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I. CHART OF FORTHCOMING DUE DATES: -

a) GST

Month	GSTR -1 Monthly	GSTR -3B	GSTR -1 Quarterly
October 2019	11 th	20 th	31 st

b) Others

Month	TDS Payment	ESIC Payment	P.F. Payment	Income Tax Return*	DIR-3-KYC	TDS Return (Q2)	LLP Form-8
October 2019	7 th	15 th	15 th	31 st	14 th	31 st	31 st

* For all corporate assesseees and to whom Tax Audit is applicable

II. OVERVIEW:

o E-ASSESSMENT SCHEME 2019:

The Central Board of Direct Taxes on 12th September, 2019 notified the E-assessment scheme, 2019.

➤ Scope of the Scheme:

The scheme shall be applicable for such territorial area / person / class of persons / incomes / class of incomes / cases / class of cases as may be specified by the Board.

➤ Structure:

For the purpose of this Scheme, the Board may set up following units:

1. National E-Assessment Centre - For conducting e-assessment in centralized manner
2. Regional E-Assessment Centres - To Facilitate the conduct of e-assessment proceedings under the jurisdiction of the regional Principal Chief Commissioner.
3. Assessment Units - For identification of points / issues; seeking information / clarification on points / issues
4. Verification Units - For performing the function of verification, enquiry, cross-verification, examination and such other functions.
5. Technical Units - For providing Technical Assistance including Legal, accounting, forensic, information technology
6. Review Units - For reviewing the draft assessment order, including checking the relevant and material evidence.

➤ Procedure:

The assessment under this scheme shall be made as per the below procedure:

Sr. No.	Particulars	Responsibility
1.	Serve Notice on the Assessee	National e-Assessment Centre
2.	File Reply to the Notice (Within 15 Days from date of receipt of notice)	Assessee
3.	Assign the case selected to specific unit in any one Regional e-assessment Centre through automated allocation system	National e-Assessment Centre
4.	Request for obtaining further information to the National e-assessment Centre.	Assessment Unit to which the case is assigned

5.	Assigning Request for conduction certain enquiry to the Verification Unit	National e-Assessment Centre
6.	Draft Assessment order and send to National e-Assessment Centre	Assessment Unit
7.	Examine the Draft Assessment order	National e-Assessment Centre
8.	Serve Show Cause Notice to the Assessee as to why the demand can't be upheld	National e-Assessment Centre
8.	Review of the Daft Assessment Order	Review Unit
9.	Modifications to the Draft Assessment Order as per suggestions from the Review Unit & Finalize the Order	Assessment unit
10.	Finalize Assessment	National e-Assessment Centre
11.	Handing over the electronic file to the jurisdictional Assessing Officer	National e-Assessment Centre

➤ Other Aspects:

- Power to initiate penalty proceedings by the Assessment unit in case of non-compliance of any notice, discretion or order.
- Exchange of communication to be exclusively by electronic mode.
- Request for personal hearing can be made, which shall take place through Video Conference.

➤ CONCLUSION:

- No requirement to appear either personally or through authorized representative.
- The replies to the notices can be prepared at ease by the taxpayers at their own residence or office and be sent by email to the National e-Assessment Centre by uploading the same on the designated web portal
- This will ease the compliance for Taxpayers, which would result in disposing off the cases expeditiously.
- It will bring transparency and efficiency and improve the quality of assessment and monitoring
- However, multiple units sept up to facilitate e-assessment would initially make the procedure complicated for common taxpayer.

III. INCOME TAX ACT:

o THE TAXATION LAWS (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE, 2019:

The Taxation Laws (Amendment) Ordinance, 2019 was promulgated on 20th September, 2019 to amend the Income Tax Act, 1961 and the Finance (No.2) Act, 2019. The ordinance is introduced to provide option to the Domestic Companies to opt for lower tax rates provided, they do not claim certain deductions.

NEW INCOME TAX RATES:

Applicability: From the Financial Year 2019-20 (i.e. Assessment Year 2020-21)

FOR DOMESTIC COMPANIES

•PRESENT

- Domestic Companies with Annual Turnover up to Rs. 400 Crore – 25%
- Other Domestic Companies - 30%

•NEW

- All Domestic Companies
- Optional Income Tax Rate – 22% (available only if certain #deductions are not claimed)

FOR *NEW DOMESTIC MANUFACTURING COMPANIES

- Optional Income Tax Rate – 15% (available only if certain #deductions are not claimed)

#Deductions -

- Newly established units in Special Economic Zones
- Investment in new plant or machinery in notified backward areas,
- Expenditure on scientific research, agriculture extension, and skill development projects
- Depreciation of new plant or machinery (in certain cases); and
- Various other provisions in the Income Tax Act (under Chapter VI-A, except the deductions provided for employment of new employees)

*New Manufacturing Companies -

- Companies which will be set up and registered after September 30, 2019; and
- Start manufacturing before April 1, 2023.
- Excluding below companies:
 - formed by splitting up or reconstruction of an existing business
 - engaged in any business other than manufacturing, and
 - using any plant or machinery previously used in India (except under certain specified conditions)

Surcharge on Tax Payable at New Tax Rates:

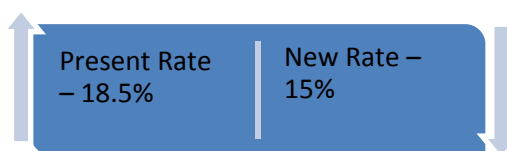
Present - Income between 1 Crore and 10 Crore - 7%

-Income more than Rs. 10 Crore - 12%

New - for Companies opting for New Rates - 10%

Minimum Alternate Tax (MAT):

MAT Rate is the minimum percentage of profit that a company is required to pay as tax, in case its tax liability falls below this threshold after claiming deductions under the Act.



