Recent amendments in Service Tax Act / Rules - Issues

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Taxation system in India wins the contest of 8th wonder of the world next to Taj
Love is a feeling, marriage is a contract and relationships are work

- Lori Gordon

Good Legislation is a feeling, business is a contract and all transactions are taxable

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Tax Act / Rules
## Tax Collection / Proposal (Rs. in Crores)

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<td>38,895</td>
<td>89,593</td>
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<td>68,305</td>
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<td>237,235</td>
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<td>387,001</td>
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<td>377,546</td>
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<td>445,962</td>
<td>347,110</td>
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<td>2011-12(RE)</td>
<td>500,651</td>
<td>401,013</td>
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<td>2012-13(BE)</td>
<td>570,257</td>
<td>507,354</td>
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<td>Particulars</td>
<td>2009-10 Revenue Foregone</td>
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<td>Corporate Tax</td>
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<td>Customs Duty</td>
<td>195,288</td>
<td>135,780</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>482,432</strong></td>
<td><strong>370,262</strong></td>
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Revenue Forgone (Rs. in Crores)
## Revenue Foregone Vrs Subsidies (Rs. in Crores)

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"As tax collectors, we may draw comfort from the fact that we manage to generate the targeted revenues. But there are questions that beg an urgent response.

First, are collection made in the most efficient manner and do they potential?

Second, what is the hidden burden of taxes in the form of cascading and double taxation?

Third, why is our tax structure so complex and prone to disputes and litigation?

These questions cannot be side stepped any longer as they have implication for the robustness and growth of the very base that yields our tax revenues"

The proposed GST can deliver on all these promises
Entry No. 83 - Duties of customs including export duties.

Entry No. 84 –
Duties of excise on tobacco and other goods manufactured or produced in India except alcoholic liquors for human consumption, opium, narcotic drugs, but including medicinal and toilet preparations containing alcoholic liquor, opium or narcotics.

Entry No. 92A - Taxes on the Sale or purchases of goods in inter State Trade or commerce other than newspapers,

Entry No. 92B - Taxes on consignment of goods in interstate trade or commerce.

Entry No. 92C - Tax on services [Amendment passed by Parliament on 15-1-2004, but not yet made effective].

Entry No. 97 - Any other matter not included in List II, List III and any tax not mentioned in list II or list III. (These are called ‘Residual Powers’.)
List II – State List –

- **Entry No. 51** - Excise duty on alcoholic liquors, opium and narcotics.

- **Entry No. 52** - Tax on entry of goods into a local area for consumption, use or sale therein (usually called Octroi).

- **Entry No. 54** - Tax on sale or purchase of goods other than newspapers except tax on interstate sale or purchase.

List III - “concurrent list”,

includes matters where both Central Government and State Government can make laws.
# Nature of Indirect Taxes in India

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<td>Federal Govt.</td>
<td>Import / Export</td>
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<td>Customs Tariff Act, 1975</td>
<td>Median Rate : 24.42%</td>
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<td>Excise Duty / Cenvat</td>
<td>Central Excise Act, 1944</td>
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<td>Central Sales Tax Act, 1956</td>
<td>State Govt. Rate -2%</td>
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<td>on the entry of goods</td>
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- Manufactured biri On rubber /coffee
- Un-manufactured tobacco
- NCCD /EC / S&HEC
- Addl. duty of Excise on pan masala
- Special duty of excise on motor spirit / HSD
What is the broad scheme of new taxation?

- At the outset ‘service’ has been defined in clause (44) of section 65B of the Act.
- Section 66B specifies the charge of service tax which is essentially that service tax shall be levied on all services provided or agreed to be provided in a taxable territory, other than services specified in the negative list.
- The negative list of services is contained in section 66D of the Act.
- Since provision of service in the taxable territory is an important ingredient of taxability, section 66C empowers the Central Government to make rules for determination of place of provision of service. Under these provisions the Place of Provision of Services Rules, 2012 have been made.
What is the broad scheme of new taxation of service tax?

