

STATE TAX (RATE) ON SERVICES (NIL)

1136 F.T. dated 28.06.2017

[As amended upto 14.11.2017 vide Notification Nos. 1498 F. T. dated 22.08.2017, 1685 F. T. dated 21.09.2017, 1762 F. T. dated 10.10.2017, 1796 F.T. dated 13.10.2017, 2025 F.T. dated 14.11.2017]

No. 1136–F.T., the 28th. day of June, 2017. — In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 11 of the West Bengal Goods and Services Tax Ordinance, 2017 (West Ben. Ord. No. II of 2017), the Governor, on being satisfied that it is necessary in the public interest so to do, on the recommendations of the Council, hereby exempts the intra-State supply of services of description as specified in column (3) of the Table below from so much of the State tax leviable thereon under sub-section (1) of section 9 of the said Ordinance, as is in excess of the said tax calculated at the rate as specified in the corresponding entry in column (4) of the said Table, unless specified otherwise, subject to the relevant conditions as specified in the corresponding entry in column (5) of the said Table, namely:-

Table

Sl. No.	Chapter, Section, Heading, Group or Service Code (Tariff)	Description of Services	Rate (per cent.)	Condition
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1	Chapter 99	Services by an entity registered under section 12AA of the Income-tax Act, 1961 (43 of 1961) by way of charitable activities.	Nil	Nil
2	Chapter 99	Services by way of transfer of a going concern, as a whole or an independent part thereof.	Nil	Nil
3	Chapter 99	Pure services (excluding works contract service or other composite supplies involving supply of any goods) provided to the Central Government, State Government or Union territory or local authority or a Governmental authority by way of any activity in relation to any function entrusted to a Panchayat under article 243G of the Constitution or in relation to any function entrusted to a Municipality under article 243W of the	Nil	Nil

		Constitution.		
4	Chapter 99	Services by Central Government, State Government, Union territory, local authority or governmental authority by way of any activity in relation to any function entrusted to a municipality under article 243 W of the Constitution.	Nil	Nil
5	Chapter 99	Services by a ⁹ governmental authority ⁹ <i>Central Government, State Government, Union territory, local authority or Governmental Authority</i> by way of any activity in relation to any function entrusted to a Panchayat under article 243G of the Constitution.	Nil	Nil
<i>⁹ Substituted vide Notification No. 1796 F.T. dated 13.10.2017</i>				
6	Chapter 99	Services by the Central Government, State Government, Union territory or local authority excluding the following services— (a) services by the Department of Posts by way of speed post, express parcel post, life insurance, and agency services provided to a person other than the Central Government, State Government, Union territory; (b) services in relation to an aircraft or a vessel, inside or outside the precincts of a port or an airport; (c) transport of goods or passengers; or (d) any service, other than services covered under entries (a) to (c) above, provided to business entities.	Nil	Nil
7	Chapter 99	Services provided by the Central Government, State Government, Union territory or local authority to a business entity with an aggregate turnover of up to twenty lakh rupees (ten lakh rupees in case of a special category state) in the preceding financial year. <i>Explanation.-</i> For the purposes of this entry, it is hereby clarified that the provisions of this entry shall not be applicable to-	Nil	Nil

		<p>(a) services,-</p> <p>(i) by the Department of Posts by way of speed post, express parcel post, life insurance, and agency services provided to a person other than the Central Government, State Government, Union territory;</p> <p>(ii) in relation to an aircraft or a vessel, inside or outside the precincts of a port or an airport;</p> <p>(iii) of transport of goods or passengers; and</p> <p>(b) services by way of renting of immovable property.</p>		
8	Chapter 99	<p>Services provided by the Central Government, State Government, Union territory or local authority to another Central Government, State Government, Union territory or local authority:</p> <p>Provided that nothing contained in this entry shall apply to services-</p> <p>(i) by the Department of Posts by way of speed post, express parcel post, life insurance, and agency services provided to a person other than the Central Government, State Government, Union territory;</p> <p>(ii) in relation to an aircraft or a vessel, inside or outside the precincts of a port or an airport;</p> <p>(iii) of transport of goods or passengers.</p>	Nil	Nil
9	Chapter 99	<p>Services provided by Central Government, State Government, Union territory or a local authority where the consideration for such services does not exceed five thousand rupees:</p> <p>Provided that nothing contained in this entry shall apply to-</p> <p>(i) services by the Department of Posts by way of speed post, express parcel post, life insurance, and agency services provided to a person other than the</p>	Nil	Nil

		Central Government, State Government, Union territory; (ii) services in relation to an aircraft or a vessel, inside or outside the precincts of a port or an airport; (iii) transport of goods or passengers: Provided further that in case where continuous supply of service, as defined in sub-section (33) of section 2 of the West Bengal Goods and Services Tax Ordinance, 2017, is provided by the State Government, Central Government, Union territory or a local authority, the exemption shall apply only where the consideration charged for such service does not exceed five thousand rupees in a financial year.		
¹ 9A	Chapter 99	<i>Services provided by and to Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) and its subsidiaries directly or indirectly related to any of the events under FIFA U-17 World Cup 2017 to be hosted in India.</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Provided that Director (Sports), Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports certifies that the services are directly or indirectly related to any of the events under FIFA U-17 World Cup 2017.</i>
¹Inserted vide Notification No. 1498 F. T. dated 22.08.2017				
⁸ 9B	Chapter 99	<i>Supply of services associated with transit cargo to Nepal and Bhutan (landlocked countries).</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>
⁸Inserted vide Notification No. 1762 F. T. dated 10.10.2017 w.e.f. 29.09.2017				
¹⁰ 9C	Chapter 99	<i>Supply of service by a Government Entity to Central Government, State Government, Union territory, local authority or any person specified by Central Government, State Government, Union territory or local authority against consideration received from Central Government, State Government, Union territory or local authority, in the form of grants.</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>
¹⁰Inserted vide Notification No. 1796 F. T. dated 13.10.2017				
10	Heading 9954	Services provided by way of pure labour contracts of construction, erection,	Nil	Nil

