Issues with GSTR 9 and GSTR 9C and Potential Solutions

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OVERVIEW



Overview – Prerequisite

- GST Returns for FY 2021-22
- GST Returns for April 2022 to November or October 2022
- Adjustment of FY 2021-22 made in FY 2022-23
- Financial Statement

- Validation of GST legal position opted by taxpayer
- Reconciliation of GSTR-9 with Financial Statement
- Tax Audit or statutory Audit report
- Certification from Client

GST Audit

Annual Return

To discuss





1. APPLICABILITY OF GSTR-9 AND 9C

Applicability

Annual Return

Mandatory only for taxpayers with aggregate annual turnover above Rs. 2 Cr.

NT - 47/2019 - CT

GST AuditApplicable only to the
registered persons having
aggregate turnover above
Rs. 5 Cr.NT-16/2020-CT

Applicability – GSTR-9

Post Amendment 01-08-2021

44. Every registered person, other than an Input Service Distributor, a person paying tax under section 51 or section 52, a casual taxable person and a non-resident taxable person shall furnish an annual return which may include a self-certified reconciliation statement, reconciling the value of supplies declared in the return furnished for the financial year, with the audited annual financial statement for every financial year electronically, within such time and in such form and in such manner as may be prescribed:

• GSTR 9 format -Notification No. 39/2018 dated 04.09.2018

Applicability – GSTR-9C

Post Amendment 01-08-2021

• Section 35(5) of the CGST Act

(5) Every registered person whose turnover during a financial year exceeds the prescribed limit shall get his accounts audited by a chartered accountant or a cost accountant and shall submit a copy of the audited annual accounts, the reconciliation statement under sub-section (2) of section 44 and such other documents in such form and manner as may be prescribed. *Provided that nothing contained in this sub-section shall apply to any department of the Central Government or a State Government or a local authority, whose books of account are subject to audit by the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India or an auditor appointed for auditing the accounts of local authorities under any law for the time being in force.*

Omits subsection (5) of section 35. (NT-29/2021-CT-30-07-2021). Omission effective 01-08-2021

Applicability

• Section 2(6) of the CGST Act

"aggregate turnover" means the aggregate value of all taxable supplies (excluding the value of inward supplies on which tax is payable by a person on reverse charge basis), exempt supplies, exports of goods or services or both and inter-State supplies of persons having the same Permanent Account Number, to be computed on all India basis but excludes central tax, State tax, Union territory tax, integrated tax and cess;

• Section 2 (47)

"exempt supply" means supply of any goods or services or both which attracts nil rate of tax or which may be wholly exempt from tax under section 11, or under section 6 of the Integrated Goods and Services Tax Act, and includes non-taxable supply;



KEY ASPECTS OF GSTR-9

Parts of Annual Return

Part I - Basics

Part II – Outward and Inward supplies details

Part III – ITC availed during FY 21-22

Part IV - Details of tax paid FY 21-22

Part V – Transactions of FY 21-22 declared in FY 22-23 (up to September return)

Part VI – Other information

PARTS –II Details of Outward and Inward supplies declared during the FY



Table - 4A to 4G (Outward and Inward supply where GST applicable



Table 4 – Adjustment



Table –5 Outward supplies on which tax is not payable and declared in the financial year



Table 5 – Adjustment



Key Highlights

Advance Received on July 21 and Invoice raised in the month of September 2021 in which table is to be disclosed? In the month of March 22 invoice of 1 crore issued and credit note for the same is issued in April 22.

Credits in expenditure account like recovery of telephone expenses from employee Disclosure of credit note of export with payment of GST and credit note without payment of GST

Whether error in outward supply can be corrected?

PARTS –III Details of ITC for FY



Table 6 – ITC availed



Table 6 –ITC availed



Table 7 – ITC Reversed

Table 7 (ITC reversed and Ineligible ITC)



Table 8 – Table 8 (Other ITC related information) ITC Lapsed Formula

Add/Less	Particulars	Remark					
	Total ITC Availed	Table 6					
Less :	Reversal	Table 7					
	Net ITC Available for Utilization	Table 7 (J)					
	Comparison (Table 8)						
	ITC as per GSTR-2A (Auto-Populated)	Table 8(A)					
Less	ITC as per sum total of above 6(B) and 6(H)	Table 8(B)					
Less	ITC on inward supplies received during 2020-21 but availed during April to September, 2021	Table 8 (c)					
	Difference	Table 8(D)					
	ITC available but not availed (out of D)	Table 8(E)					
	ITC available but ineligible (out of D)	Table 8(F)					

Table 8 – Table 8 (Other ITC related information) ITC Lapsed Formula

Add/Less	Particulars	Remark
	IGST paid on import of goods (including supplies from SEZ)	Table 8(G)
Less	IGST credit availed on import of goods (as per 6(E) above)	Table 8(H)
	Difference (G-H) ITC available but not availed on import of goods (Equal to I)	Table 8(I) Table 8(J)
	Total ITC to be lapsed in current financial year (E + F + J)	

Table 9 – IV Details of tax paid as declared in returns filed during the FY

Payment of GST under Table 6.1 of

FORM GSTR-3B

Amount which offset during GSTR3B

(i.e. How much paid through cash and

credit.)

