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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 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2021.

**Circular No. 01/2021 – GST (State)**

To  
The Additional Commissioner of State Tax/  
Deputy Commissioner of State Tax/  
Assistant Commissioner of State Tax (CDC)-I / II/  
Superintendent of State Tax (All)/  
Inspector of State Tax (All)

**Subject: Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for implementation of the provision of suspension of registrations under sub-rule (2A) of rule 21A of CGST Rules, 2017 – regarding**

The Department of Revenue, Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs, GST Policy Wing vide Circular No. 145/01/2021–GST dated 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 has issued a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for implementation of the provision of suspension of registrations under sub-rule (2A) of rule 21A of CGST Rules, 2017, 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. 145/01/2021–GST dated 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 by the Department of Revenue, Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs, GST Policy Wing.

**Encl.:** Circular No. 145/01/2021–GST.

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**(Dr. Vishal Kumar, IAS)**  
Chief Commissioner of State Tax  
Government of Tripura

**Copy to:**

1. The P.S. to the Principal Secretary, Finance, Government of Tripura for favour of kind information to the Principal Secretary, Finance.
2. The P.S. to the Secretary, Finance, Government of Tripura for favour of kind information to the Secretary, Finance.
3. 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](http://www.tripurataxes.nic.in).
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Government of India  
Ministry of Finance  
Department of Revenue  
Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs  
GST Policy Wing  
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New Delhi, dated the 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2021

To,

The Principal Chief Commissioners / Chief Commissioners / Principal Commissioners /  
Commissioners of Central Tax (All)

Madam/Sir,

**Subject: Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for implementation of the provision of suspension of registrations under sub-rule (2A) of rule 21A of CGST Rules, 2017 – regarding**

As you are aware that vide notification No. 94/2020- Central Tax, dated 22.12.2020, sub-rule (2A) has been inserted to rule 21A of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017 (hereinafter referred to as the CGST Rules). The said provision provides for immediate suspension of registration of a person, as a measure to safeguard the interest of revenue, on observance of such discrepancies /anomalies which indicate violation of the provisions of Act and rules made thereunder; and that continuation of such registration poses immediate threat to revenue.

2.1 Sub-rule (2A) of rule 21A is reproduced hereunder:

“(2A) Where, a comparison of the returns furnished by a registered person under section 39 with

(a) the details of outward supplies furnished in **FORM GSTR-1**; or

(b) the details of inward supplies derived based on the details of outward supplies furnished by his suppliers in their **FORM GSTR-1**,

or such other analysis, as may be carried out on the recommendations of the Council, show that there are significant differences or anomalies indicating contravention of the provisions of the Act or the rules made thereunder, leading to cancellation of registration of the said person, his registration shall be suspended and the said person shall be intimated in **FORM GST REG-31**, electronically, on the common portal, or by sending a communication to his e-mail address provided at the time of registration or as amended from time to time, highlighting the said differences and anomalies and asking him to explain, within a period of thirty days, as to why his registration shall not be cancelled.”;



2.2 Till the time an independent functionality for **FORM REG-31** is developed on the portal, in order to ensure uniformity in the implementation of the provisions of above rule across the field formations, the Board, in exercise of its powers conferred by section 168 (1) of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (hereinafter referred to as "CGST Act"), hereby provides the following guidelines for implementation of the provision of suspension of registrations under the said rule.

3. On the recommendation of the Council, the registration of specified taxpayers shall be suspended and system generated intimation for suspension and notice for cancellation of registration in **FORM GST REG-31**, containing the reasons of suspension, shall be sent to such taxpayers on their registered e-mail address. Till the time functionality for **FORM REG-31** is made available on portal, such notice/intimation shall be made available to the taxpayer on their dashboard on common portal in **FORM GST REG-17**. The taxpayers will be able to view the notice in the "View/Notice and Order" tab post login.

4. The taxpayers, whose registrations are suspended (hereinafter referred to as "the said person") under the above provisions, would be required to furnish reply to the jurisdictional tax officer within thirty days from the receipt of such notice / intimation, explaining the discrepancies/anomalies, if any, and shall furnish the details of compliances made or/and the reasons as to why their registration shouldn't be cancelled:

- a. The said person would be required to reply to the jurisdictional officer against the notice for cancellation of registration sent to them, in **FORM GST REG-18** online through Common Portal withing the time limit of thirty days from the receipt of notice/ intimation.
- b. In case the intimation for suspension and notice for cancellation of registration is issued on ground of non -filing of returns, the said person may file all the due returns and submit the response. Similarly, in other scenarios as specified under **FORM GST REG-31**, they may meet the requirements and submit the reply.

5.1 Post issuance of **FORM GST REG-31** via email, the list of such taxpayers would be sent to the concerned Nodal officers of the CBIC/ States. Also, the system generated notice can be viewed by the jurisdictional proper officers on their Dashboard for suitable actions. Upon receipt of reply from the said person or on expiry of thirty days (reply period), a task would be created in the dashboard of the concerned proper officer under "**Suo moto cancellation proceeding**".

5.2 Proper officer, post examination of the response received from the said person, may pass an order either for dropping the proceedings for suspension/ cancellation of registration in **FORM GST REG-20** or for cancellation of registration in **FORM GST REG-19**. Based on the action taken by the proper officer, the GSTIN status would be changed to "Active" or "Cancelled Suo-moto" as the case maybe.

5.3 Till the time independent functionality for **FORM GST REG-31** is fully ready, it is advised that if the proper officer considers it appropriate to drop a proceeding anytime after



the issuance of **FORM GST REG-31**, he may advise the said person to furnish his reply on the common portal in **FORM GST REG-18**.

5.4 It is advised that in case the proper officer is prima-facie satisfied with the reply of the said person, he may revoke the suspension by passing an order in **FORM GST REG-20**. Post such revocation, if need be, the proper officer can continue with the detailed verification of the documents and recovery of short payment of tax, if any. Further, in such cases, after detailed verification or otherwise, if the proper officer finds that the registration of the said person is liable for cancellation, he can again initiate the proceeding of cancellation of registration by issuing notice in **FORM GST REG-17**.

6. Difficulties, if any, in implementation of these instructions may be informed to the board (gst-cbec@gov.in). Hindi version follows.

(Sanjay Mangal)

Commissioner (GST)