		commissioning, installation, completion, fitting out, repair, maintenance, renovation, or alteration of a civil structure or any other original works pertaining to the beneficiary-led individual house construction or enhancement under the Housing for All (Urban) Mission or Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana.		
11	Heading 9954	Services by way of pure labour contracts of construction, erection, commissioning, or installation of original works pertaining to a single residential unit otherwise than as a part of a residential complex.	Nil	Nil
² 11A	Heading 9961 or Heading 9962	^{15/2} Service provided by Fair Price Shops to central Government by way of sale of wheat, rice and coarse grains under Public Distribution System (PDS) against consideration in the form of commission or margin. ¹⁴ Service provided by Fair Price Shops to Central Government, State Government or Union territory by way of sale of food grains, kerosene, sugar, edible oil, etc. under Public Distribution System against consideration in the form of commission or margin.	Nil	Nil
² Inserted vide Notification No. 1498 F. T. dated 22.08.2017				
¹⁵ Substituted vide Notification No. 2025 F.T. dated 14.11.2017 w.e.f. 15.11.2017				
^{16/3} 11B	Heading 9961 or Heading 9962	Service provided by Fair Price Shops to State Government by way of sale of kerosene, sugar, edible oil, etc. under Public Distribution System (PDS) against consideration in the form of commission or margin.	Nil	Nil
³ Inserted vide Notification No. 1498 F. T. dated 22.08.2017				
¹⁵ Omitted vide Notification No. 2025 F.T. dated 14.11.2017 w.e.f. 15.11.2017				
12	Heading 9963 or Heading 9972	Services by way of renting of residential dwelling for use as residence.	Nil	Nil
13	Heading 9963 or Heading	Services by a person by way of- (a) conduct of any religious ceremony; (b) renting of precincts of a religious place meant for general public, owned or	Nil	Nil

	9972 or Heading 9995 or any other Heading of Section 9	<p>managed by an entity registered as a charitable or religious trust under section 12AA of the Income-tax Act, 1961 (hereinafter referred to as the Income-tax Act) or a trust or an institution registered under sub clause (v) of clause (23C) of section 10 of the Income-tax Act or a body or an authority covered under clause (23BBA) of section 10 of the said Income-tax Act:</p> <p>Provided that nothing contained in entry (b) of this exemption shall apply to,-</p> <p>(i) renting of rooms where charges are one thousand rupees or more per day;</p> <p>(ii) renting of premises, community halls, kalyanmandapam or open area, and the like where charges are ten thousand rupees or more per day;</p> <p>(iii) renting of shops or other spaces for business or commerce where charges are ten thousand rupees or more per month.</p>		
14	Heading 9963	Services by a hotel, inn, guest house, club or campsite, by whatever name called, for residential or lodging purposes, having declared tariff of a unit of accommodation below one thousand rupees per day or equivalent.	Nil	Nil
15	Heading 9964	<p>Transport of passengers, with or without accompanied belongings, by –</p> <p>(a) air, embarking from or terminating in an airport located in the state of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, or Tripura or at Bagdogra located in West Bengal;</p> <p>(b) non-airconditioned contract carriage other than radio taxi, for transportation of passengers, excluding tourism, conducted tour, charter or hire; or</p> <p>(c) stage carriage other than air-conditioned stage carriage.</p>	Nil	Nil
16	Heading 9964	Services provided to the Central Government, by way of transport of	Nil	Nil

		<p>passengers with or without accompanied belongings, by air, embarking from or terminating at a regional connectivity scheme airport, against consideration in the form of viability gap funding:</p> <p>Provided that nothing contained in this entry shall apply on or after the expiry of a period of one year from the date of commencement of operations of the regional connectivity scheme airport as notified by the Ministry of Civil Aviation.</p>		
17	Heading 9964	<p>Service of transportation of passengers, with or without accompanied belongings, by—</p> <p>(a) railways in a class other than—</p> <p>(i) first class; or</p> <p>(ii) an air-conditioned coach;</p> <p>(b) metro, monorail or tramway;</p> <p>(c) inland waterways;</p> <p>(d) public transport, other than predominantly for tourism purpose, in a vessel between places located in India; and</p> <p>(e) metered cabs or auto rickshaws (including e-rickshaws).</p>	Nil	Nil
18	Heading 9965	<p>Services by way of transportation of goods-</p> <p>(a) by road except the services of—</p> <p>(i) a goods transportation agency;</p> <p>(ii) a courier agency;</p> <p>(b) by inland waterways.</p>	Nil	Nil
19	Heading 9965	<p>Services by way of transportation of goods by an aircraft from a place outside India upto the customs station of clearance in India.</p>	Nil	Nil
20	Heading 9965	<p>Services by way of transportation by rail or a vessel from one place in India to another of the following goods –</p> <p>(a) relief materials meant for victims of natural or man-made disasters, calamities, accidents or mishap;</p> <p>(b) defence or military equipments;</p>	Nil	Nil

		(c) newspaper or magazines registered with the Registrar of Newspapers; (d) railway equipments or materials; (e) agricultural produce; (f) milk, salt and food grain including flours, pulses and rice; and (g) organic manure.		
21	Heading 9965 or Heading 9967	Services provided by a goods transport agency, by way of transport in a goods carriage of - (a) agricultural produce; (b) goods, where consideration charged for the transportation of goods on a consignment transported in a single carriage does not exceed one thousand five hundred rupees; (c) goods, where consideration charged for transportation of all such goods for a single consignee does not exceed rupees seven hundred and fifty; (d) milk, salt and food grain including flour, pulses and rice; (e) organic manure; (f) newspaper or magazines registered with the Registrar of Newspapers; (g) relief materials meant for victims of natural or man-made disasters, calamities, accidents or mishap; or (h) defence or military equipments.	Nil	Nil
¹¹ 21A	<i>Heading 9965 or Heading 9967</i>	<i>Services provided by a goods transport agency to an unregistered person, including an unregistered casual taxable person, other than the following recipients, namely: —</i> <i>(a) any factory registered under or governed by the Factories Act, 1948 (63 of 1948); or</i> <i>(b) any Society registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 (21 of 1860) or under any other law for the time being in force in any part of India; or</i> <i>(c) any Co-operative Society established by or under any law for the time being in force; or</i> <i>(d) any body corporate established, by or</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>

