

Monsoon Watch



Countrywide rainfall since June 1 remained 7% below normal

Overall rainfall recorded on Thursday remained 25% below normal

'Break monsoon' conditions begin, rainfall to revive from August 7: Skymet

Normal rainfall recorded over 82% area of the country since June 1

All parts of the country barring Central India have recorded below normal rains since June 1



Heavy rainfall likely over Bihar, West Bengal, Sikkim till tomorrow

Northeastern states to see heavy rainfall activity in next 2 days

Rainfall over western Himalayan region, adjoining northern plains to increase between August 5-7

Highest max temperature recorded at 39.8°C in West Rajasthan on Wednesday
Dry weather likely to prevail over Delhi, Haryana, Punjab, most parts of Rajasthan, parts of West UP, MP in next 2 days: Skymet

GST COUNCIL GEARS UP FOR AUGUST 4 MEETING

One-time Settlement of VAT, Excise Disputes in the Works

Move to ensure legacy tax issues do not linger & act as an unnecessary drag in GST regime

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Clean Slate

Focus on GST

- Even after GST rollout, companies left with disputes of earlier regime
- As VAT regime varied across states, a large company could have as many as 30 cases
- Companies grappling with legacy issues while dealing with GST issues



How does it help?

- Companies will be free to focus on GST compliance
- Officials would get time to focus on GST compliance

New Delhi: India could consider offering a one-time settlement to clear legacy central excise duty and value added tax (VAT) issues to ensure they do not linger and act as a drag in the goods and services tax regime.

The GST Council, the apex decision-making body for the tax, will take up the proposal at a meeting on August 4.

The scheme, if approved, would allow officials to focus on GST compliance instead of dealing with legacy issues and could also generate instant one-time revenue for the government.

"It would clean the slate," said an official privy to the proposal.

The scheme could cover assessments as well as arrears, according to the proposal that is part of the council's agenda.

GST was rolled out on July 1 last year, replacing a range of central and state taxes including central excise duty, countervailing duty, cesses, VAT, entry tax and purchase tax.

VAT PENDENCY

The VAT regime across the country was not uniform, with states having their own laws and procedures. This meant separate filings by businesses across states in line with each state's VAT framework.

There is a backlog of two or three VAT assessments for every dealer in each state, according to an industry expert. As a result, tax teams of companies are not only grappling with GST law and compliance requirements, but are also compiling documents, collecting pending statutory forms and preparing

reconciliations to complete VAT assessments.

Most tax manpower has shifted to GST and only a few are left to cater to the old tax regime, which is further fueling pendency.

"For companies with pan-India operations (e.g. in FMCG, consumer electronics), at least two-three assessments are pending in each state. Thus, assuming a company has operations in 20 states, the total number of pending VAT assessments for such company in all

states could be in the range of 40 to 50," said Harpreet Singh, partner, Indirect Tax, KPMG.

CENTRE KEEN TO CUT DISPUTES

The government is keen to cut down on unnecessary disputes and litigation. It recently raised the monetary thresholds for filing appeals by the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs as well as the Central Board of Direct Taxes. CBIC will withdraw 10% of such cases from tribunals, 20% from high courts and 30% from the Supreme Court.

The CBIC has asked its field formations to clear past cases expeditiously to focus on the GST regime, which is still soft-hitting down.

"As newer litigations are coming up under GST, it's important for the government to clean up the past as early as possible by coming to a one-time settlement for old litigation, wherein penalty and interest (at least partially) is waived," said Pratik Jain, leader, indirect taxes, PwC.

"However, the tax paid should be available as a credit under GST as well, which would have been creditable earlier."

Except for Acme, SECI Cancels all Projects Allotted in July 13 Auction

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Bengaluru: Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) the nodal agency for implementing National Solar Mission, has cancelled all the lowest priced projects allotted in its mega solar auction held on July 13, multiple people familiar with the development told ET.

The decision to cancel allotment of 2,600 MW solar power capacity out of 6,000 MW auctioned in July was announced at a meeting of developers with government officials and SECI on Wednesday, they said.

The only developer that did not yet get the nod was Auro Solar that won 600 MW quoting the lowest tariff of ₹ 2.14 per unit.

The government found all the other allotted projects to be too expensive, developers said.

"They said the differences between the lowest bidder and the second lowest was 20 paise, which was too wide," said a developer who was present at the meeting. Minister of new and renewable energy secretary Anand Kumar, who chaired the meeting, declined comment.