- To remove some ambiguities certain activities have been specifically defined by description as services and are referred as Declared Services (listed in section 66E).
- In addition to the services specified in the negative list, certain exemptions have been given. Most of the exemptions have been consolidated in a single mega exemption for ease of reference.
- Principles have been laid down in section 66F of the Act for interpretation wherever services have to be treated differentially for any reason and also for determining the taxability of bundled services.
- The system of valuation of services for levy of service tax and of availing and utilization of Cenvat credits essentially remains the same with only incidental changes required for the new system of taxation.
AMENDMENTS IN FINANCE ACT 1994
(effective from 01.07.2012)

- All services become taxable, except:-
  - Services in the negative list
  - Exemptions
  - Abatements / Compounding.

- To make all services taxable, the following existing sections are made inoperative:-
  - Section 65 (definitions)
  - Section 65A (Classification of services)
  - Section 66 (Rate of service tax)
  - Section 66A (Import of services)
To make all services taxable the following sections are introduced:

- Section 65B (Interpretations)
- Section 66B (Charge of service tax)
- Section 66C (Determination of place of provision of service)
- Section 66D (Negative list of services- 17 Nos)
- Section 66E (Declared services)
- Section 66F (Principles of interpretation of bundled services)
What are the Changes effective from 1st July 2012

- Guidance Note 1 Introduction
- Guidance Note 2 What is ‘service’?
- Guidance Note 3 Taxability of a ‘service’
- Guidance Note 4 Negative List
- Guidance Note 5 Place of Provision of Service
- Guidance Note 6 Declared Services
- Guidance Note 7 Exemptions
- Guidance Note 8 Valuation
- Guidance Note 9 Rules of Interpretation
- Guidance Note 10 Miscellaneous

In addition, the Guide has the following three Exhibits:

- Exhibit A1 - List of services specified in the negative list
- Exhibit A3- List of exemptions in mega notification
What is Service (Sec 65B (44))

- any activity
- for consideration
- carried out by a person for another
- and includes a declared service.
‘Service’ does not include –

- any activity that constitutes only a transfer in title of (i) goods or (ii) immovable property by way of sale, gift or in any other manner
- (iii) a transfer, delivery or supply of goods which is deemed to be a sale of goods within the meaning of clause (29A) of article 366 of the Constitution
- a transaction only in (iv) money or (v) actionable claim
- a service provided by an employee to an employer in the course of the employment.
- fees payable to a court or a tribunal set up under a law for the time being in force
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- Negative List - Exhibit A1 - Negative List.doc

- List of Services Exempted - Exhibit A3 - Exemptions.doc
Declared Services

- Service defined - Section 65B (44) of the Act
- Declared Service: as an activity carried out by a person for another for consideration and specified in section 66E of the Act.
  - 1. Renting of immovable property;
  - 2. Construction of a complex, building, civil structure or a part thereof, including a
  - Complex or building intended for sale to a buyer, wholly or partly, except where the entire consideration is received after issuance of certificate of completion by a competent authority;
  - 3. Temporary transfer or permitting the use or enjoyment of any intellectual property right;
  - 4. Development, design, programming, customization, adaptation, upgradation, enhancement, implementation of information technology software;
Declared Services

5. Agreeing to the obligation to refrain from an act, or to tolerate an act or a situation, or to do an act;
6. Transfer of goods by way of hiring, leasing, licensing or any such manner without transfer of right to use such goods;
7. Activities in relation to delivery of goods on hire purchase or any system of payment by instalments;
8. Service portion in execution of a works contract;
9. Service portion in an activity wherein goods, being food or any other article of human consumption or any drink (whether or not intoxicating) is supplied in any manner as part of the activity.
Excluded as specified in the Negative List

- Renting of vacant land, with or without a structure incidental to its use, relating to agriculture. (Sl. no. (d) (iv) of Exhibit A1)
- Renting of residential dwelling for use as residence (Sl. No. (m) of Exhibit A1)
- Renting out of any property by the Reserve Bank of India
- Renting out of any property by a Government or a local authority to a non-business entity.
Are there any exemptions in respect of renting of immovable property?

