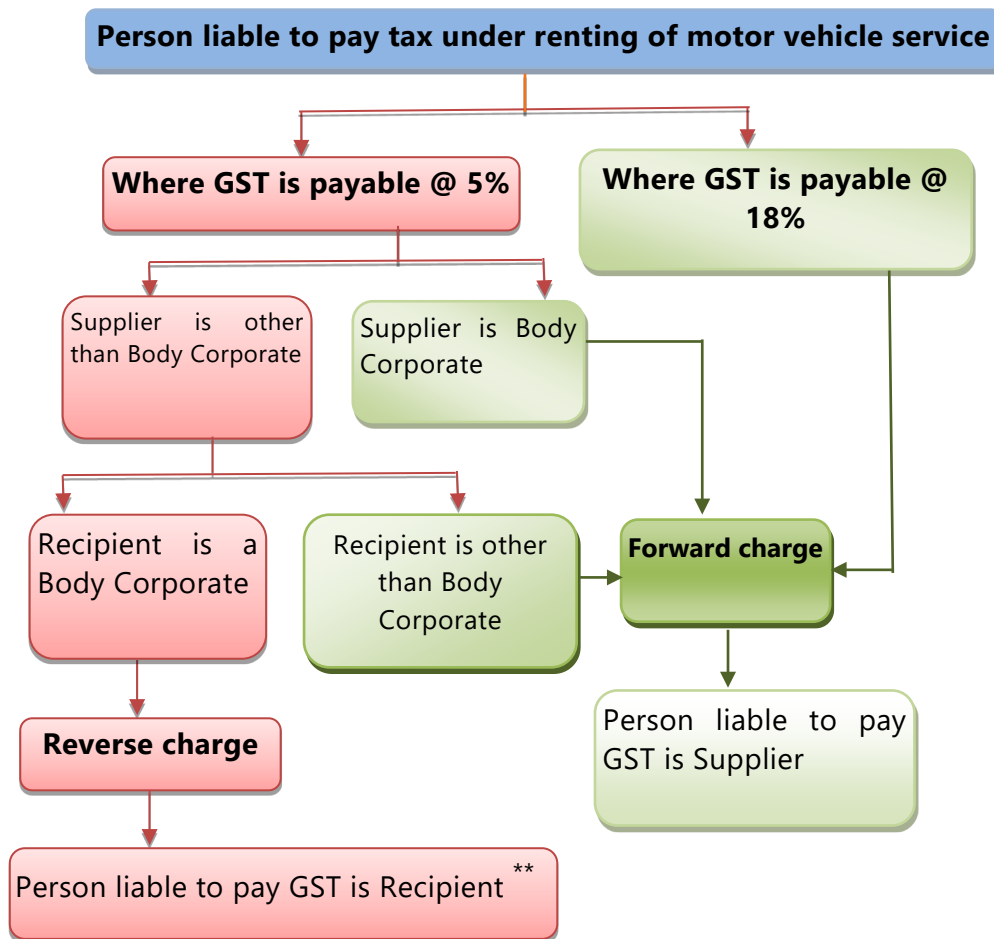
Person liable to pay GST on renting of motor vehicles service

Service by way of renting of any motor vehicle designed to carry passengers where the **cost of fuel is included in the consideration charged** from the service recipient are taxable at the following two rates:

- (i) **@ 5%** (2.5% CGST+2.5% SGST/UTGST or 5% IGST) provided supplier of services has taken only the limited ITC (of input services in the same line of business) or

- (ii) **@ 18% (9% CGST¹¹ + 9% SGST/UTGST or 18% IGST)** where supplier of services opts to pay GST at said rate. In this case, there is no restriction on availing ITC on goods or services used in supplying renting of motor vehicles service by the supplier of service.

In the following paras, we have explained as to who is the person liable to pay tax in case of each of the above two rates¹²:



****RCM is applicable here only when the supplier does not issue an invoice charging GST @18% (9% CGST+9% SGST/UTGST or 18% IGST) from the service recipient.**

¹¹ Amended vide Notification No. 11/2017 CT (R) dated 28.06.2017. It may be noted that Reverse Charge Notification No. 13/2017 CT (R) dated 28.06.2017 still contains reference of 6% CGST rate.

¹² Entry 15 of Notification No. 13/2017 CT (R) dated 28.06.2017 read with Circular No. 130/49/2019 GST dated 31.12.2019

Now, there may arise a doubt as to whether RCM is applicable on:

(i) service of renting of motor vehicle designed to carry passengers

or

(ii) service of transportation of passengers.

It is clarified¹³ that **there is a clear distinction between the two services** which is as under:

A. The two services fall under two different headings in the Tariff.

B. (i) Services of renting of motor vehicles designed to carry passengers covers:

- renting of motor vehicle
- for transport of passengers
- for a period of time
- where the renter defines how and when the vehicles will be operated, determining schedules, routes and other operational considerations.

(ii) 'Passenger transport services' covers passenger transport services over pre-determined routes on pre-determined schedules.

Accordingly, **where the body corporate hires the motor vehicle** (for transport of employees etc.) for a period of time, during which the motor vehicle shall be at the disposal of the body corporate, the **service would fall under 'services of renting of motor vehicles designed to carry passengers', and the body corporate shall be liable to pay GST on the same under RCM.**

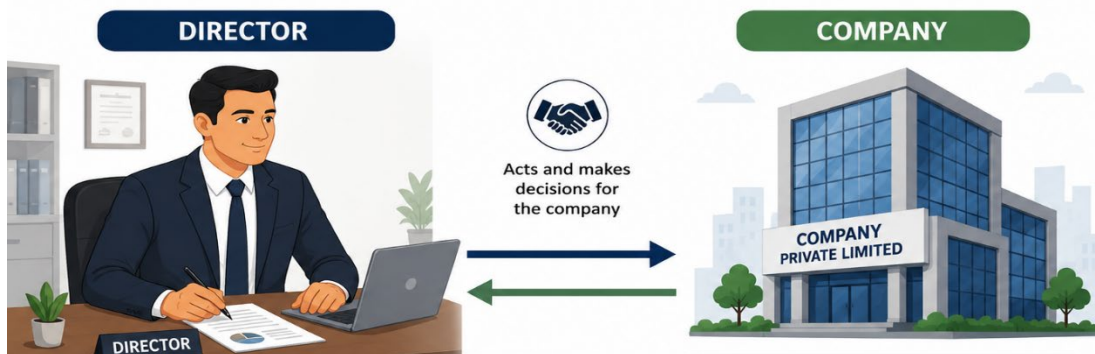
Thus, reverse charge would apply on act of renting of vehicles by body corporate and in such a case, it is for the body corporate to use in the manner as it likes subject to agreement with the person providing vehicle on rent.

However, **where the body corporate avails the passenger transport service** for specific journeys or voyages and does not take vehicle on rent for any particular period of time, the service would fall under 'passenger transport services' and **the body corporate shall not be liable to pay GST on the same under RCM.**

¹³ vide Circular No. 177/09/2022 GST dated 03.08.2022

Taxability of remuneration paid to the director

DIRECTOR AND A COMPANY



In order to determine the levability of tax on the remuneration paid to the directors, we first need to ascertain whether the director is an employee of the company or not. Following two situations are possible:

- (i) Services provided by the **independent directors**¹⁴/those directors (by whatever name called) who are **not employees of the said company** to such company, in lieu of remuneration as the consideration for the said services, are clearly **outside the scope of Schedule III** of the CGST Act¹⁵ and are therefore taxable. As seen in the table given above illustrating the reverse charge services (Entry No. 6), such remuneration paid to the directors is **taxable in hands of the company**, on **reverse charge basis**.
- (ii) In case where it is ascertained that a director, irrespective of name and designation, is an employee, next step would be to examine whether all the activities performed by the director are in the course of employer-employee relation (i.e. a "contract of service") or is there any element of "contract for service".

¹⁴ The definition of "**independent directors**" under section 149(6) of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 12 of Companies (Share Capital and Debentures) Rules, 2014 makes it amply clear that the independent director should not have been an employee of the company.

¹⁵ As per Para 1 of Schedule III of the CGST Act, services by an employee to the employer in the course of or in relation to his employment are non-supplies, i.e. they are neither supply of goods nor supply of services. The provisions of Schedule III of the CGST Act have been discussed in detail in Chapter 2 – Supply under GST in this Module of the Study Material.

The part of **director's remuneration** which are **declared as Salaries** in the books of a company and subjected to TDS under section 192 of the Income-tax Act (IT Act), are **not taxable** being consideration for services by an employee to the employer in the course of or in relation to his employment **in terms of Para 1 of Schedule III**. Further, the part of employee **director's remuneration which is declared separately other than salaries** in the company's accounts and subjected to TDS under section 194J of the IT Act as fees for professional or technical services are **treated as consideration** for providing services which are **outside the scope of Schedule III** and is therefore, taxable. Besides, as already discussed, the recipient of the said services i.e. the company, is liable to discharge the applicable GST on it on **reverse charge basis**¹⁶.

Tax on services supplied by director of a company in his personal capacity such as renting of immovable property to the company/body corporate not payable under reverse charge mechanism¹⁷

Tax on services supplied by director of a company/body corporate to the said company or the body corporate is payable by the company/body corporate under reverse charge mechanism (RCM).

It is clarified that services supplied by a director of a company/body corporate to the company/body corporate in his private/personal capacity such as services supplied by way of renting of immovable property are not taxable under RCM.

Only those services supplied by director of company/body corporate, which are supplied by him as or in the capacity of director of that company or body corporate shall be taxable under RCM in the hands of the company or body corporate.

Delhi Development Authority (DDA) -NOT a local authority under GST law

As seen earlier, tax on services supplied by local authority to a business entity is payable under reverse charge. The issue which arose for consideration was whether DDA can be treated as local authority under GST law.

¹⁶ as clarified vide Circular No. 140/10/2020 GST dated 10.06.2020

¹⁷ Circular No. 201/13/2023 GST dated 01.08.2023

It has been clarified that since local authority means an authority which is similar to the elected self-governing body such as Municipal Committee and which is entrusted with the control and management of municipal or local fund can be termed as local authority, DDA cannot be treated as local authority under GST law as DDA does not meet the requirement of local authority as per section 2(69)¹⁸.



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Sindhu Transporters, an unregistered Goods Transport Agency, provides the services of transportation of goods by road to Bindusaar Manufacturers, registered under GST. GST is payable by _____ @ _____, in the given case.

(a) Sindhu Transporters; 5%

(b) Sindhu Transporters; 18%

(c) Bindusaar Manufacturers; 5%

(d) Bindusaar Manufacturers; 18%

Quiz
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Nilanchal Chamber of Commerce, registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 organized a business summit. Safal Private Limited, a manufacturer of readymade garments, sponsored the summit and paid a sponsorship fee of ₹ 1,20,000 to Nilanchal Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Godbole, an independent director of Safal Private Limited, provided the services worth ₹ 50,000 to the company. The value on which Safal Private Limited is liable to pay GST is _____.

(a) ₹ 1,20,000

(b) ₹ 1,70,000

(c) ₹ 50,000

(d) Nil

¹⁸ Circular No. 245/02/2025 GST dated 28.01.2025

Tax payable by the ECO on notified services

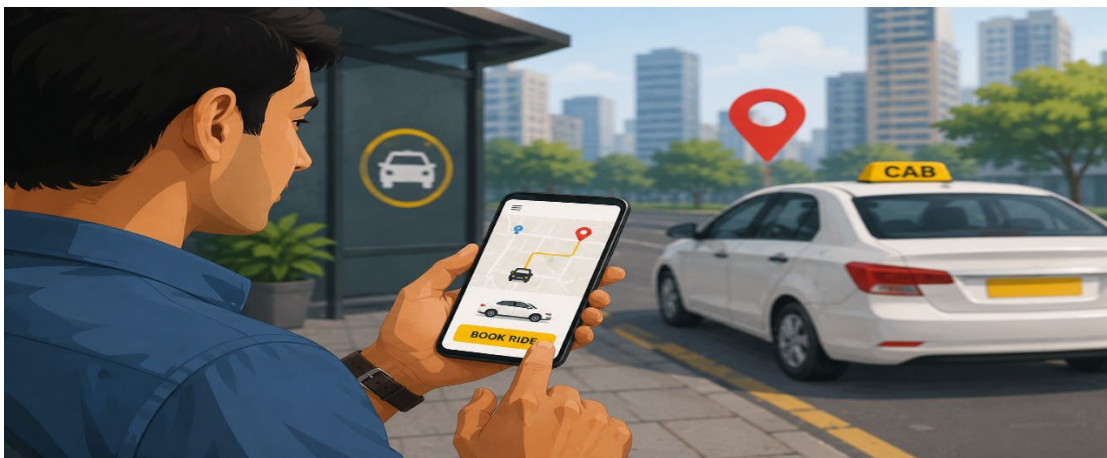
Electronic Commerce Operator (ECO) is any person who owns/operates/manages an electronic platform for supply of goods/services/both.

ECOs work in two ways:

- (a) **ECO sells directly** — The ECO itself supplies the goods/services through its own platform.
- (b) **ECO connects buyer and seller** (more common) — The actual product/service belongs to some *other* seller, not the ECO. Here's how it works:
 - Customer orders on the app (e.g., books a cab)
 - The actual supplier (e.g., the driver) delivers the product/service
 - The ECO collects the payment from the customer
 - The ECO deducts its commission and passes the rest of the consideration to the actual supplier.



(33) Pranav books a cab through RideNow. The cab service is provided by an independent driver, not by RideNow. RideNow simply connects the passenger with the driver, collects the payment, deducts its commission and taxes and remits the balance to the driver. Thus, the driver is the actual supplier, while RideNow is the Electronic Commerce Operator (ECO) facilitating the supply.



However, the Government (on GST Council's recommendation) can notify certain specific services where the ECO itself must pay the GST; even though the ECO didn't actually provide the service, the actual supplier did.