		<p><i>under any law for the time being in force; or</i></p> <p><i>(e) any partnership firm whether registered or not under any law including association of persons;</i></p> <p><i>(f) any casual taxable person registered under the Central Goods and Services Tax Act or the Integrated Goods and Services Tax Act or the State Goods and Services Tax Act or the Union Territory Goods and Services Tax Act.</i></p>		
<i>¹¹Inserted vide Notification No. 1796 F. T. dated 13.10.2017</i>				
22	Heading 9966 or Heading 9973	Services by way of giving on hire – (a) to a state transport undertaking, a motor vehicle meant to carry more than twelve passengers; or (b) to a goods transport agency, a means of transportation of goods.	Nil	Nil
23	Heading 9967	Service by way of access to a road or a bridge on payment of toll charges.	Nil	Nil
¹² 23A	<i>Heading 9967</i>	<i>Service by way of access to a road or a bridge on payment of annuity</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>
<i>¹²Inserted vide Notification No. 1796 F. T. dated 13.10.2017</i>				
24	Heading 9967 or Heading 9985	Services by way of loading, unloading, packing, storage or warehousing of rice.	Nil	Nil
25	Heading 9969	Transmission or distribution of electricity by an electricity transmission or distribution utility.	Nil	Nil
26	Heading 9971	Services by the Reserve Bank of India.	Nil	Nil
27	Heading 9971	Services by way of— (a) extending deposits, loans or advances in so far as the consideration is represented by way of interest or discount (other than interest involved in credit card services); (b) <i>inter se</i> sale or purchase of foreign currency amongst banks or authorised dealers of foreign exchange or amongst banks and such dealers.	Nil	Nil

28	Heading 9971 or Heading 9991	Services of life insurance business provided by way of annuity under the National Pension System regulated by the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority of India under the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority Act, 2013 (23 of 2013).	Nil	Nil
29	Heading 9971 or Heading 9991	Services of life insurance business provided or agreed to be provided by the Army, Naval and Air Force Group Insurance Funds to members of the Army, Navy and Air Force, respectively, under the Group Insurance Schemes of the Central Government.	Nil	Nil
30	Heading 9971 or Heading 9991	Services by the Employees' State Insurance Corporation to persons governed under the Employees' State Insurance Act, 1948 (34 of 1948).	Nil	Nil
31	Heading 9971	Services provided by the Employees Provident Fund Organisation to the persons governed under the Employees Provident Funds and the Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 (19 of 1952).	Nil	Nil
32	Heading 9971	Services provided by the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India to insurers under the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India Act, 1999 (41 of 1999).	Nil	Nil
33	Heading 9971	Services provided by the Securities and Exchange Board of India set up under the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992 (15 of 1992) by way of protecting the interests of investors in securities and to promote the development of, and to regulate, the securities market.	Nil	Nil
34	Heading 9971	Services by an acquiring bank, to any person in relation to settlement of an amount upto two thousand rupees in a single transaction transacted through credit card, debit card, charge card or other payment card service.	Nil	Nil

		<i>Explanation.</i> — For the purposes of this entry, “acquiring bank” means any banking company, financial institution including non-banking financial company or any other person, who makes the payment to any person who accepts such card.		
35	Heading 9971 or Heading 9991	<p>Services of general insurance business provided under following schemes –</p> <p>(a) Hut Insurance Scheme;</p> <p>(b) Cattle Insurance under Swarnajaynti Gram Swarozgar Yojna (earlier known as Integrated Rural Development Programme);</p> <p>(c) Scheme for Insurance of Tribals;</p> <p>(d) Janata Personal Accident Policy and Gramin Accident Policy;</p> <p>(e) Group Personal Accident Policy for Self-Employed Women;</p> <p>(f) Agricultural Pumpset and Failed Well Insurance;</p> <p>(g) premia collected on export credit insurance;</p> <p>(h) Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme or the Modified National Agricultural Insurance Scheme <i>4Restructured Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (RWCIS)</i>, approved by the Government of India and implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture;</p> <p>(i) Jan Arogya Bima Policy;</p> <p>(j) National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (Rashtriya Krishi Bima Yojana) <i>5Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)</i>;</p> <p>(k) Pilot Scheme on Seed Crop Insurance;</p> <p>(l) Central Sector Scheme on Cattle Insurance;</p> <p>(m) Universal Health Insurance Scheme;</p> <p>(n) Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana;</p> <p>(o) Coconut Palm Insurance Scheme;</p> <p>(p) Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana;</p>	Nil	Nil