Yes. These are:

1. Threshold level exemption up to Rs. 10 lakh.
2. Renting of precincts of a religious place meant for general public.
3. Renting of a hotel, inn, guest house, club, campsite or other commercial places meant for residential or lodging purposes, having declared tariff of a room below rupees one thousand per day or equivalent.
4. Renting to an exempt educational institution
Construction of a complex, building, civil structure or a part thereof, including a complex or building intended for sale to a buyer, wholly or partly, except where the entire consideration is received after issuance of certificate of completion by a competent authority.

What would be the liability to pay service tax on flats/houses agreed to be given by builder/developer to the land owner towards the land/ development rights and to other buyers. If payable, how would the services be valued?

- (a) sale of land by the landowner which is not a taxable service; and
- (b) construction service provided by the builder / developer. – taxable

- (i) from landowner: in the form of land / development rights;
- (ii) from other buyers: normally in cash.
Temporary transfer or permitting the use or enjoyment of any intellectual property right

- Not defined in the act
- Intellectual property right includes the following:
  - Copyright
  - Patents
  - Trademarks
  - Designs
  - Any other similar right to an intangible property
- No provision for registration
- It will become taxable only if the place of provision of service of temporary transfer of intellectual property right is in taxable territory.
### Development, design, programming, customization, adaptation, up gradation, enhancement, implementation of information technology software

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<th>Excise Duty (Manuf. in India)</th>
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<td>Packaged software with MRP</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No basic customs duty but CVD and SAD is payable</td>
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<td>Packaged software where MRP not required</td>
<td>Excise Duty on cost of media</td>
<td>No basic customs duty but CVD and SAD is payable on cost of Media</td>
<td>Service tax on transfer of right to use software</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Tailor made (customized) software</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>No</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>Software downloaded from Indian Supplier</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>Yes-payable by supplier</td>
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<td>Software downloaded on internet from out of India</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Yes as import of service</td>
<td>No Applicable to person Downloading software</td>
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Activities in relation to delivery of goods on hire purchase or any system of payment by instalments

Is the delivery of goods on hire purchase of any system of payment by instalments taxable? –

- No. as it is goods
- Article 366(29A) of the Constitution of India such delivery of goods is deemed to be a sale of goods
Agreeing to the obligation to refrain from an act, or to tolerate an act or a situation, or to do an act.

Following activities if carried out by a person for another for consideration would be treated as provision of service.

- Agreeing to the obligation to refrain from an act.
- Agreeing to the obligation to tolerate an act or a situation.
- Agreeing to the obligation to do an act.
Service portion in execution of a works contract
"State Governments levy a tax on the transfer of property in goods involved in the execution of a works contract. The value of services in a works contract should attract service tax. Hence, I propose to levy service tax on services involved in the execution of a works contract. However, I also propose an optional composition scheme under which service tax will be levied at only 2 percent of the total value of the works contract",

ST on Works Contract Services - June 1, 2007 vide Notification No.23/2007-ST/22.05.2007.
Taxability under State / Central Act

Commercial Dealings in “Goods”

Commercial dealings in “Services”

- **Vat / Sales Tax** = On “Sale of goods”
- **Works Contract Tax** = On “Deemed Sales”
- **Excise Duty** = On “Manufacturing”
- **Customs Duty** = “On Imports”
- **Entry Tax / Octroi** = “On entry of goods to local Area”

+ **Service Tax** = On “providing Services & receipt of Payment”

Proposed New Taxation >>>>>>>”Goods & Service Tax”
Taxability on works contract

- Vat / WC Tax @12.5%
- or 4%

- Service Tax @12.36%

Business Activities
Works Contract is a composite contract involving in transfer of property of goods and rendering of some services.


