

Honourable Speaker Sir,

The **overall surplus** as per Budget Estimates for the year 2018-19 is ₹ **783.02** crores.

I now present tax proposals for the year 2018-19.

Prohibition

Gujarat State has adopted Prohibition policy and has been implementing it since its inception. The Prohibition policy is being implemented as per Gujarat Prohibition Act, 1949. Though the State has adopted prohibition policy, permission for consumption of foreign liquor is given to various permit holders, foreign tourists in accordance with the prescribed rules in this regard. Excise duty and other fees are levied on foreign liquor being imported in the state and the State Government earns tax revenue on the same.

The rates of excise duty and other fees have not been revised since 1999-2000. I, therefore propose to **increase the present rates of excise duty and other fees** as under:

Excise Duty

Category	Present Rates	Proposed Rates
Spirit	₹ 100/- per proof litre	₹ 300/- per proof litre
Beer	₹ 25/- per proof litre	₹ 60/- per bulk litre for strong beer ₹ 33/- per bulk litre for mild beer
Wine	₹ 100/- per poof litre	₹ 300/- per proof litre

Transportation Fee and Special Fee

	Category	Present Rates	Proposed Rates
Transportation Fee	Spirit	₹ 2/- per bulk litre	₹ 10/- per bulk litre
	Wine	₹ 1/- per bulk litre	₹ 5/- per bulk litre
	Beer	₹ 0.50 per bulk litre	₹ 5/- per bulk litre
Special Fee	Spirit	₹ 45/- per bulk litre	₹ 135/- per bulk litre
	Wine	₹ 15/- per bulk litre	₹ 45/- per bulk litre
	Beer	₹ 5/- per bulk litre	₹ 15/- per bulk litre

**Rates of
C.S.D.
Canteen**

I propose to **increase the present rates of excise duty** on foreign liquor being imported in the State by C.S.D. Canteen for military personnel as under:

Category	Present Rates	Proposed Rates
Spirit (Except Rum)	₹ 75/- per proof litre	₹ 225/- per proof litre
Spirit (Rum)	₹ 25/- per proof litre	₹ 75/ per proof litre
Wine (less than 17% strength)	₹ 10/- per proof litre	₹ 30/- per proof litre
Wine (More than 17% strength)	₹ 75/- per proof litre	₹ 225/- per proof litre
Beer	₹ 10/- per proof litre	₹ 30/- per bulk litre for strong beer ₹ 15/- per bulk litre for mild beer

**Special Fee on
foreign liquor
being
imported from
outside India**

No excise duty / counter veiling duty is levied on spirit, wine and beer when imported in the State from outside India. I therefore propose to **levy special fee** on spirit, wine and beer being imported from outside India in the State of Gujarat, as under:

Spirit and Wine	<p>(1) Special Fees of ₹ 500/- per bulk litre for sales price upto ₹ 1500/-</p> <p>(2) Special Fees of ₹ 2000/- per bulk litre for sales price from ₹ 1500/- to ₹ 6000/-</p> <p>(3) Special Fees of ₹ 8000/- per bulk litre for sales price exceeding ₹ 6000/-</p>
Mild Beer	Special Fees of ₹ 33/- per bulk litre
Strong Beer	Special Fees of ₹ 42/- per bulk litre

Conclusion

The final position of Budget Estimates for the year 2018-19 will be as under:

	(₹ in crores)
Surplus as per Budget Estimates	(+) 783.02
Proposed increase in Prohibition rates	(+) 106.32
Estimated overall surplus	(+) 889.34

I commend the Budget for the consideration of this august House.