		(q) Niramaya Health Insurance Scheme implemented by the Trust constituted under the provisions of the National Trust for the Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities Act, 1999 (44 of 1999).		
<i>4.5 Substituted vide Notification No. 1498 F.T. dated 22.08.2017</i>				
36	Heading 9971 or Heading 9991	Services of life insurance business provided under following schemes- (a) Janashree Bima Yojana; (b) Aam Aadmi Bima Yojana; (c) Life micro-insurance product as approved by the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority, having maximum amount of cover of fifty thousand rupees; (d) Varishtha Pension Bima Yojana; (e) Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana; (f) Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana; (g) Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana.	Nil	Nil
37	Heading 9971 or Heading 9991	Services by way of collection of contribution under the Atal Pension Yojana.	Nil	Nil
38	Heading 9971 or Heading 9991	Services by way of collection of contribution under any pension scheme of the State Governments.	Nil	Nil
39	Heading 9971 or Heading 9985	Services by the following persons in respective capacities – (a) business facilitator or a business correspondent to a banking company with respect to accounts in its rural area branch; (b) any person as an intermediary to a business facilitator or a business correspondent with respect to services	Nil	Nil

		mentioned in entry (a); or (c) business facilitator or a business correspondent to an insurance company in a rural area.		
40	Heading 9971 or Heading 9991	Services provided to the Central Government, State Government, Union territory under any insurance scheme for which total premium is paid by the Central Government, State Government, Union territory.	Nil	Nil
41	Heading 9972	¹³One time upfront amount (called as premium, salami, cost, price, development charges or by any other name) leviable in respect of the service, by way of granting long term (thirty years, or more) lease of industrial plots, provided by the State Government Industrial Development Corporations or Undertakings to industrial units. ¹³ Upfront amount (called as premium, salami, cost, price, development charges or by any other name) payable in respect of service by way of granting of long term lease of thirty years, or more of industrial plots or plots for development of infrastructure for financial business, provided by the State Government Industrial Development Corporations or Undertakings or by any other entity having 50 per cent. or more ownership of Central Government, State Government, Union territory to the industrial units or the developers in any industrial or financial business area. <i>¹³Substituted vide Notification No. 1796 F. T. dated 13.10.2017</i>	Nil	Nil
42	Heading 9973 or Heading 9991	Services provided by the Central Government, State Government, Union territory or local authority by way of allowing a business entity to operate as a telecom service provider or use radio frequency spectrum during the period prior to the 1 st April, 2016, on payment of licence fee or spectrum user charges, as the case may be.	Nil	Nil

43	Heading 9973	Services of leasing of assets (rolling stock assets including wagons, coaches, locos) by the Indian Railways Finance Corporation to Indian Railways.	Nil	Nil
44	Heading 9981	Services provided by an incubatee up to a total turnover of fifty lakh rupees in a financial year subject to the following conditions, namely:- (a) the total turnover had not exceeded fifty lakh rupees during the preceding financial year; and (b) a period of three years has not elapsed from the date of entering into an agreement as an incubatee.	Nil	Nil
45	Heading 9982 or Heading 9991	Services provided by- (a) an arbitral tribunal to – (i) any person other than a business entity; or (ii) a business entity with an aggregate turnover up to twenty lakh rupees (ten lakh rupees in the case of special category states) in the preceding financial year; (b) a partnership firm of advocates or an individual as an advocate other than a senior advocate, by way of legal services to- (i) an advocate or partnership firm of advocates providing legal services; (ii) any person other than a business entity; or (iii) a business entity with an aggregate turnover up to twenty lakh rupees (ten lakh rupees in the case of special category states) in the preceding financial year; (c) a senior advocate by way of legal services to- (i) any person other than a business entity; or (ii) a business entity with an aggregate turnover up to twenty lakh rupees (ten lakh rupees in the case of special	Nil	Nil

		category states) in the preceding financial year.		
46	Heading 9983	Services by a veterinary clinic in relation to health care of animals or birds.	Nil	Nil
47	Heading 9983 or Heading 9991	Services provided by the State Government, Central Government, Union territory or local authority by way of- (a) registration required under any law for the time being in force; (b) testing, calibration, safety check or certification relating to protection or safety of workers, consumers or public at large, including fire license, required under any law for the time being in force.	Nil	Nil
48	Heading 9983 or any other Heading of Chapter 99	Taxable services, provided or to be provided, by a Technology Business Incubator or a Science and Technology Entrepreneurship Park recognised by the National Science and Technology Entrepreneurship Development Board of the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India or bio-incubators recognised by the Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council, under the Department of Biotechnology, Government of India.	Nil	Nil
49	Heading 9984	Services by way of collecting or providing news by an independent journalist, Press Trust of India or United News of India.	Nil	Nil
50	Heading 9984	Services of public libraries by way of lending of books, publications or any other knowledge-enhancing content or material.	Nil	Nil
51	Heading 9984	Services provided by the Goods and Services Tax Network to the State Government or Central Government or Union territories for implementation of Goods and Services Tax.	Nil	Nil
52	Heading 9985	Services by an organiser to any person in respect of a business exhibition held outside India.	Nil	Nil
53	Heading	Services by way of sponsorship of	Nil	Nil

	9985	<p>sporting events organised -</p> <p>(a) by a national sports federation, or its affiliated federations, where the participating teams or individuals represent any district, State, zone or Country;</p> <p>(b) by Association of Indian Universities, Inter-University Sports Board, School Games Federation of India, All India Sports Council for the Deaf, Paralympic Committee of India or Special Olympics Bharat;</p> <p>(c) by the Central Civil Services Cultural and Sports Board;</p> <p>(d) as part of national games, by the Indian Olympic Association; or</p> <p>(e) under the Panchayat Yuva Kreedha Aur Khel Abhiyaan Scheme.</p>		
54	Heading 9986	<p>Services relating to cultivation of plants and rearing of all life forms of animals, except the rearing of horses, for food, fibre, fuel, raw material or other similar products or agricultural produce by way of—</p> <p>(a) agricultural operations directly related to production of any agricultural produce including cultivation, harvesting, threshing, plant protection or testing;</p> <p>(b) supply of farm labour;</p> <p>(c) processes carried out at an agricultural farm including tending, pruning, cutting, harvesting, drying, cleaning, trimming, sun drying, fumigating, curing, sorting, grading, cooling or bulk packaging and such like operations which do not alter the essential characteristics of agricultural produce but make it only marketable for the primary market;</p> <p>(d) renting or leasing of agro machinery or vacant land with or without a structure incidental to its use;</p> <p>(e) loading, unloading, packing, storage or warehousing of agricultural produce;</p>	Nil	Nil