Notification No. 17/2017 CT (R) dated 28.06.2017/ Notification No. 14/2017 IT (R) dated 28.06.2017 as amended has notified the following categories of services supplied through ECO for this purpose –

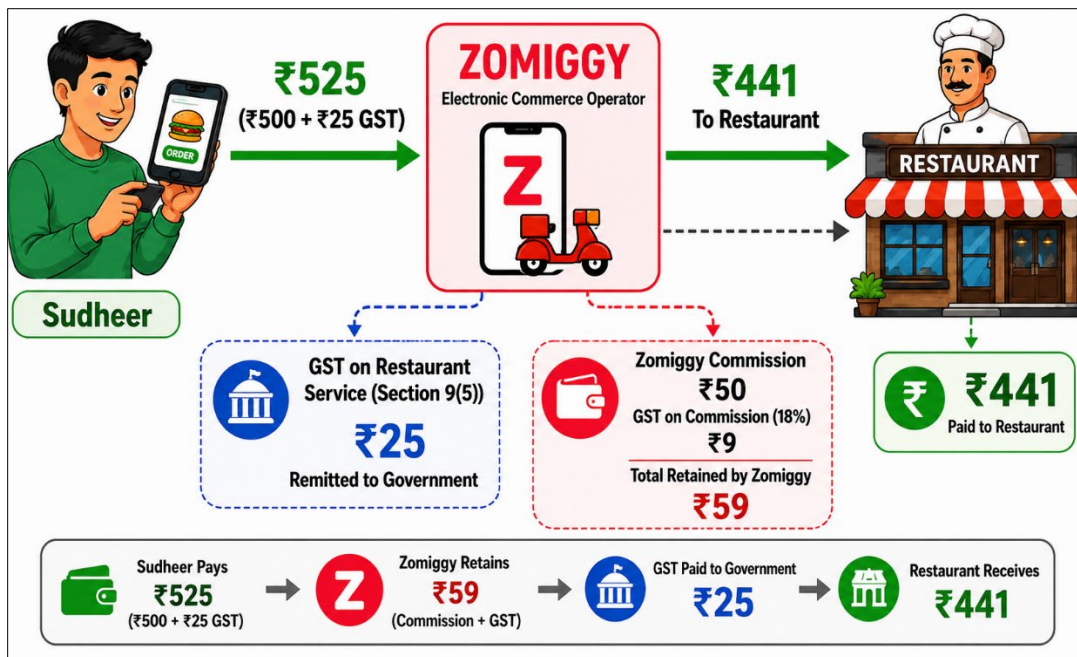


- (a) services by way of transportation of passengers by a radio-taxi, motorcab, maxicab, motorcycle, or any other motor vehicle except omnibus;
- (b) Services by way of transportation of passengers by an omnibus except where the person supplying such service through ECO is a company**.
- (c) services by way of providing accommodation in hotels, inns, guest houses, clubs, campsites or other commercial places meant for residential or lodging purposes, except where the person supplying such service through electronic commerce operator is liable for registration under section 22(1).
- (d) services by way of house-keeping, such as plumbing, carpentering etc, except where the person supplying such service through electronic commerce operator is liable for registration under sub-section 22(1).
- (e) supply of restaurant service other than the services supplied by restaurant, eating joints etc. located at specified premises.
- (f) services by way of local delivery except where the person supplying such services through electronic commerce operator is liable for registration under sub section (1) of section 22 of the CGST Act, 2017.**

**The tax on services by way of transportation of passengers by an omnibus provided by a company through ECO is not payable by ECO. It will be payable by the company itself.



(34) Sudheer orders food worth ₹ 500 from a restaurant through Zomiggy, an Electronic Commerce Operator (ECO). Since restaurant services supplied through an ECO are covered under section 9(5), Zomiggy collects ₹ 525 (₹ 500 + ₹ 25 GST @ 5%) from Sudheer and remits the GST of ₹ 25 to the Government. Zomiggy charges the restaurant a commission of ₹ 50 plus GST of ₹ 9 (18%), retains ₹59 from the settlement, and remits the balance of ₹ 441 to the restaurant. Here, the restaurant is the actual supplier of the food, while Zomiggy merely acts as the ECO connecting the supplier and the recipient.



Meaning of various terms

- (i) **Radio taxi:** means a taxi including a radio cab, by whatever name called, which is in two- way radio communication with a central control office and is enabled for tracking using Global Positioning System (GPS) or General Packet Radio Service (GPRS).
- (ii) **Maxi cab:** means any motor vehicle constructed or adapted to carry **more than 6 passengers**, but **not more than 12 passengers**, excluding the driver, for hire or reward.
- Motor cab:** means any motor vehicle constructed or adapted to carry not more than 6 passengers excluding the driver for hire or reward.
- Motor car:** means any motor vehicle other than a transport vehicle, omnibus, road-roller, tractor, motor cycle or invalid carriage.
- Omnibus** means any motor vehicle constructed or adapted to carry **more than 6 persons** excluding the driver.

(iii) **'Specified premises'** for a financial year, means,-

- (a) a premises from where the supplier has provided in the preceding financial year, 'hotel accommodation' service having the value of supply of any unit of accommodation above ₹ 7,500 per unit per day or equivalent; or
- (b) a premises for which a registered person supplying 'hotel accommodation' service has filed a declaration, on or after the 1st of January and not later than 31st of March of the preceding financial year, declaring the said premises to be a specified premises; or
- (c) a premises for which a person applying for registration has filed a declaration, within fifteen days of obtaining acknowledgement for the registration application, declaring the said premises to be a specified premises;

(iv) **Company** means a company incorporated under the Companies Act, 2013 or any previous company law.



It is important to note here that the above provision shall apply only in case of supply of services.

Tax on above services supplied through ECO shall be paid by the ECO. All the provisions of the CGST/IGST Act shall apply to such ECO as if he is the supplier liable for paying the tax in relation to the supply of above services.

The ECO may, on services notified under section 9(5), including on restaurant service provided through ECO, pay GST, by furnishing the details in Form GSTR-3B¹⁹, reporting them as outward taxable supplies.

¹⁹ Provisions relating to GST return in Form GSTR-3B have been discussed in Chapter 15 – Returns in Module 2 of this Study Material.

In this regard, following issues have been clarified:

(i) ECOs not to collect TCS in respect of restaurant services so notified

ECOs will no longer be required to collect TCS (Tax Collected at Source) and file Form GSTR-8²⁰ in respect of restaurant services on which it pays tax in terms of section 9(5)²¹.

(ii) ECOs not required to take separate registration for paying tax on restaurant service supplied through them

As ECOs are already registered in accordance with rule 8 (as a supplier of their own goods or services), there would be no mandatory requirement of taking separate registration by ECOs for payment of tax on restaurant service under section 9(5).

(iii) ECO to pay tax on any restaurant services supplied through them

ECOs will be liable to pay GST on any restaurant service supplied through them **including services supplied by an unregistered person**.

(iv) Supply of restaurant services to be included in aggregate turnover of person supplying restaurant services through ECO

It is clarified that the aggregate turnover of person supplying restaurant service through ECOs shall be computed in accordance with definition of aggregate turnover under section 2(6) and shall include the aggregate value of supplies made by the restaurant through ECOs. Accordingly, for threshold consideration or any other purpose in the CGST Act, the person providing restaurant service through ECO shall account for such services in his aggregate turnover.

(v) Restaurant services provided through ECO not to be considered as inward supply for ECOs liable to RCM

ECOs are not the recipient of restaurant service supplied through them. Since these are not input services to ECO, these are not to be reported as inward supply (liable to reverse charge) in Form GSTR-3B.

²⁰ Provisions relating to Statement for tax collection at source in Form GSTR-8 have been discussed in Chapter 15 – Returns in Module 2 of this Study Material.

²¹ Provisions relating to TCS contained in section 52 have been discussed in Chapter 14 – Tax Deduction at Source and Collection of Tax at Source in Module 2 of this Study Material.

(vi) Reversal of proportionate ITC on input goods and services not required by ECO

ECOs provide their own services as an electronic platform and as an intermediary for which it would acquire inputs/input service on which ECOs avail input tax credit (ITC). The ECO charges commission/fee etc. for the services it provides. The ITC is utilised by ECO for payment of GST on services provided by ECO on its own account (say, to a restaurant).

The situation in this regard remains unchanged even after ECO is made liable to pay tax on restaurant service. ECO would be eligible to ITC as before.

Accordingly, it is clarified that ECO shall not be required to reverse ITC on account of restaurant services on which it pays GST in terms of section 9(5)²². It may also be noted that on restaurant service, ECO shall pay the entire GST liability in cash (No ITC could be utilised for payment of GST on restaurant service supplied through ECO).

(vii) GST to be paid by the supplier on services not notified under section 9(5) of CGST Act but supplied through ECO

In respect of supplies not notified under section 9(5) but supplied through ECO, the liability to pay GST continues on such supplier and ECO shall continue to deposit TCS on such supplies.

(viii) ECO to raise invoice in respect of restaurant service supplied through ECO

The invoice in respect of restaurant service supplied through ECO under section 9(5) will be issued by ECO.

(ix) Billing in case of 'restaurant service' and goods/services other than restaurant service being sold by a restaurant to a customer under the same order

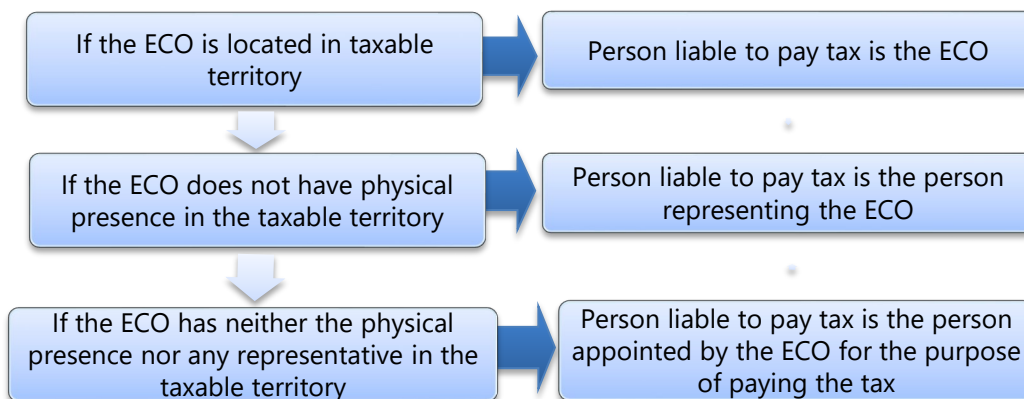
There can a situation where 'restaurant service' and goods or services other than restaurant service are sold by a restaurant to a customer under the same order. The question arises as to who shall be liable for raising invoices in such cases. Considering that liability to pay GST on supplies other than 'restaurant service' through the ECO, and other compliances under the CGST Act,

²² In case where a supplier is engaged in making both taxable and exempted supplies, proportionate ITC on input goods and services attributable to exempt supplies needs to be reversed. However, reversal provisions are covered at the Final Level and are not applicable for Intermediate examination.

including issuance of invoice to customer, continues to lie with the respective suppliers (and ECOs being liable only to collect tax at source (TCS) on such supplies), it is advisable that ECO raises separate bill on restaurant service in such cases where ECO provides other supplies to a customer under the same order²³.



Person liable to pay GST for above specified services when supplied through ECO



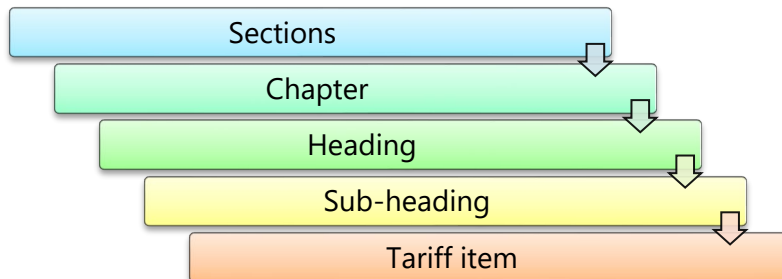
Classification under GST

In order to determine the rate applicable on a particular supply of goods or services, one needs to first determine the classification of such goods or services. Classification of goods and services assumes significance since there are different rates prescribed for supply of different goods and services. Therefore, classification is crucial for determining the rate of tax applicable on a particular product or service.

Classification of goods

Classification of goods means identification of the chapter, heading, sub-heading and tariff item in which a particular product will be classified.

²³ Circular No. 167/23/2021 GST dated 17.12.2021



Chapter, heading, sub-heading and tariff item are referred in the Schedules of rate notification for goods under GST are the Chapter, heading, sub-heading and tariff item of the First Schedule to the Customs Tariff Act, 1975. Indian Customs Tariff is based on HSN. HSN stands for Harmonized System of Nomenclature. It is a multipurpose international product nomenclature developed by the World Customs Organization (WCO) for the purpose of classifying goods across the World in a systematic manner. It comprises of about 5,000 commodity groups; each identified by a 6 digits code [code can be extended], arranged in a legal and logical structure and is supported by well-defined rules to achieve uniform classification. India has extended the HSN codes upto 8-digits.

Along the lines of HSN, the Indian Customs Tariff has a set of Rules of Interpretation of the First Schedule and General Explanatory notes. These rules and the general explanatory notes give clear direction as to how the nomenclature in the schedule is to be interpreted. These **Rules for Interpretation** including section and chapter notes and the General Explanatory Notes of the First Schedule^{24 25} **apply to the interpretation of the rate notification for goods under GST also.**

Consequently, under GST, goods are classified on the basis of HSN in accordance with the **Rules for the Interpretation** of the Customs Tariff.

Once classification for a product has been determined on this basis, applicable rate has to be determined as per the rate prescribed in the rate notification issued under GST.

²⁴ The provisions relating to Customs Act and Customs Tariff Act will be discussed at Final Level.

²⁵ Sections: A group of Chapters representing a particular class of goods.

Chapters: Each section is divided into various chapters and sub-chapters. Each chapter contains goods of one class.

Chapter notes: They are mentioned at the beginning of each chapter. These notes are part of the statute and hence have the legal authority in determining the classification of goods.

Heading: Each chapter and sub-chapter is further divided into various headings.

Sub-heading: Each heading is further divided into various sub-headings.