This table is mandatory. It is required to be filled on the basis of tax payable and paid as declared in GSTR-1 and GSTR-3B and Additional tax if any

Part V Transactions of previous FY declared in April to September of current FY

Supplies / tax declared through Amendments (+) (net of debit notes)
Supplies / tax reduced through Amendments (-) (net of credit notes)
Reversal of ITC availed during previous financial year
ITC availed for the previous financial year
Differential tax paid on account of declaration in 10 & 11 above

Refund (Claimed, Sanctioned, Rejected) and Demand (Table 15) - Optional (Table 16) - Optional

Supplies Received from Composition taxpayer, Deemed supply (Job Work), Goods sent on approval

(5N+10+11] – Mandatory (21-22)

6 digit for above 5 Cr and 4 digit

up to 5 Cr

Late fee payable and paid HSN Wise Summary of Inward supplies (Table 19) (Table 18) Mandatory, wherever applicable (May ask to align in future table 6 If annual return is filed late, this of the GSTR-9) - Optional table is required to be filled.

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HSN Wise Summary of outward

supplies (Table 17)

Case Studies – Outward Supply - GSTR-1 and GSTR-3B Difference

Sr. No.	Amount Disclosed in 21-22 Return		Amount Disclosed P	Disclosure in GSTR-9	
	<u>GSTR-1</u>	<u>GSTR-3B</u>	<u>GSTR-1</u>	<u>GSTR-3B</u>	
1.	Yes	Yes	NA	NA	?
2.	No	Yes	Yes	NA	?
3.	Yes	No	NA	NA Yes	
4.	No	No	Yes Yes		?
5.	No	No	No	NO	?

Case Studies –Outward Supply –Spill Over Transaction

No.	Amount Disclosed and GST paid Pertaining to 21-22 in 22-23						Disclosure in	
	Books	20-21	Sept 2021	20-21	21-22	Sept 2022	21-22 (GSTR-	GSTR-9 21-22
				(GSTR-9)			9)	
1.	100	80	20	0	100	-	Nil	?
2.	100	80	20	0	80	20	Nil	?
3.	100	80	20	0	80	10	10	?

Case Studies –Inward Supply

No	Particulars	Table	
1.	ITC Claimed or reversed for 2021-22 shown in 3B filed for respective period	Table 6/ Table 7	
2.	ITC availed up to Nov 22 in 3B pertaining to 21-22	Table 13	
3.	ITC Reversed up to Nov 22 in GSTR 3B pertaining to 21-22	Table 12	
4.	ITC Reversed in Annual Return	Table 7 and pay by DRC 03	
5.	Whether ITC can be availed in GSTR- 9	Νο	
6.	ITC availed is less than 2A	Lapse	
7.	ITC availed in excess of 2A	Maintain reconciliation and Documents or reverse	

Steps to prepare GSTR-9









RCM Disclosure



etc.

RCM is applicable on certain services like legal services, GTA, Import of services

Whether expenses are on GST under RCM is paid is reconciled with

Financials

Whether RCM paid for Import of Services is reconciled with Notes to

financial statement related to Foreign currency expenditure.

Key Transactions



Case-1 Legal Provision - Section 16 (2) of the CGST Act,

16. Eligibility and Conditions for taking Input Tax Credit

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in this section, no registered person shall be entitled to the credit of any input tax in respect of any supply of goods or services or both to him unless, —

(a)

(b) ...

(c) subject to the provisions of section 41, the tax charged in respect of such supply has been actually paid to the Government, either in cash or through utilisation of input tax credit admissible in respect of the said supply; and

(d)....

