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CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNIQUE...

DEAR MEMBERS,

Greetings and warm wishes as we delve into the pages of another insightful edition of our Monthly Journal. It is my privilege to address you through this platform, reflecting on the latest developments in the world of finance and the pivotal role each of you plays in shaping its trajectory.

Our journey as a community of financial experts has been one of continuous learning, innovation, and adaptability. In each challenge, we have found an opportunity to excel, and in every success, a reason to set higher benchmarks. The dedication you bring to your roles not only elevates the profession but also reinforces our institute's reputation as a beacon of excellence.

In this month's journal, you will find a treasure trove of insights, analyses, and best practices that are designed to equip you for the multifaceted challenges that lie ahead. Topics that shed light on various issues, the articles within these pages are a testament to our collective pursuit of excellence.

As we march forward, let us remember that our actions reverberate far beyond balance sheets and ledgers. We have a significant impact on the financial health of businesses, individuals, and economies at large. Our ethical compass and dedication to the highest standards are paramount in maintaining trust and integrity in financial transactions.

I encourage each of you to engage with the content of this journal wholeheartedly, to share your thoughts and experiences, and to continue contributing to the growth and advancement of our esteemed profession.

Thank you for your continued support.

Warm regards,

CA Ganesh Bhalerao Chairman Aurangabad

CBDT notifies Rule for determination of value of perquisite in respect of residential accommodation provided by employer

The Finance Act, 2023 brought in an amendment for the purposes of calculation of "perquisite" with regard to the value of rent-free or concessional accommodation provided to an employee, by his employer. Accordingly, CBDT has modified Rule 3 of the Income-tax Rules, 1961 to provide for the same.

The categorisation and the limits of cities and population have now been based on the 2011 census as against the 2001 census earlier. The revised limits of population are 40 lakh in place of 25 lakh and 15 lakh in place of 10 lakh. The earlier perquisite rates of 15%, 10% and 7.5% of the salary have now been reduced to 10%, 7.5% and 5% of the salary respectively in the amended Rule. This is summarised as under:

Previous Categorisation and Rates		New Categorisation and Rates	
Population	Perquisite Rate	Population	Perquisite Rate
More than 25 lakh	15%	More than 40 lakh	10%
Between 10 lakh and 25 lakh	10%	Between 15 lakh and 40 lakh	7.5%
Less than 10 lakh	7.5%	Less than 15 lakh	5%

The Rule has also been further rationalised so as to compute a fair tax implication of the same accommodation being occupied by an employee for more than one previous year.

Notification No. 65/2023 dated 18th August, 2023 has been published and is available at https://egazette.nic.in.

WHAT HAS CHANGED FOR COMPANIES WITH MORE THAN RS. 5 CRORES TURNOVER FROM 01/08/2023

As per the GST guidelines, it will be mandatory for companies with a b2b transaction value of ₹5 crore, to produce an electronic invoice. Earlier, companies with an annual revenue of ₹10 crore or above were required to generate e-invoice.

On july 28, the central board of indirect taxes and customs tweeted about the change in rule. In its tweet, the CBIC informed that GST taxpayers whose aggregate turnover is more than ₹5 crore in any financial year, have to mandatorily produce e-invoice for b2b supply of goods or services or both, or for exports from 1 august 2023.

The notification was released for the lower threshold businesses by the CBIC in May. The move will help in boosting collections and compliance under the GST.

Recommendations of 51st GST Council Meeting GST Council recommended certain amendments in CGST Act, 2017 and IGST, Act 2017, including amendment in Schedule III of CGST Act, 2017, to provide clarity on taxation of supplies in casinos, horse racing and online gaming The 51st GST Council met under the Chairpersonship of Hon'ble Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman via video conferencing in New Delhi on 02.08.2023. The meeting was also attended by Union Minister of State for Finance Shri Pankaj Chaudhary besides Finance Ministers of States & UTs (with legislature) and senior officers of the Ministry of Finance & States/ UTs. The GST Council in the 50th meeting held on 11.07.2023 had deliberated on the Second Report of the Group of Ministers (GoM) on Casinos, Race Courses and Online Gaming and had recommended that the actionable claims supplied in Casinos, Horse racing and Online gaming may be taxed at the rate of 28% on full face value, irrespective of whether the activities are a game of skill or chance. The Council had also recommended that the law may be amended to provide clarity in the matter.