Classification of services

A new **Scheme of Classification of Services** has been devised under GST. It is a modified version of the United Nations Central Product Classification. Under this scheme, the services of various descriptions have been classified under various sections, headings and groups. Chapter 99 has been assigned for services. This chapter has following sections:

Section 5 Construction Services

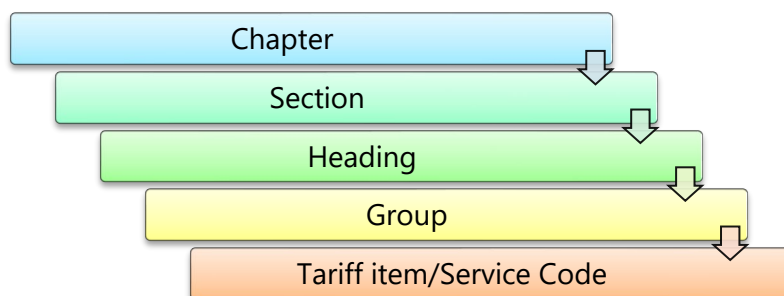
Section 6 Distributive Trade Services; Accommodation, Food and Beverage Service; Transport Services; Gas and Electricity Distribution Services

Section 7 Financial and related services; real estate services; and rental and leasing services

Section 8 Business and Production Services

Section 9 Community, social and personal services and other miscellaneous services

Each section is divided into various headings which are further divided into Groups. Its further division is made in the form of 'Tariff item' / Service Codes.



Rate of tax is determined in accordance with the Service Code in which the service is classified.

GST Rates prescribed for various goods

Broadly, seven rates of CGST have been notified in seven Schedules of rate notification for goods, viz., **0.125%, 0.75%, 1.5%, 2.5%, 9%, 14% and 20%**. SGST/ UTGST at the equivalent rate is also leviable. With regard to IGST, broadly seven rates have been notified in seven Schedules of rate

**GST rates
for goods**

notification for goods, viz., **0.25%, 1.5%, 3%, 5%, 18%, 28% and 40%**²⁶. **Certain specified goods have been exempted from tax.**

GST Rates prescribed for various services

Broadly, five rates of CGST have been notified for services, viz., **0.75%, 2.5%, 3.75%, 9% and 20%**²⁷. Equivalent rate of SGST/ UTGST will also be levied. For IGST, five rates have been notified for services, viz., **1.5%, 5%, 7.5%, 18% and 40%**^{28,29}. **For certain specified services, nil rate of tax has been notified.**



**GST rates
for services**

Services by way of admission to (a) casinos or race clubs or any place having casinos or race clubs or (b) sporting events like IPL, services provided by a race club by way of licensing a bookmaker in such club etc. **attract the highest rate of 40%** (CGST @ 20% and SGST @ 20% or IGST @ 40%).

A number of services are subject to a **lower rate of 5%** (CGST @ 2.5% and SGST @ 2.5% or IGST @ 5%). Generally, lower rate of 5% is **subject to the condition that credit of input tax charged on goods/services used in supplying said service has not been taken**. For instance, services by way of house-keeping, supply of hotel accommodation services where the value per unit per day unit is upto ₹ 7,500, supply of 'restaurant service' other than at specified premises, transport of passengers by rail in first class or air conditioned coach, transport of passengers by air in economy class, services of GTA in relation to transportation of goods, are taxed @ 5%, subject to the condition that credit of input tax charged on goods/services used in supplying said service has not been taken.

In the following paras, applicability of GST in real estate sector has been briefly discussed:

²⁶ Students may refer the CBIC website for the complete Schedule of GST Rates for goods for knowledge purposes. Rates for goods have been notified vide Notification No. 1/2017 CT (R) dated 28.06.2017.

²⁷ notified vide Notification No. 11/2017 CT (R) dated 28.06.2017.

²⁸ notified vide Notification No. 8/2017 IT (R) dated 28.06.2017

²⁹ Students may refer the CBIC website for the complete Schedule of GST Rates for services for knowledge purposes.

GST rates in real estate sector

The effective rate of GST on real estate sector for the new projects by promoters are as follows:

- (i) 1% without ITC on construction of **affordable houses** (area 60 sqm in metros/ 90 sqm in non-metros **and** value upto ₹ 45 lakh).
- (ii) 5% without ITC is applicable on construction of:
 - (a) all houses other than affordable houses, and
 - (b) commercial apartments such as shops, offices etc. in a residential real estate project (RREP) in which the carpet area of commercial apartments is not more than 15% of total carpet area of all apartments.

Conditions:

Above tax rates shall be available subject to following conditions:

- (a) ITC shall not be available.
- (b) 80% of inputs and input services [other than services by way of grant of development rights, long term lease of land (against upfront payment in the form of premium, salami, development charges etc.) or FSI (including additional FSI), electricity, high speed diesel, motor spirit, natural gas], used in supplying the service shall be purchased from registered persons³⁰.

³⁰ Discussion in above paras highlighted in blue is solely for the purpose of knowledge of the students and is not meant for examination purposes.

However, if value of inputs and input services purchased from registered supplier is less than 80%, promoter has to pay GST on reverse charge basis, under section 9(4) [discussed earlier], at the rate of 18% on all such inward supplies (to the extent short of 80% of the inward supplies from registered supplier). Further, where cement is received from an unregistered person, the promoter shall pay tax on supply of such cement on reverse charge basis, under section 9(4), at the applicable rate.

Supply of services notified under section 9(4)

Moreover, GST on capital goods shall be paid by the promoter on reverse charge basis, under section 9(4) of the CGST Act at the applicable rates [Notification No. 07/2019 CT (R) dated 29.03.2019/ Notification No. 07/2019 IT (R) dated 29.03.2019].



5. COMPOSITION LEVY [SECTION 10 OF THE CGST ACT]



STATUTORY PROVISIONS

Section 10	Composition levy
Sub-section	Particulars
(1)	Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Act but subject to the provisions of sub-sections (3) and (4) of section 9, a registered person, whose aggregate turnover in the preceding financial year did not exceed fifty lakh rupees, may opt to pay, in lieu of the tax payable by him under sub-section (1) of section 9, an amount of tax calculated at such rate as may be prescribed, but not exceeding,—

	a	one percent ³¹ of the turnover in State or turnover in Union territory in case of a manufacturer
	b	two and a half per cent of the turnover in State or turnover in Union territory in case of persons engaged in making supplies referred to in clause (b) of paragraph 6 of Schedule II, and
	c	half per cent of the turnover in State or turnover in Union territory in case of other suppliers
	subject to such conditions and restrictions as may be prescribed.	
	Provided that the Government may, by notification, increase the said limit of fifty lakh rupees to such higher amount, not exceeding one crore and fifty lakh rupees ³² , as may be recommended by the Council.	
	Provided further that a person who opts to pay tax under clause (a) or clause (b) or clause (c) may supply services (other than those referred to in clause (b) of paragraph 6 of Schedule II), of value not exceeding ten percent of turnover in a State or Union territory in the preceding financial year or five lakh rupees, whichever is higher.	
Explanation - For the purposes of second proviso, the value of exempt supply of services provided by way of extending deposits, loans or advances in so far as the consideration is represented by way of interest or discount shall not be taken into account for determining the value of turnover in a State or Union territory.		
(2)	The registered person shall be eligible to opt under sub-section (1), if—	

³¹ Rate of tax prescribed in case of a manufacturer is half percent of the turnover in State/UT. The same has been discussed in detail in subsequent paras.

³² The turnover limit for composition levy has been increased from ₹ 50 lakh to ₹ 1.5 crore vide Notification No. 14/2019 CT dated 07.03.2019.

	(a)	<i>save as provided in sub-section (1), he is not engaged in the supply of services</i>
	(b)	<i>he is not engaged in making any supply of goods or services which are not leviable to tax under this Act</i>
	(c)	<i>he is not engaged in making any inter-State outward supplies of goods or services</i>
	(d)	<i>he is not engaged in making any supply of services through an electronic commerce operator who is required to collect tax at source under section 52;</i>
	(e)	<i>he is not a manufacturer of such goods as may be notified by the Government on the recommendations of the Council; and</i>
	(f)	<i>he is neither a casual taxable person nor a non-resident taxable person.</i>
<i>Provided that where more than one registered persons are having the same Permanent Account Number (issued under the Income-tax Act, 1961), the registered person shall not be eligible to opt for the scheme under sub-section (1) unless all such registered persons opt to pay tax under that sub-section.</i>		
(2A)	<i>Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Act, but subject to the provisions of sub-sections (3) and (4) of section 9, a registered person, not eligible to opt to pay tax under sub-section (1) and sub-section (2), whose aggregate turnover in the preceding financial year did not exceed fifty lakh rupees, may opt to pay, in lieu of the tax payable by him under sub-section (1) of section 9, an amount of tax calculated at such rate as may be prescribed, but not exceeding three per cent. of the turnover in State or turnover in Union territory, if he is not—</i>	
	(a)	<i>engaged in making any supply of goods or services which are not leviable to tax under this Act;</i>
	(b)	<i>engaged in making any inter-State outward supplies of goods or services;</i>

	(c)	<i>engaged in making any supply of services through an electronic commerce operator who is required to collect tax at source under section 52;</i>
	(d)	<i>a manufacturer of such goods or supplier of such services as may be notified by the Government on the recommendations of the Council; and</i>
	(e)	<i>a casual taxable person or a non-resident taxable person.</i>
		<i>Provided that where more than one registered person are having the same Permanent Account Number issued under the Income-tax Act, 1961, the registered person shall not be eligible to opt for the scheme under this sub-section unless all such registered persons opt to pay tax under this sub-section.</i>
(3)		<i>The option availed of by a registered person under sub-section (1) or sub-section (2A), as the case may be, shall lapse with effect from the day on which his aggregate turnover during a financial year exceeds the limit specified under sub-section (1) or sub-section (2A), as the case may be.</i>
(4)		<i>A taxable person to whom the provisions of sub-section (1) or, as the case may be, sub-section (2A) apply shall not collect any tax from the recipient on supplies made by him nor shall he be entitled to any credit of input tax.</i>
(5)		<i>If the proper officer has reasons to believe that a taxable person has paid tax under sub-section (1) or sub-section (2A), as the case may be despite not being eligible, such person shall, in addition to any tax that may be payable by him under any other provisions of this Act, be liable to a penalty and the provisions of section 73 or section 74³³ or section 74A³⁴ shall, mutatis mutandis, apply for determination of tax and penalty.</i>
		<i>Explanation 1 — For the purposes of computing aggregate turnover of a person for determining his eligibility to pay tax</i>

³³ Provisions of sections 73 and 74 pertain to the period upto Financial year 2023-24

³⁴ Provisions of section 74A pertaining to period from Financial year 2024-25 onwards will be discussed at the Final level.

under this section, the expression "aggregate turnover" shall include the value of supplies made by such person from the 1st day of April of a financial year upto the date when he becomes liable for registration under this Act, but shall not include the value of exempt supply of services provided by way of extending deposits, loans or advances in so far as the consideration is represented by way of interest or discount.

Explanation 2 — For the purposes of determining the tax payable by a person under this section, the expression "turnover in State or turnover in Union territory" shall not include the value of following supplies, namely:—

- (i) supplies from the first day of April of a financial year upto the date when such person becomes liable for registration under this Act; and*
- (ii) exempt supply of services provided by way of extending deposits, loans or advances in so far as the consideration is represented by way of interest or discount.*



ANALYSIS

(1) Overview of the scheme

COMPOSITION SCHEME UNDER GST

A SIMPLIFIED TAX COMPLIANCE OPTION FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

Composition Scheme allows eligible taxpayers to pay tax at a fixed percentage of turnover and enjoy simplified compliance with limited benefits.

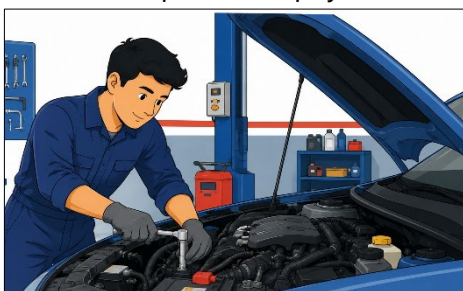
1. SMALL TRADERS (Suppliers of Goods)	2. MANUFACTURERS (Suppliers of Goods)	3. RESTAURANT SERVICE PROVIDERS (Suppliers of Services)
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The composition levy is an alternative method of levy of tax designed for small taxpayers whose turnover is up to a prescribed limit. The objective of composition scheme is to bring simplicity and to reduce the compliance cost for the small taxpayers.

Voluntary and optional scheme

Initially, the scheme was designed to benefit the small traders, manufacturers and restaurant service providers. So, the scheme was fundamentally for the suppliers of goods and only for restaurant service providers (not supplying alcoholic liquor for human consumption). However, subsequently, suppliers availing composition scheme were permitted to supply other services also, though only upto a small specified value. This scheme is contained in **sub-sections (1) and (2) of section 10 [hereinafter referred to as composition scheme under section 10(1)]**.

Under this scheme, suppliers of goods have the option to pay tax at the concessional rate of 1% (CGST + SGST/UTGST) of the turnover and restaurant service providers (not supplying alcoholic liquor for human consumption) have the option to pay tax @ 5% (CGST +



SGST/UTGST) of the turnover. Small taxpayers with an aggregate turnover in the preceding financial year up to ₹ 1.5 crore are eligible to pay tax at these rates in the current financial year upto an aggregate turnover of ₹ 1.5 crore. However, a person engaged exclusively in supply of services other than

restaurant service is not eligible for this composition scheme stipulated under sub-sections (1) and (2).

In order to provide benefit of composition scheme to persons engaged in supply of services other than restaurant service whose aggregate turnover in the preceding financial year is up to ₹ 50 lakh, a scheme to pay tax @ 6% (CGST + SGST/UTGST) of the turnover was introduced subsequently. A mixed supplier who is primarily engaged in supplying services other than restaurant service along with marginal supply of goods could also avail the benefit of this scheme. The provisions of this scheme are contained in sub-section (2A) of section 10.





