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**TRADE CIRCULAR**

No. JC (HQ)-1/GST/2021/ADM-8 dated **2.7**, 2021.

**Trade Circular No. 12T of 2021.**

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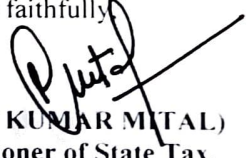
**Subject: Clarification regarding applicability of GST on supply of food in Anganwadis and Schools.**

**Ref:** Circular No. 149/05/2021-GST dated the 17 th June, 2021 issued by the CBIC

Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) has issued the above referred circular. For the uniformity, it has been decided that the said circular issued by the CBIC is being made applicable, *mutatis mutandis*, in implementation of the MGST Act, 2017. Copy of the referred CBIC circular is attached herewith.

This Trade Circular is clarificatory in nature. Difficulty if any, in the implementation of this Circular may be brought to the notice of the office of the Commissioner of State Tax, Maharashtra.

Yours faithfully

  
(RAJEEV KUMAR MITAL)  
Commissioner of State Tax,  
Maharashtra State, Mumbai.

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Copy forwarded to the Joint Commissioner of State Tax (Mahavikas) with a request to upload this Trade Circular on the Departments Web-site.

**Copy submitted with compliments to,-**

- (a) The Deputy Secretary, Finance Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai-21 for information.
- (b) Accounts Officer, Sales Tax Revenue Audit, Mumbai and Nagpur.

  
(VISHAKHA BORSE)  
Joint Commissioner of State Tax-HQ-1,  
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CBIC-190354/36/2021-TRU Section-CBEC

Government of India  
Ministry of Finance  
Department of Revenue

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North Block, New Delhi,

Dated the 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2021

To,

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

Madam/Sir,

**Sub– Clarification regarding applicability of GST on supply of food in  
Anganwadis and Schools -reg.**

Representations have been received seeking clarification regarding applicability of GST on the issues as to whether serving of food in schools under Mid-Day Meals Scheme would be exempt if such supplies are funded by government grants and/or corporate donations. The issue was examined by GST Council in its 43<sup>rd</sup> meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2021.

2. Entry 66 clause (b)(ii) of notification No. 12/2017-Central Tax (Rate) dated 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2017, exempts *Services provided to an educational institution, **by way of catering**, including any mid-day meals scheme sponsored by the Central Government, State Government or Union territory.* This entry applies to pre-school and schools.

3. Accordingly, as per said entry 66, any catering service provided to an educational institution is exempt from GST. The entry further mention that such exempt service includes mid- day meal service as specified in the entry. The scope of this entry is thus wide enough to cover any serving of any food to a school, including pre-school. Further, an Anganwadi *interalia* provides pre-school non-formal education. Hence, aganwadi is covered by the definition of educational institution (as pre-school)

4. Accordingly, as per recommendation of the GST Council, it is clarified that services provided to an educational institution by way of serving of food ( catering including mid- day meals) is exempt from levy of GST irrespective of its funding from government grants or corporate donations [under said entry 66 (b)(ii)]. Educational institutions as defined in the notification include anganwadi. Hence, serving of food to anganwadi shall also be covered by said exemption, whether sponsored by government or through donation from corporates.

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

Yours faithfully,

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