

PRESS NOTE ON FILING OF RETURN IN FORM GSTR-3B FOR JULY, 2017

GST Council had earlier decided to defer the filing of return in FORM GSTR-3 and had recommended the filing of return in FORM GSTR-3B. Accordingly, the Central Government vide notification No. 21/2017-Central Tax dated 08.08.2017 had notified the last date for filing of return in FORM GSTR-3B for the month of July, 2017 as 20.08.2017.

2. Concerns have been raised by the trade about whether transitional credit would be available for discharging the tax liability for the month of July, 2017. In this regard, attention is invited to notification No. 23/2017-Central tax dated 17.08.2017 wherein the date and conditions for filing the return in FORM GSTR-3B have been specified. Salient points for filing the said return are as follows:

A. Registered persons planning not to avail transitional credit for discharging the tax liability for the month of July, 2017 or new registrants who do not have any transitional credit to avail need to follow the steps as detailed below:

I. Calculate the tax payable as per the following formula:

Tax payable = (Output tax liability + Tax payable under reverse charge) – input tax credit availed for the month of July, 2017;

II. Tax payable as per (i) above to be deposited in cash on or before 20.08.2017 which will get credited to electronic cash ledger;

III. File the return in FORM GSTR-3B on or before 20.08.2017 after discharging the tax liability by debiting the electronic credit or cash ledger.

B. Registered persons planning to avail transitional credit for discharging the tax liability for the month of July, 2017 need to follow the steps as detailed below:

I. Calculate the tax payable as per the following formula:

Tax payable = (Output tax liability + Tax payable under reverse charge) – (transitional credit + input tax credit availed for the month of July, 2017);

II. Tax payable as per (i) above to be deposited in cash on or before 20.08.2017 which will get credited to electronic cash ledger;

III. File FORM GST TRAN-1 (which will be available on the common portal from 21.08.2017) before filing the return in FORM GSTR-3B;

IV. In case the tax payable as per the return in FORM GSTR-3B is greater than the cash amount deposited as per (ii) above, deposit the balance in cash along with interest @18% calculated from 21.08.2017 till the date of such deposit. This amount will also get credited to electronic cash ledger;

V. File the return in FORM GSTR-3B on or before 28.08.2017 after discharging the tax liability by debiting the electronic credit or cash ledger.