Essentially, the composition scheme under sub-section (2A) of section 10 [hereinafter referred to as **composition scheme under 10(2A)**] is for small service providers like salon stylist, tailors, etc. This scheme provides an option to such suppliers to pay tax @ 6% of the turnover in the current financial year upto an aggregate

turnover of ₹ 50 lakh.

Suppliers opting for composition levy need not worry about the classification of their goods or services or both, the rate of GST applicable on their goods and/ or services, etc. They are not required to raise any tax invoice, but simply need to issue a Bill of Supply³⁵ wherein no tax will be charged from the recipient.

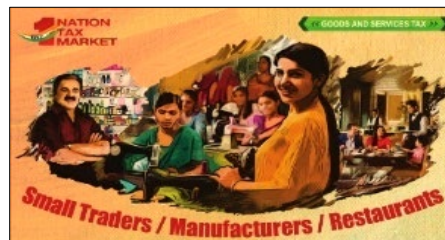
Easy compliance as no elaborate accounts and records

**Simple annual return
Quarterly
payment of tax**

An eligible person opting to pay tax under the composition scheme shall, instead of paying tax on every invoice at the specified rate, pay tax at the prescribed percentage of his turnover every quarter through prescribed form [Form GST CMP 08].

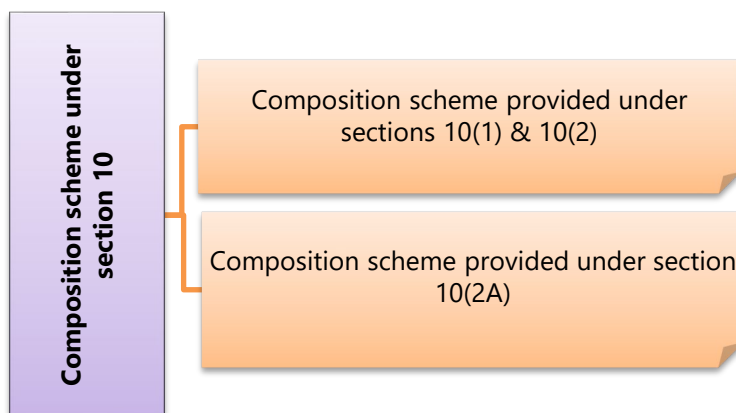
At the end of a quarter, he would pay the tax, without availing the benefit of input tax credit. Return is to be filed annually by a composition supplier. Registration under GST law is compulsory for opting for the composition scheme.

The provisions relating to composition levy are contained in section 10 of CGST Act, 2017 and Chapter-II [Composition Levy] of Central Goods and Services Tax (CGST) Rules, 2017. The said rules have been incorporated in the discussion in



³⁵ Discussed in detail in Chapter-10: Tax Invoice, Credit and Debit Notes in Module-2 of this Study Material.

the following paras at the relevant places. As seen above, section 10 stipulates two types of composition schemes –



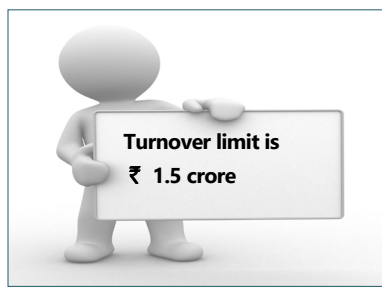
Provisions relating to these schemes have been discussed in detail in subsequent paras:

(2) **Turnover limit for opting for composition levy [Section 10(1), 10(2A) & 10(3)]**

Turnover limit in case of composition levy under section 10(1)

Section 10(1) provides the turnover limit of ₹ 50 lakh in the preceding financial year for becoming eligible for composition levy under section 10(1). However, proviso to section 10(1) empowers the Government to increase the said limit of ₹ 50 lakh upto ₹ 1.5 crore, on the recommendation of the GST Council.

In view of said power of the Government, the turnover limit for composition levy under section 10(1) has been increased from ₹ 50 lakh to ₹ 1.5 crore vide *Notification No. 14/2019 CT dated 07.03.2019*.

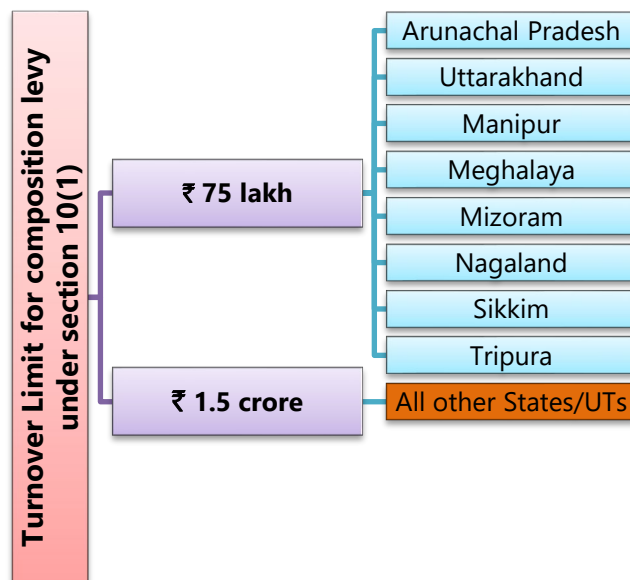


However, the said notification further stipulates that the turnover limit for composition levy under section 10(1) shall be ₹ 75 lakh **in respect of 8 of the Special Category States** namely:

Special Category States	
Arunachal Pradesh	Mizoram
Uttarakhand	Nagaland
Manipur	Sikkim
Meghalaya	Tripura

In case of Special Category States of **Assam, Himachal Pradesh** and **Jammu and Kashmir**, the turnover limit will be ₹ 1.5 crore only.

Thus, if the aggregate turnover of a supplier in a State/UT other than Special Category States (except Assam, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir) is upto ₹ 1.5 crore in the preceding financial year, said supplier is eligible for composition scheme under section 10(1). Further, it is important to note that the aggregate turnover is computed on all India basis for a person having same Permanent Account Number (PAN) – *Refer the definition of aggregate turnover discussed in subsequent paras.*





(35) A shoes' dealer 'Prithviraj' has offices in Maharashtra and Goa. He makes intra-State supply of goods from both these offices.

In order to determine whether 'Prithviraj' is eligible to avail benefit of the composition scheme under section 10(1), turnover of both the offices would be taken into account and if the same does not exceed ₹ 1.5 crore in the preceding financial year, 'Prithviraj' can opt to avail the composition levy scheme (subject to fulfilment of other prescribed conditions) for goods for both the offices in the current financial year.

Further, the option of a registered person to avail composition scheme under section 10(1) shall lapse with effect from the day on which his aggregate turnover during a financial year exceeds the threshold limit of ₹ 1.5 crore [₹ 75 lakh in 8 specified special category States] [Section 10(3)].

Turnover limit in case of composition levy under section 10(2A)

Section 10(2A) provides the turnover limit of ₹ 50 lakh in the preceding financial year for becoming eligible for composition levy under section 10(2A).



(36) A hair stylist 'Biloo Barber' has his salon in Delhi and Haryana, making intra-State supplies.

In order to determine whether 'Biloo' is eligible to avail benefit of the composition scheme under section 10(2A), turnover of both the salons would be taken into account and if the same does not exceed ₹ 50 lakh in the preceding financial year, 'Biloo' can opt to avail the composition levy scheme (subject to fulfilment of other prescribed conditions) for services for both the salons in the current financial year.

Further, the option of a registered person to avail composition scheme under section 10(2A) shall lapse with effect from the day on which his aggregate turnover during a financial year exceeds the threshold limit of ₹ 50 lakh [Section 10(3)].





Summary

To summarise, a registered person opting for composition scheme under section 10(1) should have an aggregate turnover upto ₹ 1.5 crore [₹ 75 lakh in 8 specified Special Category States] in the preceding FY and he can avail the benefit of said scheme³⁶ for the current FY till the time his aggregate turnover in the current FY does not exceed ₹ 1.5 crore/₹ 75 lakh.

Similarly, a registered person opting for composition scheme under section 10(2A) should have an aggregate turnover upto ₹ 50 lakh in the preceding FY and he can avail the benefit of said scheme for the current FY till the time his aggregate turnover in the current FY does not exceed ₹ 50 lakh.

From the above discussion, it is apparent that the term aggregate turnover is of utmost importance. So, let us understand this term in detail.

(3) **Aggregate turnover under composition levy [Section 2(6) read with explanation 1 to section 10]**

The definition of aggregate turnover as contained in section 2(6) is analysed as follows:

The aggregate turnover is the sum of value of all outward supplies falling in the following four categories:

- ☐ Taxable supplies
- ☐ Exempt supplies
- ☐ Exports of goods or services or both
- ☐ Inter-State supplies

Aggregate turnover

It excludes:

- ☐ The value of inward supplies on which tax is payable by a person on reverse charge basis
- ☐ Taxes including cess paid under GST law.

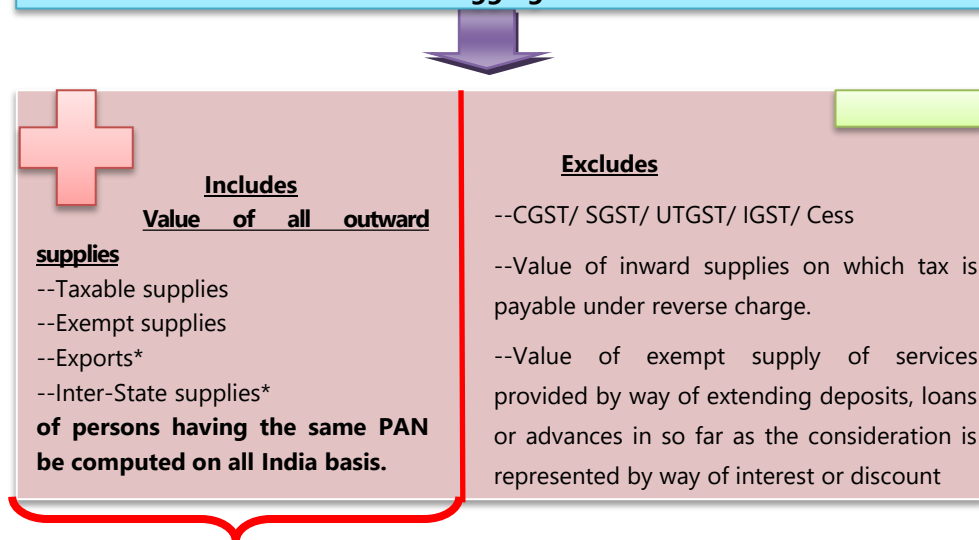
It is computed on all India basis for a person having same Permanent Account Number (PAN).

³⁶ Intimation for opting to pay tax under composition scheme must be filed prior to the commencement of the FY for which said option is exercised [Rule 3].

Further, explanation 1 to section 10 clarifies that for the purposes of computing **aggregate turnover of a registered person for determining his eligibility to pay tax under this section**, aggregate turnover **includes** value of supplies from 1st April of a FY up to the date of his becoming liable for registration and **excludes** value of exempt supply of services provided by way of extending deposits, loans or advances in so far as the consideration is represented by way of interest or discount.

On combined reading of the aforesaid provisions, the method of computing the aggregate turnover for the purpose of determining the eligibility of a registered person for the composition scheme [for both goods and services] can be depicted in a diagram as follows:

While computing the threshold limit of ₹ 1.5 crore/ ₹ 75 lakh / ₹ 50 lakh, inclusions in and exclusions from 'aggregate turnover' are as follows:



Value of supplies made by registered person from 1st April of a FY up to the date when he becomes liable for registration under this Act

***Note:** The value of exports and inter-State supplies are relevant only while determining the aggregate turnover of the preceding FY. These values are not relevant for determining the aggregate turnover of the current FY in which the composition supplier has opted for composition levy as he is not permitted to make inter-State supplies and exports in the said FY³⁷.

³⁷ Section 10(2)(c)

(4) Rates of tax under the composition levy scheme [Section 10(1) and section 10(2A) read with rule 7]

Rule 7 prescribes the rates at which tax is payable by a registered person opting for composition levy – composition levy under section 10(1) and composition levy under section 10(2A).

Rates of tax in case of composition levy under section 10(1)

A registered person opting for composition levy under section 10(1) shall pay tax calculated at the prescribed rates [mentioned in table below] during the current FY, in lieu of the tax payable by him under regular scheme:

S. No.	Category of registered persons	Rate of tax
1	Manufacturers, other than manufacturers of notified goods, i.e. ice cream, pan masala, tobacco, aerated waters, fly ash bricks; fly ash aggregate, fly ash blocks, bricks of fossil meals or similar siliceous earths, building bricks, earthen or roofing tiles.	½ % ³⁸ of the turnover in the State/Union territory
2	Suppliers making supplies referred to in clause (b) of paragraph 6 of Schedule II [referred to as “Restaurant service” in discussion under this chapter]	2½ % ³⁹ of the turnover in the State/Union territory
3	Any other supplier eligible for composition levy under section 10 of CGST Act and Chapter-II [Composition Levy] of CGST Rules.	½ % ⁴⁰ of turnover of <u>taxable supplies</u> of goods & services in the State/Union territory

Note - Students may note that the ‘aggregate turnover’ of preceding FY is relevant for the purpose of determining eligibility to avail composition scheme, but the tax has to be paid in accordance with the applicable rates on the ‘turnover’ (or ‘turnover of taxable supplies’ in case of third category of registered persons above) in a State/UT. The concept of ‘Turnover in the State/UT’ under the composition levy has been explained subsequently in this chapter.

³⁸ Effective rate 1% (CGST+ SGST/UTGST)

³⁹ Effective rate 5% (CGST+ SGST/UTGST)

⁴⁰ Effective rate 1% (CGST+ SGST/UTGST)

ILLUSTRATION 1

Taxpayer 'Tolaram' is a manufacturer who has opted for composition levy under section 10(1), having one unit – A1 in UP and another unit – A2 in MP. Total turnover of two units in preceding FY was ₹ 115 lakh (₹ 85 lakh + ₹ 30 lakh). Turnover of units A1 and A2 in the first quarter of current financial year is ₹ 5 lakh and ₹ 10 lakh respectively. Compute the amount payable under composition levy under section 10(1) & 10(2) of the CGST Act, 2017 by 'Tolaram'.