The cancelled projects include 1000 MW won by SI Energi, a joint venture between Japan's Softbank, Taiwan's SunPower and Bharat Alit, and 500 MW won by ReNew Power, both of which quoted ₹ 2.71 per unit, besides 300 MW each won by Mahindra Solar and Mahindra Solar, far apart of the Adani Group that quoted ₹ 2.64.

"Apparently the SECI board decided this," a power sector official said. "The highest winning bid was ₹ 2.71, which was felt to be very high. The developers concerned refused to lower their prices any further. This was felt to be not competitive," the person told ET.

Retaliatory Tariffs on 29 US Goods may be Delayed by 45 Days

Commerce ministry wants to defer higher levies as talks between 2 nations are still on

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New Delhi: India is likely to defer imposition of retaliatory tariffs on 29 products from the US — which were supposed to kick off from August 4 — by 45 days due to the ongoing discussion between the two countries to resolve trade disputes.

"Commerce department has recommended to the department of revenue to amend the notification for further extension of retaliatory measures for 45 days," said an official familiar with the development.

Another official said, "The request to amend the notification for extension has been made as the dialogue is still on. The revenue department is expected to issue a fresh notification on Saturday."

The two sides are also working up for the Two-Plus-Two dialogue in September that will cover a broad range of bilateral, regional and global issues.

In June, India had announced that it would increase duties on 29 items originating from the US, including apples, almonds, walnuts and some stainless steel products, with effect from August 4, in retaliation against Washington's mo-

ve to impose higher tariffs on steel and aluminum products from India and some other countries.

India imports \$23 billion worth of those products from the US.

The US had in March imposed 25% duty on certain steel products and 30% on aluminum products, which as per the notification, will help it collect \$31 million of duty.

Officials of the two countries met last month, but failed to reach an agreement for the US to withdraw higher duties on Indian steel and aluminum goods.

"India is walking the tightrope and wants to keep its US on its territory," said an expert trade market. Another expert said New Delhi is delaying the move as it does not want to get embroiled in another spat with the US in World Trade Organisation.

Terming such tariffs "illegal", the Trump administration has already dragged China, the European Union, Canada, Mexico and Turkey to WTO for applying trade tariffs in retaliation to the US action.

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Extract of Standalone and Consolidated Unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter Ended 30.06.2018

(₹ in crores)

Sr. No.	Particulars	Standalone				Consolidated			
		Quarter ended 30.06.2018 (Unaudited)	Quarter ended 31.03.2018 (Audited)	Quarter ended 30.06.2017 (Unaudited)	Year ended 31.03.2019 (Audited)	Quarter ended 30.06.2018 (Unaudited)	Quarter ended 31.03.2018 (Audited)	Quarter ended 30.06.2017 (Unaudited)	Year Ended 31.03.2018 (Audited)
1	Total income from operations	1672.81	1320.70	1521.76	5627.45	1886.20	1537.38	1712.49	6367.17
2	Net Profit for the period (before Tax and Exceptional items)	397.15	277.79	317.37	1331.28	376.83	293.22	329.76	1358.80
3	Net Profit for the period before tax (after Exceptional items)	397.15	277.79	317.37	1331.28	376.83	293.22	329.76	1358.80
4	Net Profit for the period after tax (after Exceptional items)	266.93	238.16	217.08	955.19	240.78	247.52	226.51	906.09
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit/ (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax))	266.90	240.68	216.58	955.32	242.85	252.50	221.51	904.55
6	Equity Share Capital	50.78	50.78	51.37	50.78	50.78	50.78	51.37	50.78
7	Reserves excluding Revaluation Reserve as at Balance Sheet date				3513.15				3523.26
8	Earnings Per Share (of ₹/- each)								
	Basic:	₹ 5.26	₹ 4.69	₹ 4.23	18.81	₹ 4.70	₹ 4.80	₹ 4.42	18.85
	Diluted:	₹ 5.25	₹ 4.68	₹ 4.23	18.80	₹ 4.70	₹ 4.80	₹ 4.42	18.94

② For the period only and not annualised.

Notes:

1. In respect of standalone results, the Net Sales (excluding excise duty) grew by 19%, EBITDA before non-operating income by 17% and PAT by 23% over the same quarter last year. In respect of consolidated results, the Net Sales (excluding excise duty) grew by 19%, EBITDA before non-operating income by 20% and PAT by 6% over the same quarter last year. The lower rate of growth in consolidated PAT is mainly on account of elimination of profit on inter-company transfer of certain intangible assets and effect of tax thereon during the current quarter, and the profit on sale of Cyclo business in the first quarter of last financial year.
2. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Unaudited Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Unaudited Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange websites (www.nseindia.com and www.bseindia.com) and on Company's website www.pidilite.com.

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