For Domestic Companies opting to pay tax at new rates MAT will not be applicable

Changes in Surcharge on Capital Gains:

Tax and surcharge are levied on capital gains arising from transfer of securities in certain cases.

Exemption from Tax on Buy-Back of shares for specified companies:

Buy-Back of shares means purchase of its own shares by a Company. Tax is charged on the Company for the income generated from such transaction.

As per the Ordinance, below mentioned **listed companies** are exempted from this requirement;

Which has made public announcement regarding Buy-back of shares before 5th July, 2019

IV. COMPANIES ACT

o EXTENSION OF LAST DATE FOR FILING OF E-FORM BEN-2:

As per the Companies (Significant Beneficial Owners) Rules, 2018, every Significant Beneficial Owner is required to file Declaration in Form BEN-1 to the Company in which he holds the significant beneficial ownership. And where any declaration is received by the Company, it shall file a return in Form BEN-2 with the Registrar in respect of such declaration.

Upon receipt of representation regarding extension of last date of filing of e-form BEN-2 without additional fees, the Ministry of Corporate affairs has extended the last date of filing the e-form BEN-2 up to **31st December, 2019**.

o EXTENSION OF LAST DATE FOR FILING OF DIR-3-KYC:

As per the Companies (Appointment and Qualification of Directors) Fourth Amendment Rule, 2018 and the Amendment Rules, 2019: Every Individual who has been allotted DIN as on 31st March of a financial year, shall submit e-form DIR-3 KYC to the Central Government on or before 30th June of the immediate next financial year.

For the financial year 18-19, the DIR-3-KYC is to be submitted through web based service i.e. DIR-3-KYC WEB.

The Ministry of Corporate affairs vide notification dated 30th September, 2019 has extended the last date for filing of e-form DIR-3-KYC or web Form DIR-3-KYC WEB to **14th October, 2019**.

V. GOODS & SERVICE TAX

o DECISIONS AT THE 37TH GST COUNCIL MEETING:

➤ Exemption from Filing Annual Return:

Composition taxpayers are not required to file GSTR-9A for the FY 2017-18 and 2018-19.

➤ GSTR-9 made optional for small taxpayers:

For Taxpayers with Annual Turnover up to Rs. 2 Crores, filing of GSTR-9 shall be optional from the date notified by CBIC.

However, Large Taxpayers shall continue to file the Annual return as prescribed.

➤ Implementation of New GST Returns postponed to April 2020

The new return filing system earlier proposed to be implemented in a phased manner from October 2019 has been postponed to April 2020.

➤ Restrictions on ITC claim in GSTR-3B

The Council has decided to impose restrictions on availing input tax credit (ITC) by recipients in cases where the supplier has not filed his GSTR-1

➤ Miscellaneous Exemptions:

- The supply of goods and services to FIFA and other specified persons have also been exempted for the U17 Women's World Cup, which is to take place in India;
- Services of storage or warehousing of cereals, pulses, fruits, nuts and vegetables, spices, copra, sugarcane, jaggery, raw vegetable fibres such as cotton, flax, jute etc., indigo, unmanufactured tobacco, betel leaves, tendu leaves, rice, coffee and tea.
- The exemption on specified imports of defence goods that have been not been manufactured indigenously has been extended to 2024
- 'Aerated Drink' manufacturers to be excluded from the Composition scheme.
- Exemption from GST/IGST on supply of goods and services to the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) for specified projects in India.

➤ Rescission of Circulars Issued:

- Circular on Supply of Information Technology enabled Services

Issued for providing clarification for services qualifying as Intermediary services in the Information Technology enabled Services sector - **New Circular will be issued shortly.**

- Circular on Taxability of post-sales discounts

Clarification whether post-sales discount to be included in the value of supply or not and whether ITC is to be reversed at the time of issuing a Credit note or not in specified cases - **This Circular has been revoked ab-initio.**

➤ Changes in GST Rates:

Sr. no.	Goods	Original Rate	New Rate
1.	Slide Fasteners	18%	12% ↓
2.	Marine Fuel	18%	5% ↓
3.	Wet Grinders	12%	5% ↓
4.	Cut and polished semi-precious stones	3%	0.25% ↓
5.	Dried Tamarind & Plates and cups made up of leaves/flowers/bark	5%	NIL ↓
6.	Specified goods for petroleum operations under Hydrocarbon Exploration licensing Policy	Applicable Rate	5% ↓
7.	Railway Wagons, coaches, rolling stock (without accumulated Input Tax)	5%	12% ↑
8.	Caffeinated Beverages	18%	28% ↑
9.	Packing of goods - Polypropylene / Polythene woven and non-woven bags and sacks, laminated or not	5%; 12%; 18%	Uniform rate of 12% ↑

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