		(f) agricultural extension services; (g) services by any Agricultural Produce Marketing Committee or Board or services provided by a commission agent for sale or purchase of agricultural produce.		
55	Heading 9986	Carrying out an intermediate production process as job work in relation to cultivation of plants and rearing of all life forms of animals, except the rearing of horses, for food, fibre, fuel, raw material or other similar products or agricultural produce.	Nil	Nil
56	Heading 9988	Services by way of slaughtering of animals.	Nil	Nil
57	Heading 9988 or any other Heading of Section 8 and Section 9	Services by way of pre-conditioning, pre-cooling, ripening, waxing, retail packing, labelling of fruits and vegetables which do not change or alter the essential characteristics of the said fruits or vegetables.	Nil	Nil
58	Heading 9988 or Heading 9992	Services provided by the National Centre for Cold Chain Development under the Ministry of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmer's Welfare by way of cold chain knowledge dissemination.	Nil	Nil
59	Heading 9999	Services by a foreign diplomatic mission located in India.	Nil	Nil
60	Heading 9991	Services by a specified organisation in respect of a religious pilgrimage facilitated by the Ministry of External Affairs, the Government of India, under bilateral arrangement.	Nil	Nil
61	Heading 9991	Services provided by the Central Government, State Government, Union	Nil	Nil

		territory or local authority by way of issuance of passport, visa, driving licence, birth certificate or death certificate.		
62	Heading 9991 or Heading 9997	Services provided by the State Government, Central Government, Union territory or local authority by way of tolerating non-performance of a contract for which consideration in the form of fines or liquidated damages is payable to the Central Government, State Government, Union territory or local authority under such contract.	Nil	Nil
63	Heading 9991	Services provided by the State Government, Central Government, Union territory or local authority by way of assignment of right to use natural resources to an individual farmer for cultivation of plants and rearing of all life forms of animals, except the rearing of horses, for food, fibre, fuel, raw material or other similar products.	Nil	Nil
64	Heading 9991 or Heading 9973	Services provided by the Central Government, State Government, Union territory or local authority by way of assignment of right to use any natural resource where such right to use was assigned by the Central Government, State Government, Union territory or local authority before the 1 st April, 2016: Provided that the exemption shall apply only to tax payable on one time charge payable, in full upfront or in installments, for assignment of right to use such natural resource.	Nil	Nil
65	Heading 9991	Services provided by the Central Government, State Government, Union territory by way of deputing officers after office hours or on holidays for inspection or container stuffing or such other duties in relation to import export cargo on payment of Merchant Overtime charges.	Nil	Nil
66	Heading 9992	Services provided - (a) by an educational institution to its	Nil	Nil

		<p>students, faculty and staff;</p> <p>(b) to an educational institution, by way of,-</p> <p>(i) transportation of students, faculty and staff;</p> <p>(ii) catering, including any mid-day meals scheme sponsored by the Central Government, State Government or Union territory;</p> <p>(iii) security or cleaning or house-keeping services performed in such educational institution;</p> <p>(iv) services relating to admission to, or conduct of examination by, such institution; upto higher secondary:</p> <p>Provided that nothing contained in entry (b) shall apply to an educational institution other than an institution providing services by way of pre-school education and education up to higher secondary school or equivalent.</p>		
67	Heading 9992	<p>Services provided by the Indian Institutes of Management, as per the guidelines of the Central Government, to their students, by way of the following educational programmes, except Executive Development Programme: -</p> <p>(a) two year full time Post Graduate Programmes in Management for the Post Graduate Diploma in Management, to which admissions are made on the basis of Common Admission Test (CAT) conducted by the Indian Institute of Management;</p> <p>(b) fellow programme in Management;</p> <p>(c) five year integrated programme in Management.</p>	Nil	Nil
68	Heading 9992 or Heading 9996	<p>Services provided to a recognised sports body by-</p> <p>(a) an individual as a player, referee, umpire, coach or team manager for participation in a sporting event organised by a recognized sports body;</p>	Nil	Nil

		(b) another recognised sports body.		
69	Heading 9992 or Heading 9983 or Heading 9991	Any services provided by, – (a) the National Skill Development Corporation set up by the Government of India; (b) a Sector Skill Council approved by the National Skill Development Corporation; (c) an assessment agency approved by the Sector Skill Council or the National Skill Development Corporation; (d) a training partner approved by the National Skill Development Corporation or the Sector Skill Council, in relation to- (i) the National Skill Development Programme implemented by the National Skill Development Corporation; or (ii) a vocational skill development course under the National Skill Certification and Monetary Reward Scheme; or (iii) any other Scheme implemented by the National Skill Development Corporation.	Nil	Nil
70	Heading 9983 or Heading 9985 or Heading 9992	Services of assessing bodies empanelled centrally by the Directorate General of Training, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship by way of assessments under the Skill Development Initiative Scheme.	Nil	Nil
71	Heading 9992	Services provided by training providers (Project implementation agencies) under Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana implemented by the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India by way of offering skill or vocational training courses	Nil	Nil

		certified by the National Council for Vocational Training.		
72	Heading 9992	Services provided to the State Government, Central Government, Union territory administration under any training programme for which total expenditure is borne by the Central Government, State Government, Union territory administration.	Nil	Nil
73	Heading 9993	Services provided by the cord blood banks by way of preservation of stem cells or any other service in relation to such preservation.	Nil	Nil
74	Heading 9993	Services by way of- (a) health care services by a clinical establishment, an authorised medical practitioner or para-medics; (b) services provided by way of transportation of a patient in an ambulance, other than those specified in (a) above.	Nil	Nil
75	Heading 9994	Services provided by operators of the common bio-medical waste treatment facility to a clinical establishment by way of treatment or disposal of bio-medical waste or the processes incidental thereto.	Nil	Nil
76	Heading 9994	Services by way of public conveniences such as provision of facilities of bathroom, washrooms, lavatories, urinal or toilets.	Nil	Nil
77	Heading 9995	Service by an unincorporated body or a non-profit entity registered under any law for the time being in force, to its own members by way of reimbursement of charges or share of contribution – (a) as a trade union; (b) for the provision of carrying out any activity which is exempt from the levy of Goods and service Tax; or (c) up to an amount of five thousand rupees per month per member for sourcing of goods or services from a third	Nil	Nil

