

F. No.259/ Handicrafts Committee-9/GSTC/2017
GST Council Secretariat

20 November, 2017, New Delhi

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Constitution of 'Committee on Handicrafts' to look into definition of handicraft goods in GST regime.

In pursuance of the decision of the 23rd GST Council Meeting held on 10 November 2017 at Guwahati, a 'Committee on Handicrafts' to look into GST definition of handicraft goods is hereby constituted with the following members:

- i. Smt. Vanaja N. Sarna, Chairman, CBEC (**Convener**)
 - ii. Shri P. K. Mohanty, (Advisor (GST), CBEC0
 - iii. Shri Yogendra Garg, ADG (GST), CBEC
 - iv. Shri G. D. Lohani, OSD (TRU I)
 - v. Shri Ratnesh Kumar Jha, Addl. Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), Min. of Textiles
 - vi. Shri Anurag Goel, CCT, Assam
 - vii. Shri P. I. Khateeb, CCT, Jammu & Kashmir
 - viii. Shri M.S. Srikar, CCT, Karnataka
 - ix. Shri Saswat Mishra, CCT, Odisha
 - x. Shri Alok Gupta, CCT, Rajasthan
 - xi. Dr. C. Chandramouli, CCT, Tamil Nadu
 - xii. Dr. Brahmneet Kaur, CCT, Tripura
 - xiii. Shri Mukesh Kumar Meshram, CCT, Uttar Pradesh
 - xiv. Smt. Smaraki Mahapatra, CCT, West Bengal
 - xv. Shri Shashank Priya, JS, GST Council
2. The Terms of Reference of the 'Committee on Handicrafts' is:
- i. to evolve a definition of handicraft goods based on its way of manufacture and cultural & heritage linkages;
 - ii. to identify the goods under different HSN Codes which shall be considered as handicrafts;
 - iii. to identify specific issues of handicraft items and suggest possible solutions.
3. Convenor of the 'Committee on Handicrafts' may co-opt members from other States/CBEC, as required, in the committee as 'special invitees'.
4. Shri G. D. Lohani, OSD (TRU I), will be the Member Secretary of the 'Committee on Handicrafts'.
5. The 'Committee on Handicrafts Sector' shall complete its work and give the final recommendation to the Council by **29 December 2017**.
6. This issues with the approval of the Hon'ble Union Finance Minister and Chairperson GST Council.


(Arun Goyal)

Additional Secretary, GST Council

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To:

1. The Members of the 'Committee on Handicrafts'.

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1. Secretary, GST Council;
2. PS to Hon'ble Union Finance Minister, Government of India, North Block, New Delhi;
3. PS to Hon'ble Minister of State (Finance), Government of India, North Block, New Delhi;
4. All States (through Nodal Officers).