



# Just 5 Minutes

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# INCOME TAX

## 1. *Forms enabled*

- Offline Utility for Form 145 and Form 146 has been enabled on the e-Filing Portal.
- Form No. 126 & 128 under Income Tax Act, 2025 are enabled at TRACES portal.
- CBDT has notified ITR-2, ITR-3, ITR-5, ITR-6 & ITR-7 form for AY 2026-27.

# GST

## 1. *Pre-deposit Percentage in the GST Portal*

While filing an appeal in Form APL-01 on the GST portal, the pre-deposit % is auto-populated as 10%, and was previously non-editable. Due to this restriction, taxpayers faced difficulties in cases where the pre-deposit had already been made through other means or where the demand amount was incorrectly reflected under the appropriate head.

To address these issues, GSTN has now made the pre-deposit field editable at the time of filing the appeal, effective April 06, 2026. This allows taxpayers to modify the pre-deposit percentage as applicable to their specific case and calculate and pay the required amount accordingly while submitting the appeal.

# COMPANIES ACT

## 1. *Reg MSME half yearly Return*

MSME Form 1 is a half-yearly return required from companies that have outstanding dues towards Micro or Small Enterprises (MSEs), where payments are delayed beyond 45 days from acceptance. It is still treated by many companies as a routine filing, something that can be pushed to the end. Recent ROC orders suggest that approach is no longer safe. Non-filing is increasingly leading to adjudication proceedings, penalties in lakhs, and in many cases, direct exposure for directors.

## 2. *Changes proposed to company incorporation*

The MCA has proposed the Companies (Incorporation) Amendment Rules, 2026 to simplify processes and boost the Ease of Doing Business. The brief changes proposed are as below:-

a) *Form Consolidation* :- To reduce repetitive disclosures, several forms are being merged into two simplified e-forms:

- ▶ *Form E-CHNG*: Merges INC-4, 22, 23, and 24 (for changes in name & Office)
- ▶ *Form E-CON*: Merges INC-6, 12, 18, 20, 27, 28, and RD-1 (for conversions and approvals).

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## b) *SPICe+ & DIN Updates*

- *More DINs:* Can now apply for up to 5 DINs (increased from 3) during incorporation.
- *Simplified Consent:* Subscribers to the MoA will have "deemed consent" to act as directors, removing extra paperwork.

## c) *Registered Office & Verification*

- *Flexible Documentation:* Rule 25 is being updated to specifically cover owned, leased, and co-working spaces, with a wider range of acceptable documents like municipal khata or utility bills.
- *Risk-Based Verification:* Physical verification will move from "mandatory for all" to a risk-based model, involving local witnesses and police only, if necessary.

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## d) *Key Legal & Compliance Shifts*

- *One Person Companies (OPC)*: Removal of the director's affidavit for conversion and the omission of specific criminal liabilities under Rule 7A.
- *Deceased Subscribers*: New Rule 23B clarifies that if a subscriber passes away before paying for shares, their legal representative steps into their shoes.
- *Faster Communication*: "Registered Post" requirements are being replaced by Speed Post and E-mail for serving notices.
- *AGILE-PRO-S*: Obtaining EPFO, ESIC, and bank accounts through this form will now be optional, giving businesses more flexibility.

# LABOUR LAW

## 1. *Minimum Wages revised in Haryana w.e.f. April 01, 2026*

Category	Per Day	Per Month
Unskilled	585.41	15220.71
Semi-Skilled	645.41	16780.74
Skilled	711.57	18500.81
Highly-Skilled	747.15	19425.84

# RBI

## 1. *Facility of exchange currency extended to residents too at airport*

The Reserve Bank of India has amended its instructions governing money changing activities at international airports. The key change allows residents, in addition to non-residents, to exchange Indian Rupee (INR) notes at foreign exchange counters located in departure halls within Duty-Free Areas or Security Hold Areas beyond immigration or customs checkpoints. Earlier, such facilities was primarily accessible to non-residents or subject to restrictions. This policy revision enhances convenience for outbound Indian travelers by enabling last-minute currency exchange after completing airport formalities.