		person for the common use of its members in a housing society or a residential complex.		
78	Heading 9996	Services by an artist by way of a performance in folk or classical art forms of- (a) music, or (b) dance, or (c) theatre, if the consideration charged for such performance is not more than one lakh and fifty thousand rupees: Provided that the exemption shall not apply to service provided by such artist as a brand ambassador.	Nil	Nil
79	Heading 9996	Services by way of admission to a museum, national park, wildlife sanctuary, tiger reserve or zoo.	Nil	Nil
¹⁷ 79A	<i>Heading 9996</i>	<i>Services by way of admission to a protected monument so declared under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act 1958 (24 of 1958) or any of the State Acts, for the time being in force</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>
<i>¹⁷Inserted vide Notification No. 2025 F.T. dated 14.11.2017 w.e.f. 15.11.2017</i>				
80	Heading 9996	Services by way of training or coaching in recreational activities relating to- (a) arts or culture, or (b) sports by charitable entities registered under section 12AA of the Income-tax Act.	Nil	Nil
81	Heading 9996	Services by way of right to admission to- (a) circus, dance, or theatrical performance including drama or ballet; (b) award function, concert, pageant, musical performance or any sporting event other than a recognised sporting event; (c) recognised sporting event, where the consideration for admission is not more than Rs 250 per person as referred to in (a), (b) and (c) above.	Nil	Nil
⁷ 82	<i>Chapter 9996</i>	<i>Services by way of right to admission to the events organised under FIFA U-17 World Cup 2017.</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>

2. Definitions. - For the purposes of this notification, unless the context otherwise requires, -

(a) “advertisement” means any form of presentation for promotion of, or bringing awareness about, any event, idea, immovable property, person, service, goods or actionable claim through newspaper, television, radio or any other means but does not include any presentation made in person;

(b) “advocate” has the same meaning as assigned to it in clause (a) of sub-section (1) of section 2 of the Advocates Act, 1961 (25 of 1961);

(c) “agricultural extension” means application of scientific research and knowledge to agricultural practices through farmer education or training;

(d) “agricultural produce” means any produce out of cultivation of plants and rearing of all life forms of animals, except the rearing of horses, for food, fibre, fuel, raw material or other similar products, on which either no further processing is done or such processing is done as is usually done by a cultivator or producer which does not alter its essential characteristics but makes it marketable for primary market;

(e) “Agricultural Produce Marketing Committee or Board” means any committee or board constituted under a State law for the time being in force for the purpose of regulating the marketing of agricultural produce;

(f) “aircraft” has the same meaning as assigned to it in clause (1) of section 2 of the Aircraft Act, 1934 (22 of 1934);

(g) “airport” has the same meaning as assigned to it in clause (b) of section 2 of the Airports Authority of India Act, 1994 (55 of 1994.);

(h) “approved vocational education course” means, -

(i) a course run by an industrial training institute or an industrial training centre affiliated to the National Council for Vocational Training or State Council for Vocational Training offering courses in designated trades notified under the Apprentices Act, 1961 (52 of 1961); or

(ii) a Modular Employable Skill Course, approved by the National Council of Vocational Training, run by a person registered with the Directorate General of Training, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship;

(i) “arbitral tribunal” has the same meaning as assigned to it in clause (d) of section 2 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 (26 of 1996);

(j) “authorised dealer of foreign exchange” shall have the same meaning assigned to “Authorised person” in clause (c) of section 2 of the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (42 of 1999);

(k) “authorised medical practitioner” means a medical practitioner registered with any of the councils of the recognised system of medicines established or recognised by law in India and includes a medical professional having the requisite qualification to practice in any recognised system of medicines in India as per any law for the time being in force;

(l) “banking company” has the same meaning as assigned to it in clause (a) of section 45A of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934 (2 of 1934);

(m) “brand ambassador” means a person engaged for promotion or marketing of a brand of goods, service, property or actionable claim, event or endorsement of name, including a trade name, logo or house mark of any person;

(n) “business entity” means any person carrying out business;

(o) “business facilitator or business correspondent” means an intermediary appointed under the business facilitator model or the business correspondent model by a banking company or an insurance company under the guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India;

(p) “Central Electricity Authority” means the authority constituted under section 3 of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948 (54 of 1948);

(q) “Central Transmission Utility” shall have the same meaning as assigned to it in clause (10) of section 2 of the Electricity Act, 2003 (36 of 2003);

(r) “charitable activities” means activities relating to -

(i) public health by way of ,-

(A) care or counseling of

(I) terminally ill persons or persons with severe physical or mental disability;

(II) persons afflicted with HIV or AIDS;

(III) persons addicted to a dependence-forming substance such as narcotics drugs or alcohol; or

(B) public awareness of preventive health, family planning or prevention of HIV infection;

(ii) advancement of religion , spirituality or yoga;

(iii) advancement of educational programmes or skill development relating to,-

(A) abandoned, orphaned or homeless children;

(B) physically or mentally abused and traumatized persons;

(C) prisoners; or

(D) persons over the age of 65 years residing in a rural area;

