

**Key Highlights on Tax and Regulatory Matters proposed by Hon'ble
Finance Minister of India Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman on
24th March 2020**

Please find below key highlights of the announcements pertaining to relief in certain tax and regulatory compliances proposed by Hon'ble FM Finance Minister of India Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman vide her address to nation dated 24th March, 2020:

A. INCOME TAX

Income Tax Returns (FY 2018-19):	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The last date of filing of Income Tax return for F.Y. 2018-19 (A.Y. 2019-20) has been extended from 31st March 2020 to 30th June 2020.
Statutory compliances required to be made between 20th March 2020 to 29th June 2020:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Statutory compliances where the time limit for compliance is expiring between 20th March 2020 & 29th June 2020 shall be extended to 30th June 2020.• The said date extension applies to following compliances to be made under various statutes:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Due date for issue of notices○ Intimations/ Notifications○ Approval order○ Sanction order○ Filing of appeal○ Furnishing of return○ Statements/ Application/ Reports○ Any other document○ Time limit for completion of proceedings by the authority○ Any compliance by the taxpayer including investments in saving instruments or investment or roll over benefit of capital gains

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The date extension for compliances to be made between this period is for the following statutes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Income Tax Act ○ Wealth Tax Act ○ Prohibition of Benami Property Transactions Act ○ Black Money Act ○ STT Law ○ CTT Law ○ Equalization Levy Law ○ Vivad Se Vishwas Law
Vivad Se Vishwas Scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No additional payment to be made under the Scheme if payment made by 30th June 2020 as against the earlier provision for payment by 31st March 2020.
Interest on delayed payment at reduced rate:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced Interest rate of 9% instead of 12 %/18 % per annum (i.e. 0.75% per month instead of 1/1.5% per month) shall be charged for delayed payment made between 20th March 2020 and 30th June 2020 in respect of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Advance Tax/ Self-Assessment Tax ○ Tax on regular assessment ○ TDS/ TCS ○ Equalization Levy ○ STT/CTT • No late fee/ penalty shall be charged for delay relating to this period
Aadhar-PAN linking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last date for linking of Aadhar and PAN has been extended from 31st March 2020 to 30th June 2020

B. GST / INDIRECT TAX

<p>GST</p>	<p><u>Due dates / Last date extended to Last week of June 2020</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For all the GST returns due in the months March 2020 - May 2020 (in staggered manner). • To opt for Composition scheme. • For making payments for the quarter ending 31st March 2020 by the Composition dealers. <p><u>Late Fees/Interest/Penalty</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Late fees, Interest and Penalty for late filing of Returns for taxpayers having aggregate annual turnover less than INR 5 crores. • No Late fees and Penalty shall be charged for late filing of Returns on taxpayers having aggregate annual turnover more than INR 5 crores up to 30th June 2020, however taxpayer shall be liable to pay Interest at reduced rate @ 9% per annum for any delayed payment made after 15 days of the original due date as against 18% per annum earlier.
<p>Sabka Vishwas</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last date to comply with SVDRS under Indirect Tax Regime has been extended to 30th June 2020. • No Interest would be levied up to 30th June 2020.
<p>Customs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Custom clearance will remain open for 24 hours a day and 7 days a week till 30th June 2020

C. REGULATORY COMPLIANCES

Filing of Return and Forms with MCA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In respect of MCA21 registry there is a moratorium being issued from 1st April 2020 to 30th September 2020, no additional fee for late filing.
Board Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mandatory requirement of holding board meetings is being relaxed by a period of 60 days, this relaxation is for the next two quarters.
Commencement of Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Newly incorporated companies get additional 6 more months to file declaration for commencement of business.
CARO 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CARO 2020 will be applicable from F.Y. 2020-2021 as against F.Y. 2019-2020.
Independent Directors	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Relaxation on meeting of Independent Directors for FY 2019-2020.
Residency of Directors	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Residency requirement for Director has been relaxed.
Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code(IBC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Threshold for default under IBC raised to INR 1 Crore from INR 1 lakh.

D. FINANCIAL SERVICES

Relaxation for 3 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Debit cardholders to withdraw cash from any other banks' ATM (other than the bank which has issued debit card) for 3 months without any charges.• Waiver of minimum balance fee.• Reduced bank charges for digital trade transactions for all trade finances.
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