GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM

ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR

FINANCE (TAXATION) DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION - STATE TAX

The 1st July, 2020

No. FTX.56/2017/Pt-III/464.- In exercise of the powers conferred by section 164 of the Assam Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017, the Governor of Assam is hereby pleased further to amend the Assam Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017, hereinafter referred to as the principal Rules, namely:

1. Short title and commencement.
   (1) These rules may be called the Assam Goods and Services Tax (Fifth Amendment) Rules, 2020.
   (2) Save as otherwise provided in these rules, they shall come into force with effect from the 5th day of May, 2020.

2. Amendment in rule 26
   In the principal Rules, with effect from the 21st April, 2020, in rule 26 in sub-rule (1), after the proviso, the following new proviso shall be inserted, namely:

   "Provided further that a registered person registered under the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 (18 of 2013) shall, during the period from the 21st day of April, 2020 to the 30th day of June, 2020, also be allowed to furnish the return under section 39 in FORM GSTR-3B verified through electronic verification code (EVC)."

3. Insertion of new rule 67A
   In the principal Rules, after rule 67, with effect from a date to be notified later, the following new rule shall be inserted, namely:

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67A. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Chapter, for a registered person who is required to furnish a Nil return under section 39 in FORM GSTR-3B for a tax period, any reference to electronic furnishing shall include furnishing of the said return through a short messaging service using the registered mobile number and the said return shall be verified by a registered mobile number based One Time Password facility.

Explanation. - For the purpose of this rule, a Nil return shall mean a return under section 39 for a tax period that has nil or no entry in all the Tables in FORM GSTR-3B.”.

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Commissioner & Secretary to the Government of Assam,
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