“tax on sale or purchase of goods” & it includes “a tax on transfer of property (whether as goods or some other form) involved in execution of works contract”.

Sales tax laws amended by the States to include above.

Supreme Court in Gannon Dunkerley’s case (AIR 1958 SC 560)

- works contract was essentially a contract of service and no sales tax could be levied on goods transferred in the course of execution of works contract.

- It is only after the constitutional amendment that VAT or sales tax is leviable on such goods. The remaining portion of the contract remains a contract for provision of service.
What Prompted Govt. to Levy Tax on WC Services

Delim Industrial co ltd. V. State of Assam(2003)130 STC53(Gau) –

- WC tax payable only on goods not on design & engineering.

CCE&C v. Larson & Toubro Ltd. 2004 (174) ELT 322 -Tri-Del

- lump sum works contract cannot be vivisected & part of it can not be subjected to service tax

Daelim Industrial Co Ltd V. CCE Vadodora,2003(155)ELT457-Tri-Del

- Turnkey contract can not be vivisected artificially

- No levy service tax on design,& detailed engineering, commissioning of plant.
What Prompted Govt. to Levy Tax on WC Services


- WC TAX payable on value of goods transferred.
- Charges for labour, services, consumables & profit relatable to services etc. to be deducted.
- Taxable event is the transfer of property.
- Tax cannot be levied when goods which are not taxable under sec-,3,4 & 5 of CST Act.
- If no details produced by the contractor the legislator can prescribe scales of permissible deduction.
- There may be uniform rate for Works Contract & it can be different from individual rates.

Builders Association of India V. State of Karnataka (1993)88 STC 248
Supreme Court in BSNL’s case [2006(2) STR 161 (SC)],

a works contract can be segregated into a contract of sale of goods and contract of provision of service.
What is “Works Contract”?

Section 65B(54) covers
   such contracts which involve transfer of property in goods
   and are for carrying out the activities specified in the said
   clause (54) in respect of both moveable and immovable
   Properties.
Service portion in an activity wherein goods, being food or any other article of human consumption or any drink (whether or not intoxicating) is supplied in any manner as part of the activity.

What are the activities covered in this declared list entry?

- Supply of food or drinks in a restaurant;
- Supply of foods and drinks by an outdoor caterer.
Who is liable to pay service tax

- Resident
- Any person rendering services
- Contract of Taxable Service
- Any other Person

- Non Resident
- Any person rendering services
- Contract of Taxable Service
- Recipient of Service
How the Service Tax Levied

- Levied on Accrual (some cases option to pay cash basis).
- Amount received against service provided
to be provided.
Charge of Service Tax Section 67 (1) & Valuation

- With regard to its value then its value shall-
  - (i) For Consideration: Gross amount charged by the service provider for such service provided or to be provided by him;
  - (ii) For a consideration not wholly or partly consisting of money: be such amount in money as, with the addition of service tax charged, is equivalent to the consideration;
  - (iii) For Consideration which is not ascertainable: be the amount as may be determined in the prescribed manner.
Section 67(3): the gross amount charged includes any amount received towards the taxable service before during or after the provision of such service.

Gross amount charged’? Explanation (c)of Section 67

‘Gross amount charged’ has been defined to include payment by cheque, credit card, deduction from account and any form of payment by issue of credit notes or debit notes and book adjustment, and any amount credited or debited, as the case may be, to any account, whether called “Suspense account” or by any other name, in the books of account of a person liable to pay service tax, where the transaction of taxable service is with any associated enterprise.
Taxability of Advance Received

- Taxable at the time of receipt
  - Service provided - taxable
    - No service provided
      - ST paid refundable
    - Subsequently Taxable
      - Proportionate amount Charged to ST
  - Subsequently not taxable
    - No Tax
- Not Taxable at the time of receipt
  - Subsequently Taxable
  - Subsequently not taxable
Service Tax is chargeable on any taxable services with reference to its value.