Case-1 Para (g) of the Press release dated 3rd July 2019

• "Reverse charge in respect of Financial Year 2017-18 paid during Financial Year 2018-19: Many taxpayers have requested for clarification on the appropriate column or table in which tax which was to be paid on reverse charge basis for the FY 2017-18 but was paid during FY 2018-19. It may be noted that since the payment was made during FY 2018-19, the input tax credit on such payment of tax would have been availed in FY 2018-19 only. Therefore, such details will not be declared in the annual return for the FY 2017-18 and will be declared in the annual return for FY 2018-19. If there are any variations in the calculation of turnover on account of this adjustment, the same may be reported with reasons in the reconciliation statement (FORM GSTR-9C)."
Challenges

Whether ITC can be availed on GSTR-3B or GSTR-9?

How to report transaction in GSR-9 and 9C?

Availability of Input Tax Credit on delayed payment of RCM





Changes in GSTR-9

Mandatory Reporting

No	Table Number	Earlier	Mandatory from FY 21-22
1.	GSTR-9 Table 4I to Table 4L	Credit note and Debit note net of allowed	Credit note and Debit note to be reported separately
2.	GSTR-9 Table 5D to Table 5F	Reporting of Exempted, Nil rated and non GST Supply	Non GST to be reported separately
3.	GSTR-9 Table 5H to Table 5K	Credit note and Debit note net of allowed	No Change
4.	GSTR-9 Table 6B to Table 6E	Breakup of ITC as inputs, capital Goods and Input Services or Report the entire ITC under the "inputs"	breakup of inputs and capital goods or report the entire remaining amount under the "inputs" row only. [From 19-20]
5.	GSTR-9 Table 17	Optional HSN wise summary of Outward Supplies	Mandatory

Key Highlights





KEY ASPECTS OF

GSTR-9C

Self Certification



Parts of Reconciliation Statement

Basic Details (1 to 4)

Reconciliation of turnover declared in Audited Financial Statement with turnover declared in Annual Return (Form GSTR-9) (5-8)

Reconciliation of Tax paid (9 to 11)

Reconciliation of Input Tax Credit (12 to 16)

Additional Liability due to non-reconciliation



Scope of

Reconciliation

Statement

Scope of GST Reconciliation Statement

GSTR-9C is after the completion of other Audits (like Internal Audit, Statutory

Audit, Tax Audit etc)

GSTR-9C is for examination to verify correctness and assess compliance

Scope at present only for reconciliation

Records which can be verified – Is Verification Essential?



Key Attention Required

Concessional GST rate charged	Correctness of exemption available	ITC availed in excess of reflected in GSTR-2A	Related party transaction
Contractual obligation between employee and employer	Transaction without Consideration	Presence of entity in other state	Correctness of E-way bill Generated
	Correctnes	s of Refund	

Claim



Supplies which are not

recorded in the financials but

included in taxable value

Section 7 of the CGST Act

(1) For the purposes of this Act, the expression "supply" includes—

(a) all forms of supply of **goods or services** or both such as sale, transfer, barter, exchange, licence, rental, lease or disposal made or agreed to be made for a consideration **by a person** in the course **or furtherance of business;**

(b) import of services for a consideration whether or not in the course or furtherance of business; and

(c) the activities specified in Schedule I, made or agreed to be made without a consideration; and

(d)the activities to be treated as supply of goods or supply of services as referred to in Schedule II.

(1A) where certain activities or transactions constitute a supply in accordance with the provisions of sub-section (1), they shall be treated either as supply of goods or supply of services as referred to in Schedule II.

Supplies



Recoveries like employee recovery

•Inputs and Capital Goods sent to job

worker but not returned within the

prescribed period

•Disposal of capital Assets

Documents which can be verified



Fixed Asset Schedule

Credit entries in expense ledgers

Inventory records and Form ITC-04



How much it is

critical to issue a

proper documents

under GST?

Documents Prescribed under GST



E-way Bill Implementation

February 2018

e-way bill portal was launched however due to

system crash postponed

1st April 2018

E-way bill implemented

Why E-way bill is critical



Rule 138 – E-way Bill

• (1) Every registered person who causes movement of goods of consignment value exceeding fifty thousand rupees— (i) in relation to a supply; or (ii) for reasons other than supply; or (iii) due to inward supply from an unregistered person, shall, before commencement of such movement, furnish information relating to the said goods as specified in Part A of FORM GST EWB-01, electronically, on the common portal along with such other information

Be Careful –If Exemption is availed?



E-Way Bill is critical for movement of Goods!