- (iv) preservation of environment including watershed, forests and wildlife;
- (s) “clinical establishment” means a hospital, nursing home, clinic, sanatorium or any other institution by, whatever name called, that offers services or facilities requiring diagnosis or treatment or care for illness, injury, deformity, abnormality or pregnancy in any recognised system of medicines in India, or a place established as an independent entity or a part of an establishment to carry out diagnostic or investigative services of diseases;
- (t) “contract carriage” has the same meaning as assigned to it in clause (7) of section 2 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (59 of 1988);
- (u) “courier agency” means any person engaged in the door-to-door transportation of time-sensitive documents, goods or articles utilising the services of a person, either directly or indirectly, to carry or accompany such documents, goods or articles;
- (v) “Customs station” shall have the same meaning as assigned to it in clause (13) of section 2 of the Customs Act, 1962 (52 of 1962);
- (w) “declared tariff” includes charges for all amenities provided in the unit of accommodation (given on rent for stay) like furniture, air-conditioner, refrigerators or any other amenities, but without excluding any discount offered on the published charges for such unit;
- (x) “distributor or selling agent” means an individual or a firm or a body corporate or other legal entity under law so appointed by the Organising State through an agreement to market and sell lotteries on behalf of the Organising State;
- (y) “educational institution” means an institution providing services by way of,-
- (i) pre-school education and education up to higher secondary school or equivalent;
 - (ii) education as a part of a curriculum for obtaining a qualification recognised by any law for the time being in force;
 - (iii) education as a part of an approved vocational education course;
- (z) “electricity transmission or distribution utility” means the Central Electricity Authority; a State Electricity Board; the Central Transmission Utility or a State Transmission Utility notified under the Electricity Act, 2003 (36 of 2003); or a distribution or transmission licensee under the said Act, or any other entity entrusted with such function by the Central Government or, as the case may be, the State Government;
- (za) “e-rickshaw” means a special purpose battery powered vehicle of power not exceeding 4000 watts, having three wheels for carrying goods or passengers, as the case may be, for hire or reward, manufactured, constructed or adapted, equipped and maintained in accordance with such specifications, as may be prescribed in this behalf;

(zb) “general insurance business” has the same meaning as assigned to it in clause (g) of section 3 of the General Insurance Business (Nationalisation) Act, 1972 (57 of 1972);

(zc) “general public” means the body of people at large sufficiently defined by some common quality of public or impersonal nature;

(zd) “goods carriage” has the same meaning as assigned to it in clause (14) of section 2 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (59 of 1988);

(ze) “goods transport agency” means any person who provides service in relation to transport of goods by road and issues consignment note, by whatever name called;

~~¹⁴(zf) “governmental authority” has the same meaning as assigned to it in the Explanation to clause (16) of section 2 of the Integrated Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (13 of 2017);~~

¹⁴(zf) *"Governmental Authority" means an authority or a board or any other body, —*

(i) set up by an Act of Parliament or a State Legislature; or

(ii) established by any Government,

with 90 per cent. or more participation by way of equity or control, to carry out any function entrusted to a Municipality under article 243 W of the Constitution or to a Panchayat under article 243 G of the Constitution.

¹⁴(zfa) *"Government Entity" means an authority or a board or any other body including a society, trust, corporation,-*

(i) set up by an Act of Parliament or State Legislature; or

(ii) established by any Government,

with 90 per cent. or more participation by way of equity or control, to carry out a function entrusted by the Central Government, State Government, Union Territory or a local authority.

¹⁴Substituted vide Notification No. 1796 F. T. dated 13.10.2017

(zg) “health care services” means any service by way of diagnosis or treatment or care for illness, injury, deformity, abnormality or pregnancy in any recognised system of medicines in India and includes services by way of transportation of the patient to and from a clinical establishment, but does not include hair transplant or cosmetic or plastic surgery, except when undertaken to restore or to reconstruct anatomy or functions of body affected due to congenital defects, developmental abnormalities, injury or trauma;

(zh) “incubatee” means an entrepreneur located within the premises of a Technology Business Incubator or Science and Technology Entrepreneurship Park recognised by the National Science and Technology Entrepreneurship Development Board (NSTEDB) of the Department of Science

and Technology, Government of India and who has entered into an agreement with the Technology Business Incubator or the Science and Technology Entrepreneurship Park to enable himself to develop and produce hi-tech and innovative products;

(zi) “inland waterway” means national waterways as defined in clause (h) of section 2 of the Inland Waterways Authority of India Act, 1985 (82 of 1985) or other waterway on any inland water, as defined in clause (b) of section 2 of the Inland Vessels Act, 1917 (1 of 1917);

(zj) “insurance company” means a company carrying on life insurance business or general insurance business;

(zk) “interest” means interest payable in any manner in respect of any moneys borrowed or debt incurred (including a deposit, claim or other similar right or obligation) but does not include any service fee or other charge in respect of the moneys borrowed or debt incurred or in respect of any credit facility which has not been utilised;

(zl) “intermediary” has the same meaning as assigned to it in sub-section (13) of section 2 of the Integrated Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017;

(zm) “legal service” means any service provided in relation to advice, consultancy or assistance in any branch of law, in any manner and includes representational services before any court, tribunal or authority;

(zn) “life insurance business” has the same meaning as assigned to it in clause (11) of section 2 of the Insurance Act, 1938 (4 of 1938);

(zo) “life micro-insurance product” shall have the same meaning as assigned to it in clause (e) of regulation 2 of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (Micro-insurance) Regulations, 2005;

(zp) “metered cab” means any contract carriage on which an automatic device, of the type and make approved under the relevant rules by the State Transport Authority, is fitted which indicates reading of the fare chargeable at any moment and that is charged accordingly under the conditions of its permit issued under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (59 of 1988) and the rules made thereunder (but does not include radio taxi);

(zq) “national park” has the same meaning as assigned to it in clause (21) of the section 2 of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 (53 of 1972);

(zr) “online information and database access or retrieval services” shall have the same meaning as assigned to it in clause (17) of the section 2 of the Integrated goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (13 of 2017);