# CASE LAWS - INCOME TAX

## 1. *CIT, TDS v. Project Director NHAI PIU*

It has been held that where assessee deducted tax at source at lower rate on payments to non-resident pursuant to certificate issued under section 197 for relevant assessment year, such certificate would operate for entire assessment year and not merely prospectively from date of issuance; thus, assessee could not be treated as assessee in default under section 201 nor be liable to interest under section 201(1A).

## 2. *Good Times Liquor Store Wines v. ACIT*

It has been held that where assessee engaged in retail liquor trade had already accounted incentives under head "Sales and Incentives" and offered same to tax, and corresponding TDS was reflected in return, further addition by Assessing Officer treating same as unaccounted income was unsustainable.

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## 3. *Sumrit Impex (P.) Ltd. v. Assessment Unit, ITD*

It has been held that where assessee declared rental income from leasing out properties under head 'income from house property' and claimed standard deduction, but Assessing Officer assessed it as business income, since no such view was taken in earlier years and assessee was engaged in business of fabrics and garments, such rental income could not be assessed as business income.

## 4. *Mohamed Akbar v. ITO*

It has been held that where assessee deposited capital gains in Capital Gains Account Scheme and duly disclosed all particulars, but part remained unutilised due to dispute with builder and such fact was suo motu intimated to Assessing Officer, penalty under section 271(1)(c) was not sustainable as addition arose due to statutory consequence of non-utilisation and not on account of concealment or furnishing of inaccurate particulars.

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## 5. *Bosch Chassis Systems India (P.) Ltd. v. DCIT*

It has been held that where assessee, engaged in trading automobiles and spare parts, benchmarked intra-group service charges under TNMM with aggregation, and TPO determined ALP at NIL by applying 'Other Method' without any comparable uncontrolled transaction, such arbitrary adjustments were unsustainable under Rule 10AB and required to be deleted in law.

# CASE LAWS - INDIRECT TAX

## 1. *AAR in Rajarajeshwari Hospitals (P) Ltd.*

The Authority for Advance Ruling (AAR) has held that supply of medicines to in-patient are would qualify as an exempt supply under healthcare being naturally bundled and provided in conjunction with treatment until discharge. However, the supply of medicines to out-patients are taxable, as these can be procured separately and not falls under composite or bundled services/ supply.

# Greenhouse gas Emission Intensity (GEI) reduction targets for two years, beginning 2025-26

India's Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change recently came out with a draft notification setting greenhouse gas emission intensity (GEI) reduction targets for two years, beginning 2025-26, covering 282 obligated entities in various sectors such as aluminium, cement, pulp & paper and chlor-alkali. GEI means Greenhouse Gases Emission Intensity in tCO<sub>2</sub>e/equivalent output or product.

## Key Highlights of the Rules

GEI Targets Calculation: As per Bureau of Energy Efficiency's methodology, specific to each obligated entity as listed in the Schedule.

Compliance Requirements for Obligated Entities: They must meet GEI targets annually as per the Carbon Credit Trading Scheme, 2023.

May also purchase carbon credit certificates from the Indian Carbon Market (ICM) to offset shortfalls.

Environmental Compensation: To be imposed by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), equal to twice of the average price at which carbon credit certificate is traded in the compliance year, payable within 90 days.

Legal Backing: Non-compliance or rule violations is addressed under the Environmental Protection Act, 1986. Objections or suggestions to the draft notification, if any, may be addressed to the Joint Secretary, Ministry of Environment,

Forest and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi - 110003, and may be sent to e-mail id: [ccts.hsm-moefcc@gov.in](mailto:ccts.hsm-moefcc@gov.in)

It may be noted that the said notification shall be taken into consideration on or after the expiry of a period of sixty (60) days from the date of publication of the draft in the official Gazette.



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