ANSWER

Unit	Location	Turnover in previous FY	Turnover in 1st quarter of this FY	Total tax (@1%)
A1	U.P.	₹ 85 lakh	₹ 5 lakh	₹ 5,000
A2	M.P.	₹ 30 lakh	₹ 10 lakh	₹ 10,000
Total		₹ 115 lakh	₹ 15 lakh	₹ 15,000

ILLUSTRATION 2

Taxpayer 'Bholaram' is a trader (who has opted for composition levy under section 10(1) of both taxable and exempted goods (goods exempted by way of a notification).

It has one retail showroom – A1 in Punjab and another retail showroom – A2 in Rajasthan, both selling taxable as well as exempted goods. Total turnover (including taxable and exempted goods) of the two showrooms in last FY was ₹ 115 lakh (₹ 85 lakh + ₹ 30 lakh respectively).

Turnover of showrooms A1 and A2 in the first quarter of current financial year is ₹ 35 lakh [A1 - ₹ 15 lakh (₹ 5 lakh from sale of taxable goods and ₹ 10 lakh from sale of exempted goods) and A2 - ₹ 20 lakh (₹ 10 lakh from sale of taxable goods and ₹ 10 lakh from sale of exempted goods)]. Compute the amount payable under composition levy under section 10(1) & 10(2) of the CGST Act, 2017 by 'Bholaram'.

ANSWER

Retail showroom	Location	Turnover in previous FY	Taxable turnover* in 1st quarter of this FY	Total tax (@1%)
A1	Punjab	₹ 85 lakh	₹ 5 lakh	₹ 5,000
A2	Rajasthan	₹ 30 lakh	₹ 10 lakh	₹ 10,000
Total		₹ 115 lakh	₹ 15 lakh	₹ 15,000

**Note: A supplier, other than manufacturer and restaurant service provider, eligible for composition levy under section 10(1) & 10(2) has to pay tax @ 1% (CGST+ SGST) of the turnover of only taxable supplies of goods and services in the State.*

Rates of tax in case of composition levy under section 10(2A)

A registered person opting for composition levy under section 10(2A) shall pay tax @ 3% [Effective rate 6% (CGST+ SGST/UTGST)] of the turnover of supplies of goods and services in the State or Union territory.

ILLUSTRATION 3

Taxpayer 'Padmavati' is a salon stylist, who has opted for composition levy under section 10(2A), having one branch – B1 in Vasant Kunj, Delhi and another branch – B2 in Gurgaon, Haryana. Total turnover of the two branches in last FY was ₹45 lakh (₹25 lakh + ₹20 lakh respectively). The turnover of branches B1 and B2 in the first quarter of current financial year is ₹5 lakh and ₹10 lakh respectively. Compute the amount payable under composition levy under section 10(2A) of the CGST Act, 2017 by 'Padmavati'.

ANSWER

Branch	Location	Turnover in previous FY	Turnover in 1st quarter of this FY	Total tax (@6%)
B1	Delhi	₹ 25 lakh	₹ 5 lakh	₹ 30,000
B2	Haryana	₹ 20 lakh	₹ 10 lakh	₹ 60,000
Total		₹ 45 lakh	₹ 15 lakh	₹ 90,000

As seen above, since the tax under composition scheme has to be computed as a specified % of the turnover in State or turnover in Union territory, it is pertinent to understand what is turnover in 'State or turnover in Union territory.

(5) Turnover in State or turnover in Union territory under composition levy [Section 2(112) read with explanation 2 to section 10]

As per section 2(112), turnover in State/ turnover in Union territory means the aggregate value of all taxable supplies (excluding the value of inward supplies on which tax is payable by a person on reverse charge basis) and exempt supplies made within a State or Union territory by a taxable person, exports of goods or services or both and inter-State supplies of goods or services or both made from the State or Union territory by the said taxable person but excludes central tax, State tax, Union territory tax, integrated tax and cess.

Turnover in State
Turnover in Union territory

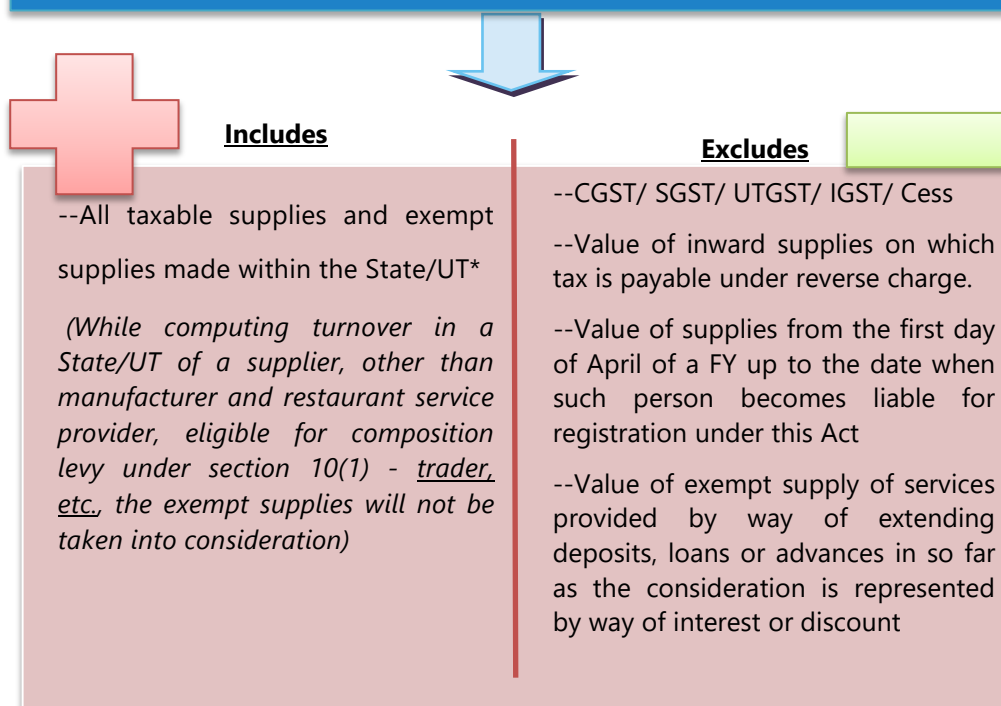
Further, explanation 2 to section 10 clarifies that for the purposes of **determining the tax payable by a person under this section**, the expression turnover in State or turnover in Union territory **shall not include** the value of following supplies, namely:

- (i) supplies from 1st April of a FY up to the date when such person becomes liable for registration under this Act; and

- (ii) exempt supply of services provided by way of extending deposits, loans or advances in so far as the consideration is represented by way of interest or discount.

On combined reading of the aforesaid provisions, the method of computing the **turnover in a State/UT for paying tax under the composition scheme** can be depicted in a diagram on the next page:

While computing the Turnover in a State/UT to pay tax under composition levy, inclusions and exclusions are as follows:



(37) A photographer 'Champak' has commenced providing photography services in Delhi from April this year. His turnover for various quarters till December is as follows:

April-June	₹ 20 lakh
July-Sept	₹ 30 lakh
Oct-Dec	₹ 20 lakh

In the given case, since Champak has started the supply of services in the current financial year, his aggregate turnover in the preceding FY is Nil. Consequently, in the current FY, he is eligible for composition scheme under section 10(2A). He becomes eligible for the registration when his aggregate turnover exceeds ₹ 20 lakh.

While registering under GST, he opts for composition scheme under section 10(2A).

For determining his turnover of the State for payment of tax under composition scheme under section 10(2A), turnover of April-June quarter [₹ 20 lakh] shall be excluded as the value of supplies from the first day of April of a financial year up to the date when such person becomes liable for registration under this Act are to be excluded for this purpose.

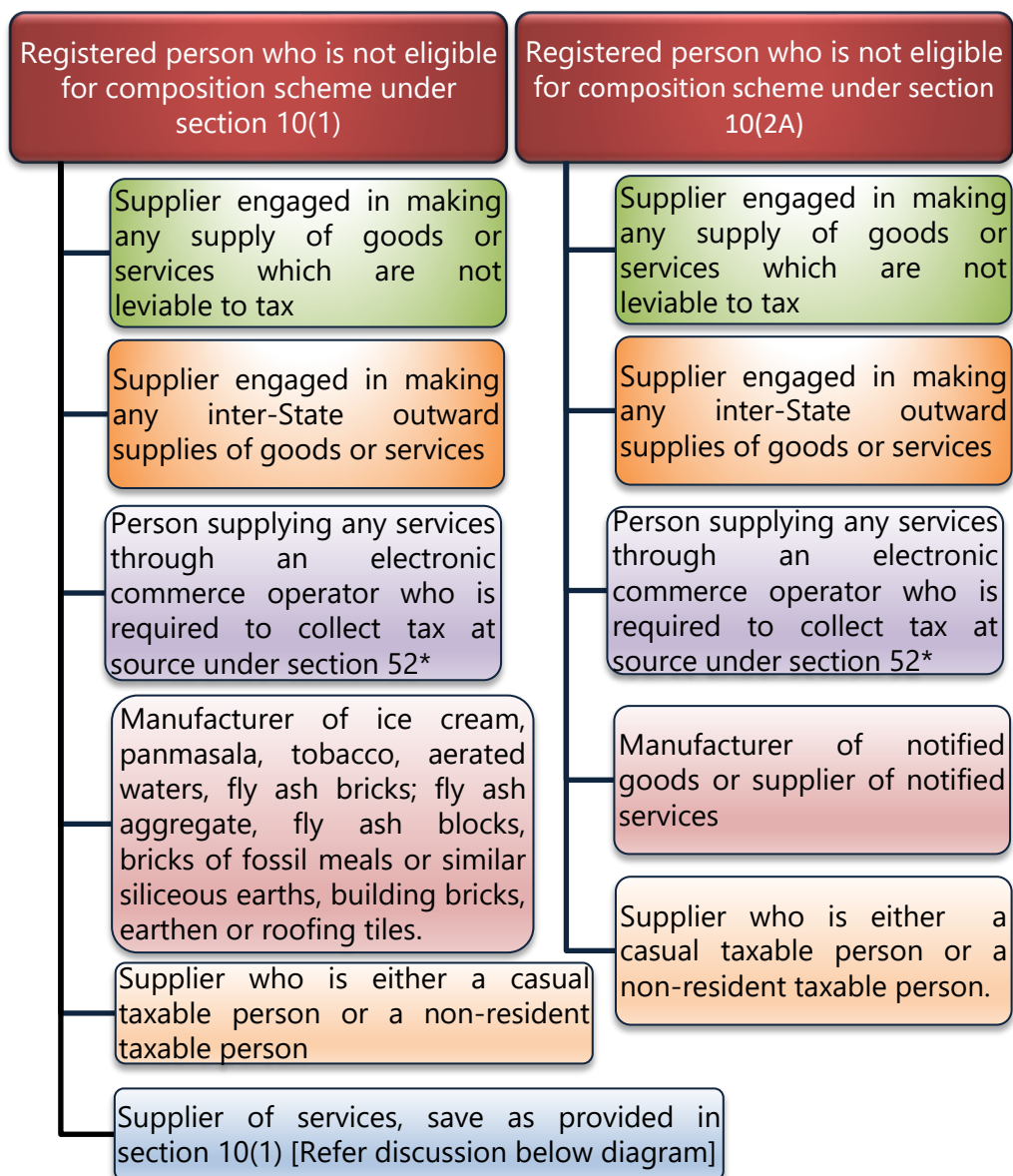
On next ₹ 30 lakh [turnover of July-Sept quarter], he shall pay tax @ 6% [3% CGST and 3% SGST], i.e. CGST ₹ 90,000 and SGST ₹ 90,000.

By the end of July-Sept quarter, his aggregate turnover reaches ₹ 50 lakh*.

Consequently, his option to avail composition scheme under section 10(2A) shall lapse by the end of July-Sept quarter and thereafter, he is required to pay tax at the normal rate of 18%. Thus, the tax payable for Oct-Dec quarter is ₹ 20 lakh × 18%, i.e. ₹ 3,60,000.

**while computing aggregate turnover for determining Champak's eligibility to pay tax under composition scheme, value of supplies from the first day of April of a financial year up to the date when such person becomes liable for registration under this Act (i.e. turnover of April-June quarter), are included.*

(6) Who are NOT eligible to opt for composition scheme? [Section 10(2) and (2A)]



**Section 52 relating to tax collected at source has been discussed in detail in Chapter 14 – Tax Deduction at Source and Collection of Tax at Source in Module 2 of this Study Material.*



There is no restriction on composition supplier to receive inter-State inward supplies of goods or services.

A person engaged in marginal supply of services other than restaurant service also eligible for composition scheme under section 10(1) [Second proviso to section 10(1) read with section 10(2)(a)]

Fundamentally, the composition scheme under section 10(1) can primarily be availed in respect of goods and only one service namely, restaurant service. However, there are cases where a manufacturer/ trader is also engaged in supply of services other than restaurant service though the percentage of such supply of services is very small as compared to the supplies of goods. There may also be cases where a restaurant service provider is also engaged in supplying a small percentage of other services.

With a view to enable such taxpayers to avail of the benefit of composition scheme under section 10(1), second proviso to section 10(1) permits marginal supply of services [other than restaurant services – not supplying alcoholic liquor for human consumption] for a specified value along with the supply of goods and/or restaurant service, as the case may be. This specified value is value not exceeding:

(a) 10% of the turnover in a State/U.T. in the preceding financial year
or

(b) ₹ 5 lakh,

whichever is higher.

Thus, it can be inferred that where the turnover of a registered person opting for composition scheme under section 10(1) is upto ₹ 50 lakh in the preceding financial year, he can supply services [other than restaurant services] upto a maximum value of ₹ 5 lakh in the current financial year.

Further, where the turnover of a registered person opting for composition scheme is more than ₹ 50 lakh and upto ₹ 1.5 crore in the preceding financial year, he can supply services [other than restaurant services] in the current financial year upto a maximum value of 10% of the turnover in a State/Union territory in the preceding financial year.



