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Levy - Changes proposed in
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Supply, Levy and Composition Levy

A. Meaning and Scope of Supply

- Definition of “supply” is proposed to be amended to include activities mentioned in Schedule II to be treated either as supply of goods or supply of services.
- Proviso has been inserted in Schedule I prescribing gifts (supplies without consideration) provided by employer to employee exceeding value of Rs. 50,000 in a financial year to be considered as supply.
- Schedule II has prescribed two composite supplies to be treated as supply of services.
 - o Works Contract
 - o Supply, by way of or as part of any service or in any other manner whatsoever, of goods, being food or any other article for human consumption or any drink (other than alcohol)

- In Schedule III, two entries inserted to define them neither as supply of goods nor supply of services:
 - o Sale of land and, subject to clause (b) of paragraph 5 of Schedule II, sale of building.
 - o Actionable claims, other than lottery, betting and gambling

B. Levy of CGST

- The upper limit of CGST rate increased from 14% to 20%. Further, Clause 9 now specifically excludes supply of alcoholic liquor for human consumption from the GST net.
- A new sub clause has been inserted to provide that GST on supply of petroleum products shall be levied with effect from such date as may be notified on the recommendation of Council.
- All receipt of goods and/or services from unregistered person by registered person have been proposed to be liable to GST on reverse charge basis.

C. Composition Levy

- In the proposed CGST Bill' 2017, the composition scheme can be availed as an option to the taxable person rather than a permission based facility.
- The upper limit rates for composition levy have also been amended and the revised rates now stand as under: -

Class of dealer	Composition Rate
Manufacturers	1%
Other Supplier of Goods	0.5%
Restaurants	2.5%

- A new proviso has been added which provides that the Government, on the recommendation of Council, may increase the threshold from Rs. 50 lakhs to Rs. 1 crore by Notification.

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