Citation	Judgement
Pragati Enterprises [2018 (12) G.S.T.L. 9 (All.)	Wrong declaration of date in E-way Bill
TIME TO TIME LOGISTICS [2018 (11) G.S.T.L. 259 (All.)]	The non-filling of the vehicle number, address and name of the driver
GATI KINTETSU EXPRESS PVT. LTD [GATI KINTETSU EXPRESS PVT. LTD	Failure to fill vehicle number in part B of E-way Bill

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Citation	Judgement
CATERPILLAR INDIA PVT. LTD. [2019 (27) G.S.T.L. 4 (Mad.)]	The facility for Extention of validity of E-way bill is not exercised [Rule 138(10)]
ASIANET DIGITAL NETWORK PVT. LTD.[2020 (32) G.S.T.L. 44 (Ker.)]	Difference in value in E-way Bill and Delivery Challan during transfer of stock liable to penalty to extent value not reflected
KANNANGAYATHU METALS [2019 (31) G.S.T.L. 391 (Ker.)]	Transit of goods by alternate way If there is an attempt at transportation contrary to the e-Way Bill, then penalty can be levied. In the instant case, there is no such indication.

In case of given mistakes and/or error revised penalty to the tune of Rs. 500/- should be imposed

E-way Bill Clarification-Circular No. 61/35/2018-GST

• Spelling mistakes in the name of the consignor or the consignee **but the GSTIN**, wherever applicable, is correct;

- Error in the pin-code but the address of the consignor and the consignee mentioned is correct, subject to the condition that the error in the PIN code should not have the effect of increasing the validity period of the eway bill;
- Error in the address of the consignee to the extent that the locality and other details of the consignee are correct;
- Error in **one or two digits of the document number mentioned** in the eway bill
- Error in 4- or 6-digit level of HSN where the first 2 digits of HSN are correct and the rate of tax mentioned is correct;

• Error in one or two digits/characters of the vehicle number



AMENDMENTS TO BE CONSIDERED

WHILE FILING IF GSTR-9 AND 9C

Amendments applicable from 01.01.2022

•Section 7 - Scope of Supply

•Section 16- ITC

•Section 75 – Recovery in case of GSTR-1 and 3B

•Section 83 – Recovery

•Section 74, 129, 130 and 107 – Stringent provisions

for E-way bill non compliance

•Section 151 and Section 152 - Power to collect

statistics and Bar on Sharing Information

• Change in GST Rate – Works Contract

• Shifting of GST liability – Restaurant to E-Commerce

• GST Return can get blocked

• Authentication of the Aadhaar number for Prescribed Scenario

Amendment in GST Law



Other Changes



Amendment – Section 7 - Inserted

"(aa) the activities or transactions, by a person, other than an individual, to its members or constituents or vice versa, for cash,

deferred payment or other valuable consideration.

Explanation.—For the purposes of this clause, it is hereby clarified that, **notwithstanding anything contained in any other law** for the time being in force or **any judgment**, **decree or order of any Court**, **tribunal or authority**, the person and its members or constituents shall be **deemed to be two separate persons** and the supply of activities or **transactions inter se** shall be deemed to take place from one such person to another;".

Amendment – Schedule II – Omitted

"7. Supply of Goods

The following shall be treated as supply of goods, namely :--

Supply of goods by any unincorporated association or body of persons to a member thereof for cash, deferred

payment or other valuable consideration.

Analysis of amendment

Ensure to levy GST on activities or transactions involving supply of goods or services by any person, other than an individual, to its members or constituents or vice-versa

Applicable retrospectively from 01.07.2017

Rational

The question was whether mutuality will prevail under GST

Calcutta Club (2019-TIOL-449-SC-ST-LB) can be taken wherein Apex Court has confirmed the concept of mutuality.

Challenges







What about the taxpayer who opted position based on Apex court Judgment

Whether retrospective amendment can

be challenged ?

Whether Judgment can be overruled?



Amendment to

Section 16

ITC Available only

if reflected in 2B

Analysis of amendment

One more condition for eligibility of ITC – Section 16(2)

- a. Possession of Tax Invoice or debit note
- aa. Detail of Invoice or debit note has been furnished by supplier in GSTR-1 and Communicated
- b. Goods or Services or both should be received.
- c. GST paid to the Government
- d. Furnished Return

Amendment – Section 16 - Inserted

(aa) the details of the invoice or debit note referred to in clause (a) has been furnished by the supplier in the

statement of outward supplies and such details have been communicated to the recipient of such invoice or

debit note in the manner specified under section 37;

Path towards restrictions

July 2017 to September 2019

• ITC as per GSTR-2A is available (Although alternatively credit may be claimed as per

books)

October 2019 to December 2019

• ITC as per GSTR-2A and 20% of eligible ITC can be availed on provisional basis

January 2020

• ITC as per GSTR-2A and 10% of eligible ITC can be availed on provisional basis
Path towards restrictions

