

Recommendation made by the GST Council in its 25th Meeting held on 18th January, 2018 at Delhi for reducing GST rate on admission to amusement parks and ballet etc, from 28% to 18%.

In the meeting held on 18th January, 2018, the GST Council has recommended reduction of GST rate on services by way of admission to amusement parks including theme parks, water parks, joy rides, merry-go-rounds, go-carting and ballet from 28% to 18%. These services hitherto attracted GST @ 28%. Requests were received from several quarters that amusement parks promote social wellness and beget fun and learning for children and their families in a real active entertainment and therefore, the rate may be reduced to 18%.

The notifications giving effect to the recommendations of the Council will be issued on 25th January, 2018. Accordingly, admission to amusement parks including theme parks, water parks, joy rides, merry-go-rounds, go-carting and ballet shall be taxable at the lower rate of 18%.

It is expected and hoped that States do not raise the tax on entertainment and amusement levied by the local authorities (Panchayats/ Municipalities/ District Councils) so as to increase the tax burden on the amusement parks. This will ensure that the rate cut in GST is passed on to children.