Accordingly, the GST Council in its 51st meeting recommended certain amendments in the CGST Act, 2017 and IGST Act, 2017, including amendment in Schedule III of CGST Act, 2017, to provide clarity on the taxation of supplies in casinos, horse racing and online gaming. The Council also recommended to insert a specific provision in IGST Act, 2017 to provide for liability to pay GST on the supply of online money gaming by a supplier located outside India to a person in India, for single registration in India for the said supplier through a simplified registration scheme and also for blocking of access by the public to any information generated, transmitted, received or hosted in any computer resource used for supply of online money gaming by such supplier in case of failure to comply with provisions of registration and payment of tax

The Council also recommended that valuation of supply of online gaming and actionable claims in casinos may be done based on the amount paid or payable to or deposited with the supplier, by or on behalf of the player (excluding the amount entered into games/ bets out of winnings of previous games/ bets) and not on the total value of each bet placed. The Council recommended that CGST Rules, 2017 may be amended to insert specific provisions for valuation of supply of online gaming and supply of actionable claims in casino accordingly. The Council also recommended issuance of certain notifications/ amendment in notification related to the issue. It was also decided by the Council that effort will be made to complete the process of making amendments in the Act at the earliest and bring the amendments into effect from 01.10.2023.

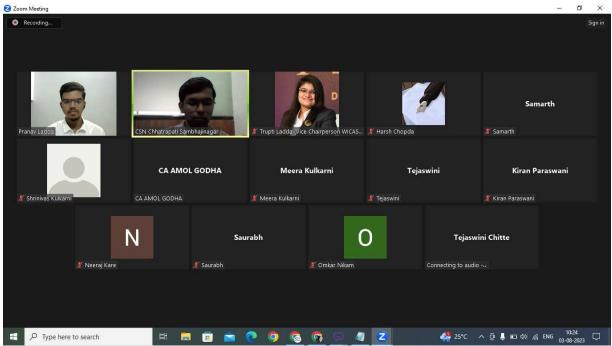


Invitation to Contribute Articles:

Articles are invited from members and students for being published in the Newsletter. Articles can be sent to aurangabad@icai.org. Word limit for articles is 2000 to 5000 words. Send the article alongwith Passport size scanned photo.

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PHOTO GALLERY...



Dated 3 Aug 2023, All India Rank Interview



Dated 4 Aug 2023, Half Day Seminar on GST Amendments, Floral Welcome of Speaker CA Umesh Sharma By Branch Chairman CA Ganesh Bhalerao



Dated 5 Aug 2023, National Talent Hunt



Dated 5 Aug to 11 Sept 2023, ISA 3.0 Batch, Floral Welcome of Speaker CA Amish Thakkar by CA Mayur Dhoot



Dated 12 Aug 2023, Half Day Seminar on Company law, Floral Welcome of Speaker CS Neha Agrawal.



Dated 13 Aug 2023, Trek to Aadrai



Dated 15 Aug 2023, Celebration of Independence day –Flag Hoisting

Dated 18 Aug 2023, Two Days National Conference , Lightning of Lamp, Dignitaries on Dias, L-R , Aurangabad Branch CA Mahesh Indani, Jalgaon Branch Chairperson CA Mamta Rajni, Nanded Branch Chairman CA Govind Bidwai, Aurangabad Branch Chairman CA Ganesh Bhalerao, Chief Guest Hon. Chief Commissioner of Income Tax Shri Rahul karna,CCM CA Umesh Sharma & Dhule Branch Chairman CA Rachendra Mundada.





Dated 20 Aug 2023, Seminar on Tax Audit jointly with WIRC – Virtually & Physically.



Dated 26 Aug 2023, Half Day Seminar on Audit Trail & Tax Audit Issues, Presentation of Momento to speaker CA Shraddha Khivasara by CA Jignesh Patel.