February 2020 to March 2020

• ITC allowed as per books but applicability of 10% of eligible ITC deferred till August

2020

February 2020 to December 2020

• ITC as per GSTR-2A and 10% of eligible ITC can be availed on provisional basis

January 2021 to December 2021

• ITC as per GSTR-2A and 5% of eligible ITC can be availed on provisional basis

Path towards restrictions

January 2022 onwardsAvailable only if reflected in GSTR-2B

Amendment Rule 36(4) of CGST Act

Noti No. 40/2021 – CT

• (4) No input tax credit shall be availed by a registered person in respect of invoices or debit notes

the details of which are required to be furnished under subsection (1) of section 37 unless,-

• (a) the details of such invoices or debit notes have been furnished by the supplier in the

statement of outward supplies in FORM GSTR-1 or using the invoice furnishing facility; and

• (b) the details of such invoices or debit notes have been communicated to the registered person

in FORM GSTR-2B under sub-rule (7) of rule 60.

Challenges

Continuous changes leads to numerous reconciliation!

Whether every credit is getting reflected in GSTR-2B?

Credit of this month may get postponed to next month if supplier file GSTR-1 after due date.

What if not reflected on account of system glitches

What is inadvertent error while filing of GSTR-1 by the supplier

Challenges

What if invoices uploaded after last date of availment of ITC?	Can now ITC not been uploaded by the vendor can be availed and challenged in the court of law?	Whether recipient has power to ensure comply the law applicable to third party?
What about inadvertent error by the recipient like incorrect GSTN disclosure etc.	What if credit note issued by the supplier inadvertently?	Whether non-position of tax invoice (like bank charges] lead to denial of credit even reflected in GSTR-3B



Amendment w.r.t

levy of interest

[Not. No.09/2022-

CT and Not.

No.14/2022-CT]

Interest Saga

2019	Proviso to Section 50 inserted in for levy of interest on net cash payable.
14.03.2020	39th GST Council Meeting recommended amendment retrospectively
01.09.2020	Not. No. 63/2020-CT proviso become effective
18.09.2020	Circular 20/01/08/2019 – Clarified amendment intended retrospectively
Budget 2021	Now Proviso substituted to make said provision retrospectively
Now	?



Amendment

• Amendment of Section 50(3) of the CGST Act

Earlier

 (3) A taxable person who makes an undue or excess claim of input tax credit under sub-section (10) of section 42 or undue or excess reduction in output tax liability under sub-section (10) of section 43, shall pay interest on such undue or excess claim or on such undue or excess reduction, as the case may be, at such rate not exceeding twenty four per cent., as may be notified by the Government on the recommendations of the Council.



Now

• (3) Where the input tax credit has been **wrongly availed and utilised, the** registered person shall pay interest on such **input tax credit wrongly availed and utilised, at such rate not exceeding twenty-four per cent,** as may be notified by the Government, on the recommendations of the Council, and the interest shall be calculated, in such manner as may be prescribed.

Amendment in Notification



Amendment in Rules – Not. No 14/2022-CT



Amendment in Rules – Not. No 14/2022-CT

Interest is to be calculated on the amount of interest wrongly availed and

utilised, for the period starting from the date of utilisation till the date of

reversal of such credit or payment of tax

What is the date from which interest is to be computed? (Refer Explanation)

If payment of Tax – Due date or Date of filing of return 🕇

Other cases – Date of Debit in Credit ledger

Cases where amount of ITC wrongly availed and utilised



What about retrospective

Period? (w.e.f 1.07.2017)

Provide for levy of interest only on ITC wrongly availed and utilized but what about penalty

What about balance in SGST

but not in CGST and vice

versa?

What if liability of March disclosed in the month of May? What if there is increase

and/or decrease in electronic

credit ledger?



Other

Amendments to

be considered

Other changes

Change in GST Rate – Works Contract

Composite supply of work contract

services to Governmental authority

or Government entity taxable @ 18%.

Changes in GST rate of certain goods

and services like

- Footwear 5% to 12%
- Zomato, Swiggy etc 5%

E-invoicing is mandatory for taxpayers having aggregate turnover exceeding Rs. 50 Cr w.e.f 01st April 2021.

Extended Due dates of GSTR-1 and 3B

for interest and late fee computation



Way Forward

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Key issues - Legal Opinion could be preferred If detailed reconciliation is not possible – Then it can be added in notes to audit to be uploaded

GSTR 9 and 9C

Filing of GSTR-9 and 9C – Before due date! Late fee 200 per day max max 0.25% 0f Turnover under CGST and SGST.

