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GOVERNMENT OF TRIPURA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF STATE TAX
PANDIT NEHRU COMPLEX, GURKHABASTI
AGARTALA, TRIPURA WEST, PIN-799006.

Dated, Agartala, the 16th October, 2019.

Circular No. 40/2019 – GST (State)

To
The Additional Commissioner of State Tax /
Deputy Commissioner of State Tax/
Superintendent of State Tax (All) /
Inspector of State Tax (All)

Subject: GST on license fee charged by the States for grant of Liquor licences to vendors - reg.

The Department of Revenue, Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs, Tax Research Unit vide Circular No. 121/40/2019–GST dated 11th October, 2019 has issued clarification on GST on license fee charged by the States for grant of Liquor licences to vendors, in order to ensure uniformity in the implementation of the provisions of law across the field formations, which is annexed herewith.

In exercise of powers conferred by section 168 of the Tripura State Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (Tripura Act No. 9 of 2017) for the purpose of uniformity in the implementation of the Act it is instructed to follow the clarification issued vide Circular No. 121/40/2019–GST dated 11th October, 2019 by the Department of Revenue, Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs, Tax Research Unit.

Encl.: Circular No. 121/40/2019–GST.


(Nagesh Kumar B, IAS)

Chief Commissioner of State Tax
Government of Tripura

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1. The P.S. to the Additional Chief Secretary, Finance, Government of Tripura for favour of kind information.
2. The Assistant Statistical Officer, Statistical Section, O/o the Commissioner of Taxes & Excise, Agartala with request to upload the Circular in the Official website www.tripurataxes.nic.in.
3. Guard File.


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Chief Commissioner of State Tax
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F. No. 354/136/2019-TRU
Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Revenue
Tax research Unit

North Block, New Delhi,
Dated the 11th October, 2019

To,

The Principal Chief Commissioners/ Chief Commissioners/ Principal Commissioners/
Commissioner of Central Tax (All) / The Principal Director Generals/ Director Generals
(All)

Madam/Sir,

**Subject– GST on license fee charged by the States for grant of Liquor licences to vendors-
reg.**

Services proved by the Government to business entities including by way of grant of privileges, licences, mining rights, natural resources such as spectrum etc. against payment of consideration in the form of fee, royalty etc. are taxable under GST. Same was the position under Service Tax regime also with effect from 1st April, 2016. Tax is required to be paid by the business entities on such services under reverse charge.

2. GST Council in its 26th meeting held on 10.03.2018, recommended that GST was not leviable on license fee and application fee, by whatever name it is called, payable for alcoholic liquor for human consumption and that this would apply mutatis mutandis to the demand raised by Service Tax/Excise authorities on license fee for alcoholic liquor for human consumption in the pre-GST era, i.e. for the period from 01-04-2016 to 30-06-2017.

3. Grant of liquor licences by State Government against payment of consideration in the form of licence fee, application fee etc. was a taxable service under Service Tax, therefore to implement GST Council's recommendation, Central Government decided to exempt service provided or agreed to be provided by way of grant of liquor licence by the State Government, against consideration in the form of licence fee or application fee, by whatever name called, during the period from 01.04.2016 to 30.06.2017. Clause No. 117 of Finance (No. 2) Act, 2019 may be referred in this regard.

4. GST Council in its 37th meeting held on 20.09.2019 further recommended that the decision of the 26th GST Council meeting be implemented by notifying service by way of grant of alcoholic liquor licence, against consideration in the form of licence fee or application fee or

by whatever name it is called, by State Government as neither a supply of goods nor a supply of service. Therefore, in exercise of powers conferred under sub-section 2 (b) of section 7 of CGST Act, 2017, Notification No. 25/2019-Central Tax (Rate) dated 30th September, 2019 has been issued.

5. GST Council further decided in the 37th meeting held on 20.09.2019, to clarify that this special dispensation applies only to supply of service by way of grant of liquor licenses by the State Governments as an agreement between the Centre and States and has no applicability or precedence value in relation to grant of other licenses and privileges for a fee in other situations, where GST is payable.

6. Difficulty if any, in the implementation of this Circular may be brought to the notice of the Board.

Yours Faithfully,

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