

Kerala Amnesty scheme to settle pre-GST regime disputes

In concurrence to the announcement made in the Kerala Finance Bill, 2019, circular¹ has been issued to settle pre-GST regime tax disputes.

Gist of the amnesty scheme is as under -

1. Statutes and period to which the scheme will apply is summarised as under

SI. No.	Statute	Dispute period up to
1	Kerala General Sales Tax Act, 1963	31 March 2018
2	Kerala Value Added Tax Act, 2003	30 June 2017
3	Central Sales Tax Act, 1956	30 June 2017
4	Kerala Tax on Luxuries Act, 1976	30 June 2017
5	Kerala Surcharge on Taxes Act, 1957	30 June 2017
6	Kerala Agricultural Income Tax Act, 1991	31 March 2017

2. Summary of scheme and waiver

Statute	Tax	Interest	Penalty	Remark
Kerala General Sales	Full	Full	100%	Applicable for period 1 April 2005 to 31 March 2018
Tax Act	payment	payment	waiver	
In all other cases	Full	100%	100%	
	payment	waiver	waiver	

3. Conditions for availing the benefit of the amnesty scheme

- Application to be filed on or before 30 September 2019
- For demands newly generated or modified on or after 30 September 2019, the option shall be available to the assessee to file application within 30 days of the date of receipt

- Assessee would be required to unconditionally withdraw appeals pending before the appellate authority
 or revisional authority, tribunal or courts and the assessing authority shall confirm that such cases are
 formally withdrawn within 60 days
- Assessee shall have an option to deposit the dues in lump-sum or maximum of six instalments but not later than 31 March 2020
- The assessee is also required to settle all arrears of tax, interest and penalty pertaining to a financial year together. Arrears for the purpose of settlement shall be calculated as on submission of the option
- On receipt of the application from the dealer and post verification, the officer to intimate the amount payable under this scheme in Annexure -2 to the assessee within 15 days
- No appeal can be filed with respect to the amount settled under this scheme.

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