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Is GST in India a Game Changer?

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The Indian Government's plan to roll out Goods and Services Tax (GST) from April 1, 2017, has moved an inch closer to reality with the Hon'ble President Shri. Pranab Mukherjee signing the Government's flagship GST Bill recently. The much-awaited GST now becomes a law with President signing the GST Bill after more than 16 States (BJP-ruled Assam being the first one) ratified it.

The introduction of GST is expected to not only make the tax system simpler but also help increased tax compliance, boost tax revenues, reduce the tax outflow in the hands of the consumers, make exports competitive and provide an unfragmented national market for goods and services.

Goods and Services Tax which aims to simplify the indirect tax regime largely seems to bring in a breather for manufacturing and trading businesses, services may become expensive depending on the GST rates.

Only single Tax GST will be levied on all the Goods & Services.

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Taxes that will not be subsumed
Electricity Duty
Stamp Duty
Other Entry taxes & Octroi
Basic customs duty and safeguard
duties on import of goods into India
Professional Tax
Entertainment Tax (levied by local
bodies)

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GST Rates on Goods & Services: to be based on Revenue Neutral Rate (RNR)

Current Rates of GST in other countries are:

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 Japan
 8%

 Germany
 19%

 Canada
 5%

 Sweden
 25%

 France
 19.60%

 Singapore
 7%

 New Zealand
 15%

 Australia
 10%

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GST has the potential to be a 'game changer' for the Indian economy by creating a common Indian market and reducing the cascading effect of tax on the cost of goods and services. It will impact the tax structure, tax incidence, tax computation, tax payment, compliance, credit utilization and reporting, leading to a complete overhaul of the current indirect tax system.

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