(38) Ramsewak is engaged in supply of electronic products. His turnover in preceding FY is ₹ 60 lakh. Since his aggregate turnover in the preceding FY does not exceed ₹ 1.5 crore, he is eligible for composition scheme under section 10(1) in current FY. Further, in current FY, he can supply services of repair of electronic goods [which are services other than restaurant services] upto a value of not exceeding:

(a) 10% of ₹ 60 lakh, i.e. ₹ 6 lakh

or

(b) ₹ 5 lakh,

whichever is higher.

Thus, he can supply repair services upto a value of ₹ 6 lakh in current FY. If the value of services supplied exceeds ₹ 6 lakh, he becomes ineligible for the composition scheme under section 10(1) and has to opt out of the same.

Interest income to be excluded for determining the value of turnover in a State or Union territory under second proviso to section 10(1) [Explanation to second proviso to section 10(1)]

Generally, businesses tend to save and invest money in the form of deposits, loans or advances. However, this way they get engaged in supply of service by way of extending deposits, loans or advances⁴¹ – a service other than restaurant service. And where the income from such services cause the value of services⁴² supplied to exceed the value referred in second proviso to section 10(1)⁴³ [10% of the turnover in the preceding

⁴¹ It is, however, pertinent to note that services by way of extending deposits, loans or advances in so far as the consideration is represented by way of interest or discount are exempt from GST – Discussed in detail in Chapter 5 – Exemptions from GST in this Module of the Study Material.

⁴² other than restaurant services

⁴³ as discussed in preceding paras

FY in a State/Union territory or ₹ 5 lakh, whichever is higher], said business would have become ineligible for the composition scheme under section 10(1) and one has to opt out of the composition scheme. This can cause a lot of hardship to small businesses.

In view of the above, an explanation is inserted after second proviso to section 10(1) to clarify that for the purposes of second proviso to section 10(1), the value of supply of exempt services by way of extending deposits, loans or advances in so far as the consideration is represented by way of interest or discount, shall not be taken into account for determining the value of turnover in a State or Union territory.

Under second proviso to section 10(1), a registered person opting for composition scheme may supply services [other than restaurant services] of value not exceeding 10% of the turnover in the preceding financial year in a State/Union territory or ₹ 5 lakh, whichever is higher. **Thus, while computing value of services [other than restaurant services] as referred in this proviso, interest on loans/deposit/advances will not be taken into account.**



(39) Ms. Fatima runs a small readymade garments shop in Kochi, Kerala, under the composition scheme. Her turnover in the preceding financial year in Kerala was ₹ 80,00,000. Her permissible limit for services (other than restaurant services) under the second proviso to section 10(1):

(i) 10% of ₹ 80,00,000 = ₹ 8,00,000

or

(ii) ₹ 5,00,000

whichever is higher, i.e. ₹ 8,00,000

During the year, she provides tailoring/alteration services worth ₹ 6,50,000 and earns interest of ₹ 1,80,000 on a fixed deposit with her bank

If interest were counted: ₹ 6,50,000 + ₹ 1,80,000 = ₹ 8,30,000, it exceeds her ₹ 8,00,000 limit. However, as per above explanation, while computing value of services [other than restaurant services] as referred in second proviso to section 10(1), interest on loans/deposit/advances will not be taken into account. Thus, she will continue with composition scheme.

The provisions relating to composition levy discussed hereafter are applicable to both composition levy under section 10(1) as well as composition levy under section 10(2A).

(7) Conditions and restrictions for composition levy [Rule 5]

Person opting for composition levy has to comply with the following conditions:

- ☐ he shall pay tax under section 9(3)/9(4)⁴⁴ (reverse charge) on inward supply of goods or services or both.
- ☐ he is neither a casual taxable person nor a non-resident taxable person
- ☐ he shall mention the words **“composition taxable person, not eligible to collect tax on supplies”** at the top of the bill of supply issued by him; and
- ☐ he shall mention the words **“composition taxable person”** on every notice or signboard displayed at a prominent place at his principal place of business and at every additional place or places of business.



Further, where the goods held in stock by him are liable to be taxed under reverse charge under section 9(4)⁴⁵, the tax thereon has been paid under reverse charge under section 9(4).

In addition to the above conditions, **a registered person opting for composition scheme under section 10(1) must not be engaged in the**

⁴⁴ wherever applicable

⁴⁵ This condition applies in case where a builder/promoter opting for composition scheme has the stock of the goods on which he is required to pay GST on reverse charge basis under section 9(4) in one or more of the following cases:

- (i) Builder/promoter must purchase at least 80% of inputs and input services used in supplying the service, from registered persons. In case of shortfall, he's required to pay tax under reverse charge on all such inward supplies (to the extent short of 80% of the inward supplies from registered supplier).
- (ii) Where cement is received from an unregistered person, promoter/builder has to pay tax on supply of such cement under reverse charge and
- (iii) GST on capital goods is payable by the promoter on reverse charge basis.

manufacture of goods as notified under section 10(2)(e), during the preceding FY. The following goods have been hereby notified vide *Notification No. 14/2019 CT dated 07.03.2019* as amended:

Tariff item, subheading, heading or Chapter*	Description
2105 00 00	Ice cream and other edible ice, whether or not containing cocoa 
2106 90 20	Pan masala 
24	All goods, i.e. Tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes 
2202 10 10	Aerated Waters 
6815	Fly ash bricks; fly ash aggregate; Fly ash blocks 
6901 00 10	Bricks of fossil meals or similar siliceous earths 

6904 10 00	Building bricks	
6905 10 00	Earthen or roofing tiles	

** as specified in the First Schedule to the Customs Tariff Act, 1975*

(8) Intimation of opting for composition levy [Rules 3 & 4]

(i) Intimation by person applying for registration: Any person who is not registered and applies for registration may give an option to pay tax under composition levy **in Part B of the registration form, viz., Form GST REG-01**. The same shall be considered as an intimation to pay tax under composition levy. Such intimation shall be considered only after the grant of registration to the applicant. **The option to pay tax under composition levy shall be effective from the date from which registration is effective⁴⁶.**

(ii) Intimation by a registered person: A registered person who opts to pay tax under composition levy scheme shall **electronically file an intimation** in prescribed form on the GST Common Portal [www.gst.gov.in]. The intimation shall be filed **prior to the commencement of the FY** for which said option is exercised. He shall also furnish the **statement in prescribed form** in accordance with the provisions of rule 44(4) of CGST Rules, 2017 [Discussed in detail in Chapter 8 – Input Tax Credit in Module 2 of this Study Material] **within 60 days** from the commencement of the relevant FY. Any intimation in respect of any place of business in a State/UT

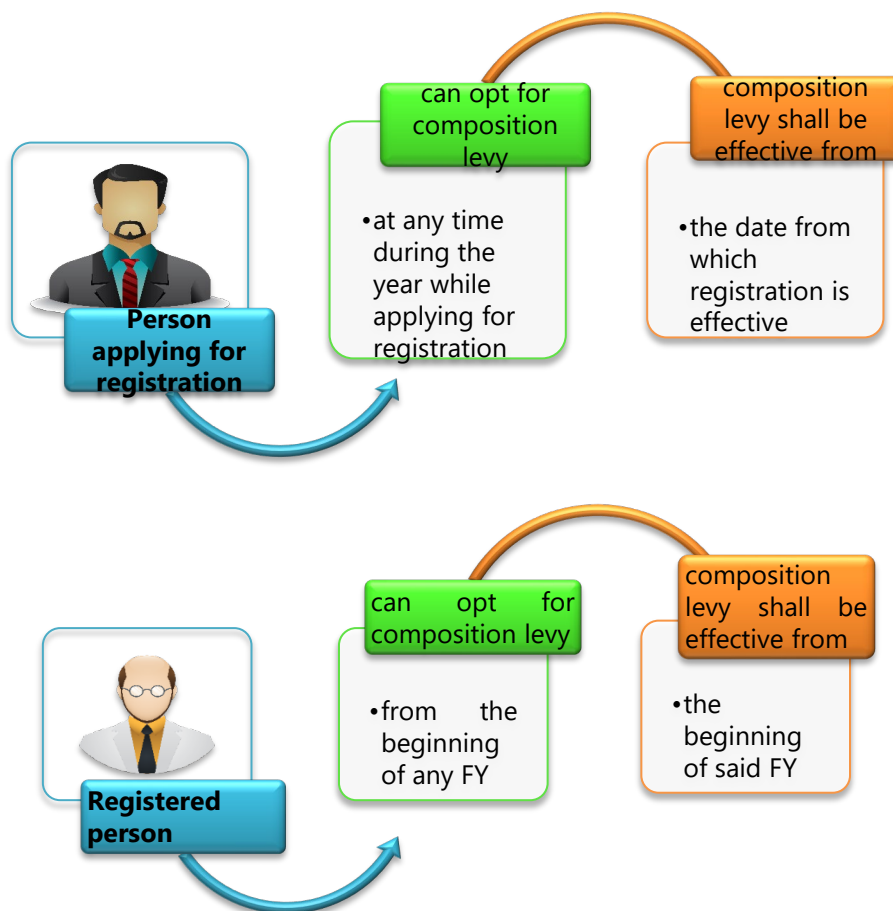
⁴⁶ Registration shall be effective from the date on which **the person becomes liable to registration** where the application for registration has been submitted within a period of thirty days from such date. Where an application for registration has been submitted by the applicant after the expiry of thirty days from the date of his becoming liable to registration, the effective date of registration shall be the date of the **grant of registration**. Discussed in detail in Chapter 9 – Registration in Module 2 of this Study Material.

shall be deemed to be an intimation in respect of all other places of business registered on the same PAN.

The option to pay tax under composition levy shall be effective from the beginning of the FY.

Summary

A person applying for registration can opt for composition at the time of applying for registration [this time being any time of the financial year] and composition levy shall be effective from the date from which registration is effective. A registered person can opt for composition scheme from the beginning of any FY and composition levy shall be effective from the beginning of said FY. Intimation for opting to pay tax under composition scheme must be filed prior to the commencement of the FY for which said option is exercised.



(9) Validity of composition levy [Section 10(3) read with rule 6⁴⁷]**I. Withdrawal from the composition scheme by a taxpayer who ceases to satisfy any of the prescribed conditions**

- ☐ The option exercised by a registered person to pay amount under composition levy shall remain valid so long as he satisfies all the conditions mentioned in the relevant section and rules. For instance, the option to pay tax under composition scheme lapses from the day on which aggregate turnover of a registered person exceeds the specified limit (₹ 1.5 crore/ ₹ 75 lakh/ ₹ 50 lakh) during the FY.
- ☐ Such person is required to pay tax under regular scheme under section 9(1) from the day he ceases to satisfy any of the conditions prescribed for composition levy. He shall issue tax invoice for every taxable supply made thereafter. Further, he is required to file an intimation for withdrawal from the scheme in prescribed form within 7 days of the occurrence of such event.
- ☐ The **effective date from which withdrawal from the composition scheme shall take effect** shall be the date indicated by him in his intimation, but such date may not be prior to the commencement of the financial year in which such intimation is being filed.

II. Withdrawal from the composition scheme by a taxpayer who intends to withdraw from the said scheme

- ☐ The registered person who intends to withdraw from the composition scheme shall, before the date of such withdrawal, file an application in prescribed form.
- ☐ The **effective date from which withdrawal from the composition scheme shall take effect** shall be the date indicated by him in his application, but such date may not be prior to the commencement of the financial year in which such application for withdrawal is being filed.

⁴⁷ read with Circular No. 77/51/2018 GST dated 31.12.2018

III. Denial of option to pay tax under the composition scheme by tax authorities

- ❑ Where the proper officer has reasons to believe that the registered person was not eligible to pay tax under composition scheme or has contravened the provisions of the CGST Act or provisions of this Chapter, he may issue a show cause notice (SCN) to such person. Upon receipt of reply to SCN, the proper officer shall pass an order either accepting the reply or denying the option to pay tax under composition scheme from the date of the option or from the date of the event concerning such contravention, as the case may be.
- ❑ In case of denial of option to pay tax under composition levy by the tax authorities, the effective date of such denial shall be from a date, including any retrospective date, as may be determined by tax authorities. However, such effective date shall not be prior to the date of contravention of the provisions of the CGST Act/ CGST Rules.

In each of the above cases, such person may furnish a statement in prescribed form containing details of the stock of inputs and inputs contained in semi-finished or finished goods held in stock by him on the date on which the option is withdrawn/denied, within a period of 30 days from the date from which the option is withdrawn/ or from the date of the order denying composition scheme.

Any intimation or application for withdrawal or denial of the option to pay tax under section 10 in respect of any place of business in any State or Union territory, shall be deemed to be an intimation in respect of all other places of business registered on the same PAN.



(40) A person availing composition scheme during a financial year crosses the turnover of ₹ 1.5 crore on 9th of December. The option availed shall lapse from the day on which his aggregate turnover during the financial year exceeds ₹ 1.5 crore, i.e. on 9th December, in this case.

(10) Composition scheme to be adopted uniformly by all the registered persons having the same PAN [Proviso to section 10(2) and proviso to section 10(2A)]

All registered persons having the same Permanent Account Number (PAN) have to opt for composition scheme. If one such registered person opts for normal scheme, others become ineligible for composition scheme.



(41) A dealer 'Kishorilal & Sons' has two offices in Delhi and is eligible for composition levy under section 10(1). If 'Kishorilal & Sons' opts for the composition scheme under section 10(1), both the offices would pay taxes under composition scheme and abide by all the conditions as may be prescribed for the said composition scheme.

(11) Composition scheme supplier cannot collect tax [Section 10(4)]

Taxable person opting for the composition scheme shall not collect tax from the recipient on supplies made by him. It implies that a composition scheme supplier cannot issue a tax invoice.

(12) Composition scheme supplier cannot enter into credit chain [Section 10(4)]

Taxable person opting for the composition scheme shall not be entitled to any credit of input tax.