(zs) “original works” means- all new constructions;

(i) all types of additions and alterations to abandoned or damaged structures on land that are required to make them workable;

(ii) erection, commissioning or installation of plant, machinery or equipment or structures, whether pre-fabricated or otherwise;

(zt) “print media” means,—

(i) ‘book’ as defined in sub-section (1) of section 1 of the Press and Registration of Books Act, 1867 (25 of 1867), but does not include business directories, yellow pages and trade catalogues which are primarily meant for commercial purposes;

(ii) ‘newspaper’ as defined in sub-section (1) of section 1 of the Press and Registration of Books Act, 1867 (25 of 1867);

(zu) “port” has the same meaning as assigned to it in clause (q) of section 2 of the Major Port Trusts Act, 1963 (38 of 1963) or in clause (4) of section 3 of the Indian Ports Act, 1908 (15 of 1908);

(zv) “radio taxi” means a taxi including a radio cab, by whatever name called, which is in two-way radio communication with a central control office and is enabled for tracking using the Global Positioning System or General Packet Radio Service;

(zw) “recognised sporting event” means any sporting event,-

(i) organised by a recognised sports body where the participating team or individual represent any district, state, zone or country;

(ii) organised -

(A) by a national sports federation, or its affiliated federations, where the participating teams or individuals represent any district, state or zone;

(B) by Association of Indian Universities, Inter-University Sports Board, School Games Federation of India, All India Sports Council for the Deaf, Paralympic Committee of India or Special Olympics Bharat;

(C) by Central Civil Services Cultural and Sports Board;

(D) as part of national games, by Indian Olympic Association; or

(E) under Panchayat Yuva Kreedha Aur Khel Abhiyaan (PYKKA) Scheme;

(zx) “recognised sports body” means –

(i) the Indian Olympic Association;

(ii) Sports Authority of India;

(iii) a national sports federation recognised by the Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs of the Central Government, and its affiliate federations;

(iv) national sports promotion organisations recognised by the Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs of the Central Government;

(v) the International Olympic Association or a federation recognised by the International Olympic Association; or

(vi) a federation or a body which regulates a sport at international level and its affiliated federations or bodies regulating a sport in India;

(zy) “religious place” means a place which is primarily meant for conduct of prayers or worship pertaining to a religion, meditation, or spirituality;

(zz) “renting in relation to immovable property” means allowing, permitting or granting access, entry, occupation, use or any such facility, wholly or partly, in an immovable property, with or without the transfer of possession or control of the said immovable property and includes letting, leasing, licensing or other similar arrangements in respect of immovable property;

(zza) “Reserve Bank of India” means the bank established under section 3 of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934 (2 of 1934);

(zzb) “residential complex” means any complex comprising of a building or buildings, having more than one single residential unit;

(zzc) “rural area” means the area comprised in a village as defined in land revenue records, excluding-

the area under any municipal committee, municipal corporation, town area committee, cantonment board or notified area committee; or any area that may be notified as an urban area by the Central Government or a State Government;

(zzd) “senior advocate” has the same meaning as assigned to it in section 16 of the Advocates Act, 1961 (25 of 1961);

(zze) “single residential unit” means a self-contained residential unit which is designed for use, wholly or principally, for residential purposes for one family;

(zzf) “special category States” shall mean the States as specified in sub-clause (g) of clause (4) of article 279A of the Constitution,

(zzg) “specified organisation” shall mean,-

(i) Kumaon Mandal Vikas Nigam Limited, a Government of Uttarakhand Undertaking; or

(ii) ‘Committee’ or ‘State Committee’ as defined in section 2 of the Haj Committee Act, 2002 (35 of 2002);

(zzh) “stage carriage” shall have the same meaning as assigned to it in clause (40) of section 2 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (59 of 1988);

(zzi) “State Electricity Board” means the Board constituted under section 5 of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948 (54 of 1948);

(zzj) “State Transmission Utility” shall have the same meaning as assigned to it in clause (67) of section 2 of the Electricity Act, 2003 (36 of 2003);

(zzk) “state transport undertaking” has the same meaning as assigned to it in clause (42) of section 2 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (59 of 1988);

(zzl) “tiger reserve” has the same meaning as assigned to it in clause (e) of section 38K of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 (53 of 1972);

(zzm) “tour operator” means any person engaged in the business of planning, scheduling, organizing, arranging tours (which may include arrangements for accommodation, sightseeing or other similar services) by any mode of transport, and includes any person engaged in the business of operating tours;

(zzn) "trade union" has the same meaning as assigned to it in clause (h) of section 2 of the Trade Unions Act, 1926(16 of 1926);

(zzo) “vessel” has the same meaning as assigned to it in clause (z) of section 2 of the Major Port Trusts Act, 1963 (38 of 1963);

(zzp) “wildlife sanctuary” means a sanctuary as defined in the clause (26) of the section 2 of The Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 (53 of 1972);

(zzq) “zoo” has the same meaning as assigned to it in the clause (39) of the section 2 of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 (53 of 1972).

3. *Explanation.*- For the purposes of this notification,-

(i) Reference to “Chapter”, “Section” or “Heading”, wherever they occur, unless the context otherwise requires, shall mean respectively as “Chapter, “Section” and “Heading” in the scheme of classification of services.

(ii) Chapter, Section, Heading, Group, or Service Code mentioned in Column (2) of the Table are only indicative.

⁶(iii) A “Limited Liability Partnership” formed and registered under the provisions of the Limited Liability Partnership Act, 2008 (6 of 2009) shall also be considered as a partnership firm or a firm.

⁶ Explanation 3(iii) inserted vide Notification No. 1498 F.T. dated 22.08.2017

4. This notification shall come into force on the 1st day of July, 2017.

By order of the Governor,

RAJSEKHAR BANDYOPADHYAY
Joint Secretary to the Government of West Bengal