Service Tax payable on value of taxable services & not on entire value of contact.

The value is to be determined under Service Tax (Determination of Value) Rules 2006 made effective from dt.19.04.2006.

Valuation of taxable services. & Sec-67 / Valuation Rules

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<td>Consideration in money</td>
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<td>Gross amount charged by service provider for such service provided or to be provided.</td>
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<td>Amount Received from the service receiver will be considered as gross amount charged.</td>
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<td>Consideration not wholly or partly consisting of money</td>
<td>(a) Value of similar Services ascertained Sec -67 &amp; Rule 3(a).</td>
<td>shall be equivalent to gross amount charged by the service provider to provide similar service to third party in the ordinary course of business.</td>
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<td>(b) Where value of similar services cannot be ascertained : Sec-67 Rule 3(b).</td>
<td>Equivalent Money Value of Consideration to be determined by service provider himself &amp; shall not be less than cost of such provision for such services No method of cost calculation. No specific guideline from ICWAI like CAS-4</td>
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Notional Valuation as introduced by the Valuation Rules

Consideration

Wholly Money

Gross Amount charged - even if the amount charged is low

Similar Services Provided to third party

Wholly or Partly not in Money

As may be prescribed

Not ascertainable

Similar services not provided - Market value as determined by the assessee - Can not be lower than the cost of provision of the services
What is the manner of determining the value of non-monetary consideration? Section 67(1)(ii)

- Value of taxable service shall be the equivalent money value of such consideration.
- If the same is not ascertainable: determined under clause (iii) of section 67 read with rule 3 of the Service Tax (Determination of the value) Rules 2006 as follows:
  - On the basis of gross amount charged for similar service provided to other person in the ordinary course of trade;
  - Where value cannot be so determined, the equivalent money value of such consideration, not less than the cost of provision of service.
Determination of value of

- service portion involved in execution of works contract.
- service in relation to money changing.
- service portion involved in supply of food and any other article of human consumption or any drinks in a restaurant or as outdoor catering where such value is not ascertainable.

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- Sec 67A: Rate of Service tax or value of a taxable service and rate of exchange shall be such rate / value applicable at the time when the taxable service has been provided or agreed to be provided. (as determined under the Point of Taxation Rules, 2011)

- Reverse charge mechanism: Section 68(2):
  both the service provider and service receiver will be considered as persons liable to pay tax on notified taxable services and to the extent specified against each one of them, where the service provider is an individual, firm or LLP and the service recipient is a body corporate
Amendments to Point of Taxation Rules, 2011
(effective from 1 April 2012)

- Continuous supply of service - include any service provided or to be provided on a recurrent basis, for a period exceeding three months with the obligation for payment periodically or from time to time.
- Rule 2A inserted to define the date of payment as the earlier of the dates on which the payment is
  - entered in the books of accounts or
  - credited to the bank account of the person liable to pay tax except in certain specified cases.
- A new Rule 8A - to ascertain the point of taxation by way of best judgement where the taxpayer is unable to submit the details regarding the date of payment or date of invoice or both.
Reverse charge under service tax