(13) Imposition of penalty in case of irregular availment of the composition scheme [Section 10(5)]

If a taxable person has paid tax under the composition scheme though he was not eligible for the scheme, the person would be liable to penalty and the provisions of section 73 or 74⁴⁸ or section 74A⁴⁹ of the CGST Act shall be applicable for determination of tax and penalty.

⁴⁸ Provisions of sections 73 and 74 pertain to the period upto Financial year 2023-24

⁴⁹ Provisions of section 74A pertaining to period from Financial year 2024-25 onwards will be discussed at the Final level.

Quiz Time!

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A registered person _____ is not eligible for composition scheme even though his aggregate turnover does not exceed ₹ 1.5 crore in preceding FY.

(a) trading in pan masala

(b) manufacturing aerated waters

(c) receiving any inter-State inward supplies of goods

(d) making supply of goods exempted by way of a notification

Quiz Time!

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Alladin Electronics is engaged in intra-State supply of air-conditioners and has an aggregate turnover of ₹ 90 lakh in the preceding financial year. In the current financial year, it wishes to opt for composition scheme under section 10(1) and 10(2). It will start providing services of repairing of air conditioners also from 1st April of current financial year. Alladin Electronics can provide services upto the value of _____ to continue availing benefit of composition levy, in the current financial year.

(a) ₹ 5 lakh

(b) ₹ 4.5 lakh

(c) ₹ 10 lakh

(d) ₹ 9 lakh



LET US RECAPITULATE

1. Extent & commencement of CGST Act/ SGST Act/ UTGST Act/ IGST Act

Applicability	CGST	SGST	UTGST	IGST
	Intra-State supply			Inter-State supply
States of India	✓	✓		✓
Union Territories with Legislature	✓	✓		✓
Union Territories without Legislature	✓		✓	✓

2. Levy and collection of CGST/IGST

Particulars	CGST	IGST
Levied on	Intra-State supplies of goods/services/ both	Inter-State supplies of goods/services/both
Collected and paid by	Taxable person	
Supply outside purview of GST	Alcoholic liquor for human consumption and un-denatured extra neutral alcohol or rectified spirit used for manufacture of alcoholic liquor, for human consumption	
Value for levy	Transaction value under section 15 of the CGST Act	
Rates	Rates as notified by Government.	IGST rate= CGST rate + SGST rate/UTGST rate

	Maximum rate of CGST can be 20%.	Maximum rate of IGST can be 40%.
Supplies on which tax would be levied w.e.f. a notified date	☐ petroleum crude ☐ high speed diesel ☐ motor spirit (commonly known as petrol) ☐ natural gas and ☐ aviation turbine fuel	
Tax payable under reverse charge	☐ Supply of goods or services or both, notified by the Government. ☐ Supply of specified categories of goods or services or both by an unregistered supplier to specified class of registered persons.	
Tax payable by the electronic commerce operator	The Government may notify specific categories of services the tax on supplies of which shall be paid by electronic commerce operator (ECO) as if such services are supplied through it.	

3. List of services taxable under Reverse charge

S. No.	Category of supply of Services	Supplier of Service	Recipient of Service
1.	Supply of services of transportation of goods by road by GTA except where GTA exercises the option to pay tax under forward charge	Goods Transport Agency (GTA)	Any of the following: • Factory • Society • Co-operative society • Body corporate • Partnership firm • Casual taxable person

			Registered Person (Referred as Specified recipient.)
	Exception: Services provided by a GTA to- (a) Department/ Establishment of CG/SG/UT; or (b) Local Authority (LA); or (c) Governmental agencies (GA), which has taken registration only for the purpose of deducting TDS.		
2.	Legal services	An individual advocate including a senior advocate/firm of advocates.	Business entity
3.	Services by an arbitral tribunal	Arbitral tribunal	Business entity
4.	Sponsorship services	Any person other than a body corporate	Body corporate or partnership firm
5.	Services by CG/SG/UT/LA excluding, - (1) renting of immovable property service, and (2) (i) services by Department of Posts/ Ministry of Railways	CG/SG/UT/LA	Business entity

	(ii) services in relation to aircraft/vessel; (iii) transport of goods/passengers.		
5A.	Renting of immovable property service	CG/SG/UT/LA excluding the Ministry of Railways	Registered person
5AA.	Renting of residential dwelling service	Any person	Registered person
5AB.	Renting of any immovable property other than residential dwelling	Any unregistered person	Any registered person other than a person who has opted to pay tax under composition levy.
6.	Services by a director of a company/ body corporate	Director	Company/ body corporate
7.	Services supplied by an insurance agent	Insurance agent	Person carrying on insurance business
8.	Services supplied by a recovery agent	Recovery agent	Banking company/ financial institution/NBFC
9.	Services of transfer or permitting the use or enjoyment of a copyright covered under section 13(1)(a) relating to original dramatic, musical or artistic works	Music composer, photographer, artist, or the like	Music company, producer or the like

9A.	Services of copyright covered under section 13(1)(a) relating to original literary works except where the author exercises the option to pay tax under forward charge	Author	Publisher
10.	Supply of services by the members of Overseeing Committee	Members of Overseeing Committee constituted by the RBI	RBI
11.	Services supplied by individual Direct Selling Agents (DSAs)	Individual DSAs other than a body corporate, partnership or LLP firm	Banking company/NBFC
12.	Services by business facilitator	Business facilitator	Banking company
13.	Services provided by an agent of business correspondent	An agent of business correspondent	Business correspondent
14.	Security services Exceptions: Security services provided to- (l) (a) Department/ establishment of CG/SG/UT; or (b) LA; or	Any person other than a body corporate	Registered person

	(c) GA, which has taken registration only for the purpose of deducting TDS. (II) Registered composition supplier		
15.	• Renting of motor vehicle service • Vehicle designed to carry passengers • Cost of fuel is included in consideration charged from recipient	Non-body corporate who doesn't issue an invoice charging CGST @ 6% to service recipient.	Body corporate
16.	Services of lending of securities under Securities Lending Scheme, 1997	Lender	Borrower

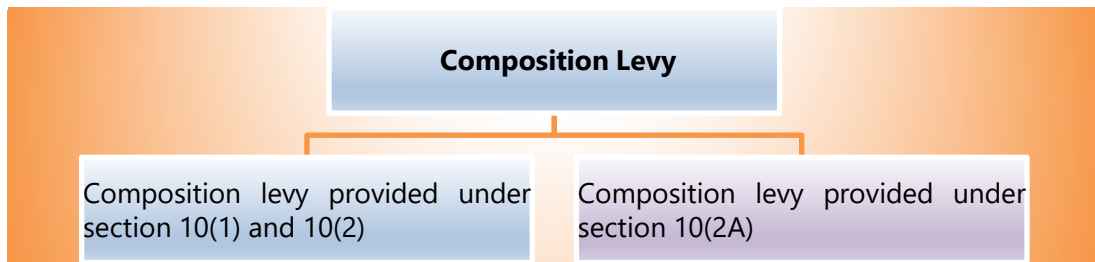
4. Composition levy [Section 10]

Composition levy

- An option for specified categories of small taxpayers to pay GST at a very low rate on the basis of turnover.

Advantages

- Low rates of tax
- Hassel free simple procedures for such taxpayers
- Simple calculation of tax based on turnover
- A very simple annual return

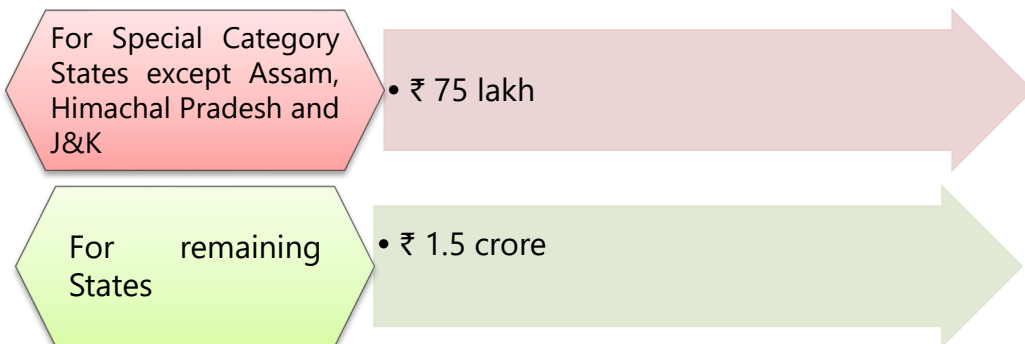


Procedure for opting for the scheme

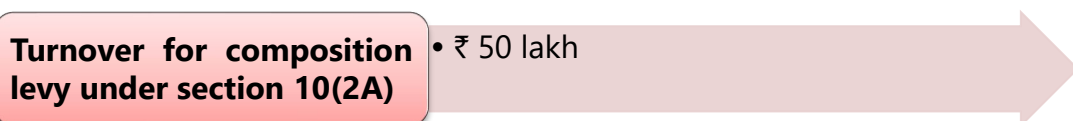
Category of persons	How to exercise option	Effective date of composition levy
New registration under GST	Intimation in the registration form	From the effective date of registration
Registered person opting for composition levy	Intimation in prescribed form	Beginning of the financial year

Turnover limit for composition levy

Turnover limit in preceding FY to opt for composition levy under section 10(1)



Turnover limit in preceding FY to opt for composition scheme under section 10(2A)



Rates of tax

Composition scheme	Category of registered persons	Rate
For goods	Manufacturer	1% ($\frac{1}{2}\%$ CGST + $\frac{1}{2}\%$ SGST/UTGST) of turnover
	Restaurant service	5% ($2\frac{1}{2}\%$ CGST + $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ SGST/UTGST) of turnover
	Others	1% ($\frac{1}{2}\%$ CGST + $\frac{1}{2}\%$ SGST/UTGST) of turnover of <u>taxable supplies</u>
For services		6% (3% CGST + 3% SGST/UTGST) of turnover

Conditions and restrictions for composition levy

Person opting for composition:

is neither a casual taxable person nor a non-resident taxable person

shall pay tax under section 9(3)/9(4) on inward supply

is not engaged in the manufacture of notified goods** [or notified services also in case of composition scheme under section 10(2A)]

shall mention the words “**composition taxable person, not eligible to collect tax on supplies**” at the top of the bill of supply issued by him

shall mention the words “composition taxable person” at a prominent place at his place of business

*** Goods notified for a registered person opting for composition scheme under section 10(1) are ice cream, pan masala, tobacco, aerated waters fly ash bricks, fly ash aggregate, fly ash blocks, bricks of fossil meals or similar siliceous earths, building bricks, earthen or roofing tiles.*

Who are NOT eligible to opt for composition scheme?

Registered person who is not eligible for composition scheme under section 10(1)	Registered person who is not eligible for composition scheme under section 10(2A)
Supplier engaged in making any supply of goods or services which are not leviable to tax i.e. non-taxable supplies	Supplier engaged in making any supply of goods or services which are not leviable to tax i.e. non-taxable supplies
Supplier engaged in making any inter-State outward supplies of goods or services	Supplier engaged in making any inter-State outward supplies of goods or services
Person supplying any services through an electronic commerce operator who is required to collect tax at source under section 52	Person supplying any services through an electronic commerce operator who is required to collect tax at source under section 52
Manufacturer of ice cream, pan masala, tobacco, aerated waters fly ash bricks, fly ash aggregate, fly ash blocks, bricks of fossil meals or similar siliceous earths, building bricks, earthen or roofing tiles.	Manufacturer of notified goods or supplier of notified services
Supplier who is either a casual taxable person or a non-resident taxable person	Supplier who is either a casual taxable person or a non-resident taxable person.
Supplier of services, save as provided in section 10(1)**	

***A registered person opting for composition scheme under section 10(1) is allowed to supply services [other than restaurant services] alongwith supply of goods or supply of restaurant services of value not exceeding 10% of the turnover in the preceding financial year in a State/Union territory or ₹ 5 lakh, whichever is higher. Here, while computing turnover in a State/UT, interest on loans/deposit/advances will not be taken into account.*

Other points

Bill of supply shall be issued instead of tax invoice.

Tax shall not be collected from recipient of supply

Input tax credit shall not be availed

Composition Scheme if availed shall include all registered persons having same PAN

Penalty shall be imposed in case of irregular availment of the composition scheme



TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

1. *State the person liable to pay GST in the following independent cases provided recipient is located in the taxable territory:*
 - (a) *Services provided by an arbitral tribunal to any business entity.*
 - (b) *Sponsorship services provided by a company to an individual.*
 - (c) *Renting of immovable property service provided by the Central Government to a registered business entity.*
2. *Vivek Goyal, an independent director, appointed in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013, of A2Z Pvt. Ltd., has received sitting fee amounting to ₹ 1 lakh from A2Z Pvt. Ltd for attending the Board meetings. Who is the person liable to pay tax in this case?*
3. *Raghu Associates, sole proprietorship, provided sponsorship services to WE-WIN Cricket Academy LLP. Determine the person liable to pay tax in this case.*
4. *Legal Fees is received by Sushrut, an advocate, from M/s. Tatva Trading Company, engaged in making taxable supplies and located in Maharashtra, having turnover of ₹ 50 lakh in preceding financial year. Who is the person liable to pay tax in this case?*
5. *State the person liable to pay GST in the following independent cases provided recipient is located in the taxable territory:*
 - (a) *Services supplied by an insurance agent to an insurance company.*
 - (b) *Services supplied by a recovery agent to a car dealer.*
 - (c) *Security services (services provided by way of supply of security personnel) provided by a partnership firm to a registered person paying tax under regular scheme.*
6. *Sultan & Sons, a partnership firm, based in Nagpur, Maharashtra is a wholesaler of a taxable product 'P' and product 'Q' exempt by way of a notification, only within the State of Maharashtra. Its aggregate turnover in the preceding financial year is ₹ 130 lakh. The firm wishes to opt for*

composition scheme under sub-sections (1) & (2) of section 10 in the current financial year. However, its accountant is of the view that a person engaged in making supply of exempt goods is not eligible for the said scheme. Discuss.

Note: Assume that Sultan & Sons is not engaged in manufacture of goods as notified under section 10(2)(e).

