

# GST Council constitutes 18 Sectoral Groups for smooth roll-out of GST

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As decided in the 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the GST Council held on 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> May, 2017 in Srinagar, J&K, 18 Sectoral Groups have been constituted representing various sectors of the economy in order to ensure smooth roll-out of GST. These 18 Sectoral Groups representing various sectors of the economy and containing Senior Officers of the Centre and the States are being set-up to ensure smooth implementation of GST by timely responding to the issues and problems of their respective Sector(s).

In fact, they are being with the following objectives:

- i) Interact and examine representations received from trade and industry associations/bodies of their respective sector.
- ii) Highlight specific issues for the smooth transition of the respective sector to the GST regime.
- iii) Prepare sector specific draft guidance.

These Sectoral Working Groups consist of Senior Officers from the Centre and the States.

**18 Sectoral Groups** along with the **names of Co-convenor(s)** are as follows:

S. No.	Sector	Central Government	State Government
		Name & Designation	Name & Designation
1	Banking, Financial & Insurance	Upender Gupta, Commissioner, GST Policy Wing, CBEC	Dhananjay Akhade, Jt. Commissioner, Maharashtra
2	Telecom	Amitabh Kumar, Jt. Secretary (TRU-II), CBEC	Sh. Mukesh Kumar Meshram, CCT, Uttar Pradesh
3	Exports (incl EOUs and SEZs)	Dr. Tejpal Singh, ADG, DGEP, CBEC	Amitabh Jain, Principal Secretary, Chhattisgarh
4.	IT & ITes	M. Vinod Kumar, Chief Commissioner, CBEC	Ms. Smaraki Mahapatra, CCT, West Bengal
5	Transport & Logistics	J.M. Kennedy, ADG, DRI, CBEC	Ms. Sujatha Chaturvedi, Pr. Secretary, Bihar
6	Textiles	Yogendra Garg, Commissioner, CBEC	Ms. Mona Khandhar, Secretary (EA), Gujarat

7	MSMEs (incl. job work)	Manish Sinha, Commissioner, CBEC & GST Council	H. Rajesh Prasad, Commissioner, VAT, Delhi
8	Oil & Gas (upstream & downstream)	P.K. Jain, Chief Commissioner, (AR), CBEC	Anurag Goel, CCT, Assam
9	Gems & Jewellery	Reyaz Ahmad, Director (TRU)	Dr. P.D. Vaghela, CCT, Gujarat
10	Services received and provided by Government	D.P. Nagendra Kumar, Pr. Commissioner, CBEC	Arun Mishra, Additional Secretary (CT) Bihar
11	Food Processing	Ajay Jain, Chief Commissioner, CBEC	Khalid Anwar, Sr. Jt. CCT, West Bengal
12	E-commerce	R. Sriram, Commissioner, CBEC	Ritvik Pandey, CCT, Karnataka
13	Big Infra (Airport & Sea ports including Maintenance, Repair & Overhaul, Power Sector, Housing and Construction)	Sandeep Prakash, Commissioner, CBEC	J. Syamala Rao, CCT, Andhra Pradesh
14	Travel & Tourism	Smt. Sungita Sharma, Pr. Commissioner, CBEC	Raghwendra Kumar Singh, CCT, Madhya Pradesh (Indore)
15	Handicrafts	Pradeep Goel, Commissioner, CBEC	Ms. Sangeetha P. CCT, Chhattisgarh
16	Media & Entertainment	M. Srinivas, Commissioner, CBEC	Omnanarayan Chainsukhji Bhangdiya, Addl. Commissioner, Sales Tax, Maharashtra, Pune
17	Drugs & Pharmaceuticals	A.R.S. Kumar, Commissioner, CBEC	Dr. M.P. Ravi Prasad, Joint CCT, Karnataka
18	Mining	S.N. Singh, Chief, Commissioner, CBEC	Praveen Gupta, Secretary (Finance), Rajasthan

The officials of these Sectoral Groups will deal with the issues and the problems of the respective sector(s) they represent. Concerned industry Groups/Associations or even individual industry representative(s) may approach the respective Sectoral Group officers with their problems, if any, relating to GST implementation who, in turn, will try to guide and help them in resolving the same. This exercise will help in dealing with most of the sectoral problems and issues at the local/regional level.

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