- Liability of tax is normally on 'service provider' - Section 68(1) of the Finance Act, 1994
- No TDS like Income Tax:
- Service provider liable to pay service tax except in case of reverse charge - Service provider is liable to pay service tax except - reverse charge - Rule 2(1)(d)(ii) of the ST Rules
- Service provider not liable to pay service tax except in case of reverse charge -
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<td>A) No CENVAT Credit- 25% of value- B) Otherwise, 100% of value. EXCEPTION: If receiver is in non taxable territory – Provider</td>
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| Renting or hiring of motor vehicle designed to carry passengers to any person who is not in the similar line of business | Individual, HUF, proprietary or partnership firm, AOP located in taxable territory | Business entity registered as body corporate located in the taxable territory | A) Tax on 40% of value - SR and Nil by SP  
B) If the SP intends to avail Cenvat credit, it can pay service tax on balance 60%. |
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<td>Individual, HUF, proprietary \or partnership firm, AOP located in taxable Territory</td>
<td>Business entity registered as Body corporate Located in the taxable Territory</td>
<td>Tax on 25% of value by service provider and 75% by service receiver</td>
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<td>Service portion in execution of Works Contract</td>
<td>Individual, HUF, proprietary \or partnership firm, AOP located in taxable territory</td>
<td>Business entity registered as body corporate located in the taxable territory</td>
<td>A)Tax on 50% of value - SR B) 50% by SP</td>
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<td>Sponsorship service</td>
<td>Any person</td>
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Reverse Charge – Other Issues

Payment of service tax by service receiver only after making payment to service provider

- **For Service Provider:** ST is payable on accrual basis and not on receipt basis.
- **For Service Receiver:** Tax will be payable after payment of bill is made by him to service provider - within 6 months from date of invoice.
- **If no payment within six months - then service tax becomes payable.**
- **Service from Associated Enterprise:** ST payable as soon as book entry is made or payment is made, whichever is earlier.
Reverse Charge - Other Issues

- Tax should be paid in cash without utilising Cenvat credit
  - *ST paid under reverse charge is not output tax.*
  - *Cenvat credit cannot be utilised when service tax is payable under reverse charge Explanation to rule 3(4) of the Cenvat Credit Rules, inserted w.e.f. 1-7-2012*
  - *ST paid under Reverse Charge can be utilised for payout of service tax on output service.*

- Small service provider - the Exemption not available
  - *No exemption as small service provider [proviso (ii) to para 1 of 6/2005-ST, dated 1-3-2005].*

- Invoice:
  - *Even if service tax not charge in the Invoice - SR is still liable to pay his part of service tax (25% or 50% )as applicable.*
Reverse Charge - Other Issues

- Service tax payable on gross amount paid to service provider
- Service tax is payable on the entire amount paid to service provider and not by making back calculations.
- Invoicing when part of service tax is payable by service provider
  - SP is required to raise Invoice by taking that part of Service Tax required to pay. (25% in case of manpower supply and 50% in case of works contract) – Para 10.1.2 of CBE&C's Taxation of Services: An Education Guide published on 20-6-2012.
  - Even if not charged by SP – but to be payable by SR (Para 10.1.3 of CBE&C's Taxation of Services: An Education Guide published on 20-6-2012.)
Cenvat credit of tax paid is eligible on the basis of GAR-7 challan (earlier TR-6 challan) by which the tax is paid [Rule 9(1)(e) of Cenvat Credit Rules,

Service provider can claim refund of excess Cenvat Credit - Rule 5B of Cenvat Credit Rules as inserted w.e.f. 1-7-2012.

Valuation of service by service provider and service receiver is independent

Assessable value would be calculated on such payments done

Free of cost material supplied and out of pocket expenses reimbursed or incurred on behalf, of the service provider need to be included in the assessable value in terms of Valuation Rules
Reverse Charge - Other Issues

- Service recipient can independently avail or forgo an abatement or choose a valuation option depending upon the ease, data available and economics – Para 10.1-8 of CBE&C's Taxation of Services: An Education Guide published on 20-6-2012.

Registration by SR

- "Every person liable to pay the service tax & & & shall make an application for registration." section 69

Filing of ST-3 by SR

- If SR is required to obtain registration, the question of filing of periodical return i.e., ST-3, will arise.
- Section 70 "every person liable to pay the service tax himself assess the tax due on the services provided by him and shall furnish & & a return in such form and in such manner& ".