7. *A person availing composition scheme, under sub-sections (1) & (2) of section 10, in Haryana during a financial year crosses the turnover of ₹ 1.5 crore in the month of December. Will he be allowed to pay tax under composition scheme for the remainder of the year, i.e. till 31st March? Please advise.*
8. *Determine whether the suppliers in the following cases are eligible for composition levy, under section 10(1) & 10(2), provided their turnover in preceding year does not exceed ₹ 1.5 crore:*
 - (i) *Mohan Enterprises is engaged only in trading of pan masala in Rajasthan and is registered in the same State.*
 - (ii) *Sugam Manufacturers has registered offices in Punjab and Haryana and sells goods manufactured by it in the neighbouring States.*
9. *Subramanian Enterprises has two registered places of business in Delhi. Its aggregate turnover in the preceding financial year for both the places of business is ₹ 120 lakh. It wishes to pay tax under composition levy, under section 10(1) & 10(2), for one of the places of business for the current financial while continuing paying under normal levy for other. You are required to advise Subramanian Enterprises whether he can do so?*
10. *Mr. Ajay has a repair centre, registered under GST, where electronic goods are repaired/serviced. His repair centre is located in State of Rajasthan and he is not engaged in making any inter-State supply of services. His aggregate turnover in the preceding financial year (FY) is ₹ 45 lakh.*

With reference to the provisions of the CGST Act, 2017, examine whether Mr. Ajay can opt for the composition scheme under section 10(1) & 10(2) for the current financial year? Or whether he is eligible to avail benefit of composition scheme under section 10(2A)? Considering the option of payment of tax available to Mr. Ajay, compute the amount of total tax payable by him in the

current F.Y. assuming that his aggregate turnover in the current financial year is ₹35 lakh.

Will your answer be different if Mr. Ajay procures few items required for providing repair services from neighbouring State of Madhya Pradesh?

11. *M/s United Electronics, a registered dealer, is supplying all types of electronic appliances in the State of Karnataka. Its aggregate turnover in the preceding financial year by way of supply of appliances is ₹120 lakh.*

The firm also expects to provide repair and maintenance service of such appliances from the current financial year.

With reference to the provisions of the CGST Act, 2017, examine:

- (i) Whether the firm can opt for the composition scheme, under section 10(1) and 10(2), for the current financial year, as the turnover may include supply of both goods and services?*
- (ii) If yes, up to what amount, the services can be supplied?*



ANSWERS

1. (a) Since GST on services provided or agreed to be provided by an arbitral tribunal to any business entity located in the taxable territory is payable under reverse charge, in the given case, GST is payable by the recipient - business entity.
- (b) GST on sponsorship services provided by any person other than body corporate to any body corporate or partnership firm located in the taxable territory is payable under reverse charge. Since in the given case, services have been provided by a body corporate to an individual, reverse charge provisions will not be attracted. GST is payable under forward charge by the supplier – company.
- (c) GST on services supplied by Central Government excluding the Ministry of Railways (Indian Railways), State Government, Union territory or local authority by way of renting of immovable property to a person

registered under CGST Act, 2017 is payable under reverse charge. Therefore, in the given case, GST is payable under reverse charge by the recipient – registered business entity.

2. GST on supply of services by director of a company to the said company located in the taxable territory is payable on reverse charge basis.

Therefore, in the given case, person liable to pay GST is the recipient of services, i.e., A2Z Pvt. Ltd.

3. In case of services provided by any person other than body corporate by way of sponsorship to any body corporate or partnership firm, GST is liable to be paid under reverse charge by such body corporate or partnership firm located in the taxable territory.

Further, for the reverse charge purposes, Limited Liability Partnership formed and registered under the provisions of the Limited Liability Partnership Act, 2008 is also be considered as a partnership firm.

Therefore, in the given case, WE-WIN Cricket Academy LLP is liable to pay GST under reverse charge.

4. GST on legal services supplied by an advocate [Mr. Sushrut] to any business entity [M/s. Tatva Trading Company] located in the taxable territory is payable on reverse charge basis.

Therefore, in the given case, person liable to pay GST is the recipient of services, i.e., M/s. Tatva Trading Company.

5.
 - (a) GST on services supplied by an insurance agent to any person carrying on insurance business located in the taxable territory is payable under reverse charge. Therefore, in the given case, GST is payable under reverse charge by the recipient – Insurance Company.
 - (b) GST on services supplied by a recovery agent to a banking company or a financial institution or a non-banking financial company located in the taxable territory is payable under reverse charge. However, since, in the given case, services are being supplied by a recovery agent to a car dealer, GST is payable under forward charge by the service provider - recovery agent.

- (c) GST on security services (services provided by way of supply of security personnel) provided by any person other than a body corporate to a registered person, located in the taxable territory is payable under reverse charge. Therefore, in the given case, GST is payable under reverse charge by the recipient – registered person receiving the services.
6. The view taken by the accountant of Sultan & Sons is not valid in law. A registered person with an aggregate turnover in a preceding financial year up to ₹ 1.5 crore is eligible for composition levy, under section 10(1) & 10(2), in Delhi. Further, such person must not be engaged in making any supply of goods or services which are not leviable to tax under this Act and must not be engaged in making any inter-State outward supplies of goods or services, for being eligible to pay tax under said scheme.

In the given case, the aggregate turnover of Sultan & Sons does not exceed ₹ 1.5 crore. Further, it is engaged in making only intra-State supply of goods and Product P supplied by it is taxable and Product Q supplied by it is leviable to tax, though exempted by way of notification. Therefore, it is eligible for composition levy under section 10(1) & 10(2) in the current year.

7. No. The option to pay tax under composition scheme lapses immediately from the day on which the aggregate turnover of the person availing composition scheme under section 10(1) during the financial year exceeds the specified limit (₹ 1.5 crore). Once he crosses the threshold, he is required to file an intimation for withdrawal from the scheme in prescribed form within 7 days of the occurrence of such event.

Every person who has furnished such an intimation, may electronically furnish at the common portal, a statement in prescribed form containing details of the stock of inputs and inputs contained in semi-finished or finished goods held in stock by him on the date on which the option is withdrawn, within a period of 30 days from the date from which the option is withdrawn.

8. (i) A supplier engaged in the manufacture of goods as notified under section 10(2)(e), during the preceding FY is not eligible for composition scheme under section 10(1) and 10(2). Ice cream and other edible ice, whether or not containing cocoa, Pan masala, Tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes, aerated waters, fly ash bricks, fly ash

aggregate, fly ash blocks, bricks of fossil meals or similar siliceous earths, building bricks, earthen or roofing tiles are notified under this category. However, in the given case, since Mohan Enterprises is engaged in trading of pan masala and not manufacture and his turnover does not exceed ₹ 1.5 crore, he is eligible for composition scheme subject to fulfilment of specified conditions.

- (ii) Since supplier of inter-State outward supplies of goods or services is not eligible for composition levy, Sugam Manufacturers is not eligible for composition levy.
9. A registered person with an aggregate turnover in a preceding financial year up to ₹ 1.5 crore is eligible for composition levy, under section 10(1) & 10(2), in Delhi. Since the aggregate turnover of Subramanian Enterprises does not exceed ₹ 1.5 crore, it is eligible for composition levy in the current year. However, all registered persons having the same Permanent Account Number (PAN) have to opt for composition scheme. If one such registered person opts for normal scheme, others become ineligible for composition scheme. Thus, Subramanian Enterprises either have to opt for composition levy for both the places of business or under normal levy for both the places of business.
10. Section 10(1) provides that a registered person, whose aggregate turnover in the preceding financial year did not exceed ₹ 1.5 crore (₹ 75 lakh in Special Category States except Assam, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir), may opt to pay, in lieu of the tax payable by him, an amount calculated at the specified rates. However, as per proviso to section 10(1), person who opts to pay tax under composition scheme may supply services other than restaurant services, of value not exceeding 10% of the turnover in a State or Union territory in the preceding financial year or ₹ 5 lakh, whichever is higher.

In the given case, since Mr. Ajay is an exclusive supplier of services other than restaurant services [viz. repair services], he is not eligible for composition scheme under section 10(1) & 10(2).

However, section 10(2A) provides an option to a registered person (subject to certain conditions) whose aggregate turnover in the preceding financial year is upto ₹ 50 lakh and who is not eligible to pay tax under composition scheme under section 10(1) & 10(2), to pay tax @ 3% [Effective rate 6%

(CGST+ SGST/UTGST)] of the turnover of supplies of goods and services in the State or Union territory.

Thus, in view of the above-mentioned provisions, Mr. Ajay is eligible to avail the composition scheme under section 10(2A) as his aggregate turnover in the preceding FY does not exceed ₹ 50 lakh and he is not eligible to opt for the composition scheme under section 10(1) & 10(2).

Thus, the amount of tax payable by him as per the composition scheme under section 10(2A) is ₹ 2,10,000 [6% of ₹ 35 lakh].

A registered person cannot opt for composition scheme under section 10(2A), if, *inter alia*, he is engaged in making any inter-State outward supplies. However, there is no restriction on inter-State procurement of goods. Hence, answer will remain the same even if Mr. Ajay procures few items from neighboring State of Madhya Pradesh.

- 11. (i)** The registered person, whose aggregate turnover in the preceding financial year does not exceed ₹ 1.5 crore, may opt to pay tax under composition levy, under section 10(1) and 10(2).

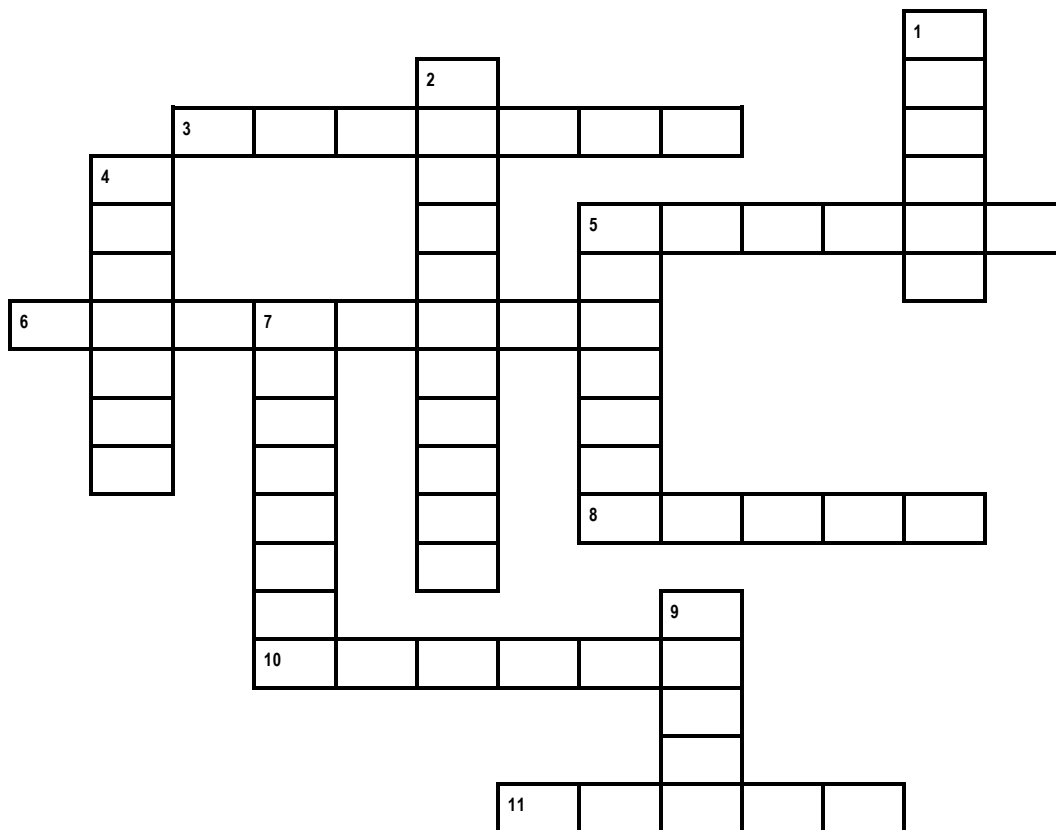
The scheme can be availed by an intra-State supplier of goods and supplier of restaurant service.

However, the composition scheme permits supply of marginal services (other than restaurant services) for a specified value along with the supply of goods and restaurant service, as the case may be.

Thus, M/s United Electronics can opt for composition scheme for the current financial year as its aggregate turnover is less than ₹ 1.5 crore in the preceding financial year and it is not engaged in inter-State outward supplies.

- (ii)** The registered person opting for composition scheme, under section 10(1) and 10(2), can also supply services (other than restaurant services) for a value up to 10% of the turnover in the preceding year or ₹ 5 lakh, whichever is higher, in the current financial year.

Thus, M/s United Electronics can supply repair and maintenance services up to a value of ₹ 12 lakh [10% of ₹ 120 lakh or ₹ 5 lakh, whichever is higher] in the current financial year.



ACROSS

3. Manufacturer of _____ are not eligible for opting for composition levy under section 10(1).
5. GST on _____ shall be levied with effect from such date as may be notified by the Government on the recommendations of the Council.
6. Tax on service by way of renting of residential _____ to a registered partnership firm is payable under reverse charge.
8. Tax on renting of immovable property services supplied by a _____ authority to a registered person is payable under reverse charge.

10. Supply of goods which attracts nil rate of tax is an _____ supply.
11. Supplier engaged in making any _____ State outward supplies of goods or services is not eligible for opting for composition levy under section 10(1).

DOWNWARDS

1. HSN stands for Harmonized _____ of Nomenclature.
2. Tax on services provided by business _____ to a banking company is payable under reverse charge.
4. Tax on supply of services of security personnel by a body corporate to a registered person is payable under _____ charge.
5. Electronic Commerce means the supply of goods and/or services including digital products over _____ or electronic networks.
7. Supplier engaged in making any supply of goods not _____ to tax is not eligible for opting for composition levy under section 10(1).
9. CGST and _____ are payable on intra-State supply of goods in Ladakh.
(Acronym)

