

Press Release

Tamil Nadu takes a strong stand in GST Council to protect the Prohibition of Online Gambling and Regulation of Online Games Act.

The 51st GST Council meeting was held on 02nd August 2023 through video conferencing under the Chairmanship of Union Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs and Chairperson of GST Council. The meeting was attended by Thiru. Thangam Thenarasu, Hon'ble Minister for Finance and Human Resources Management of Tamil Nadu.

The agenda of meeting included draft proposals to amend the GST Acts and Rules for levy of GST on online gaming, casino and horse racing.

Hon'ble Minister for Finance and Human Resources Management of Tamil Nadu expressed strong reservations on certain clause in the proposals for amendment of GST Acts and Rules in view of the recently enacted Prohibition of Online Gambling and Regulation of Online Games Act in our State.

As there is a ban on online Gambling (i.e.) online wagering or betting, playing any online games of chance for money or other stakes and specified online games of chance, and had made them punishable offences in the State of Tamil Nadu, serious concern was raised by Hon'ble Minister for Finance and Human

Resources Management of Tamil Nadu that the amendments proposed should conform with such State legislations.

Hon'ble Minister for Finance and Human Resources Management of Tamil Nadu suggested modification of specific clause. He suggested that the definition of Online money gaming in the Act should not include games where the performance or outcome is based on chance or where it is barred by or under any law for the time being in force. He insisted that the modification suggested should be incorporated in the proposed amendments of the Act. The GST Council assured to make suitable modification in amendments based on the suggestions of the Hon'ble Minister for Finance and Human Resources Management of Tamil Nadu.

The meeting was attended by Principal Secretary to Government, Finance, Thiru.T.Udhayachandran, I.A.S., Secretary to Government, Commercial Taxes and Registration, Tmt.B.Jothi Nirmalasamy, I.A.S., Principal Secretary / Commissioner of Commercial Taxes Thiru.Dheeraj Kumar,I.A.S., and senior officials of Commercial Taxes Department.

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