Reverse Charge – Other Issues

- Deduction of tax by service receiver from payment made to service provider?
- How to deal such situation where the existing contract includes all taxes.
POINT OF TAXATION

☐ **POT for reverse charge cases:**
  For reverse charge cases, POT shall be date of payment provided payment made within 6 months. Otherwise, on invoice basis.

☐ **POT for “Big firms” on invoice basis:**
  If the value of services exceeds Rs. 50 Lakhs in previous year, POT shall be on invoice basis.

☐ **POT for minor payments:**
  Where payment upto Rs.1,000/- is received in excess of amount indicated in the invoice, POT to the extent of such excess amount, at the option of service provider, shall be determined based on invoice or date of completion of provision of service. (date of payment is ignored)
POINT OF TAXATION

- Best Judgment to determine POT:
  New Rule 8A to provide that where the POT cannot be determined on the ground that date of invoice or date of payment or both are not available, Officer may require concerned person to produce accounts, documents, evidence and effective rate of tax prevalent at different point of time shall be applied by an order in writing, to the best of his judgment.
Issue of Invoices / Bills / Challans
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- Issue of Invoice / Bill / Challans by a Service Tax assessee is mandatory.
- The same should be issued within 14 days
  - from the date of completion of taxable service or
  - receipt of payment towards the service, whichever is earlier.
- If the service is provided continuously for successive periods of time and the value of such taxable service is determined or payable periodically - from the last day of the said period.

*(Proviso to Rule 4A (1) of the Service Tax Rules, 1994).*
Contents of Bills / Invoices / Challans issued by SP.

- There is no prescribed format for the Invoice Bill / Challans.
- It should contain
  - Serial Number,
  - Name, address and registration number of the service provider,
  - Name and address of the recipient of service,
  - Description, classification and value of taxable service being rendered,
  - The amount of Service Tax payable (ST & EC separately).
- If the service provider is a Banking company, the details at Sl. No. & name of service recipient is not required.

(Rule 4A of the Service Tax Rules, 1994).
An example of an invoice is mentioned below:

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Documentation Reference for claim of exemption based on the service recipient:

- Gross Total
- Less presumptive Abatement
- Taxable Value of Service
- Add Service Tax
- Add Education Cess
- Gross Billing Value
- Signature & Authentication information
Contents of Bills / Invoices / Challans – issued by Input Service Distributor.

- Input service distributor R-4A (2) shall issue invoice or a bill containing:
  - Name and address of the person providing input services.
  - Sl. Number and date of invoice, bill or challans issued by SP.
  - Name and address of input service distributor.
  - Name and address of the recipient of the credit distributed.
  - The amount of credit distributed.
  - Sl. Numbered and signed.
Contents of Consignment Note issued by GTA-as SP.

- Goods Transport agency (GTA) should issue a consignment note.
- It should contain the following information:
  - Serial number;
  - Name of the consignor and consignee;
  - Registration No. of the vehicle;
  - Details of the goods transported;
  - Details of the place of origin & destination; and
  - Person liable for payment of Service Tax (consignor or consignee/GTA).

*(Rule 4B of the Service Tax Rules, 1994).*
Whether the amount of Service Tax charged from the client should be indicated separately in the Bill / Invoice / Challan?

- It is mandatory to indicate the amount of Service Tax and the Education Cess separately in the Bills / Invoices / Challans (Sec.12A of the CE Act, 1944)
- It would also facilitate the recipient of the service to avail the CENVAT credit.

(Rule 4A of the Service Tax Rules, 1994).
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“What’s the difference?” Asked the puzzled father. “There’s a big difference,” replied the little girl. “If I hold your hand and something happens to me, chances are that I may let your hand go.
Here is a short story with a beautiful message…

But if you hold my hand, I know for sure that no matter what happens, you will never let my hand go…."

- In any relationship, the essence of trust is not in its bind, but in its bond.
- So hold the hand of the person who loves you rather than expecting them to hold yours...
- This message is too short......but carries a lot of Feelings
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