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The government is likely to overhaul the central board of excise and customs’ (CBEC) organisational structure to administer the Central GST (CGST) and Integrated-GST (IGST) from April 1, the appointed date for rolling out the goods and service tax (GST) regime.

Under the CBEC, it is proposed to create one GST commissionerate each for 15,000-20,000 assessees and Rs 5,000-crore revenue. In all, it is proposed, there would be 24 zones, 107 commissionerates, 53 audit commissionerates, 53 commissioner (appeals) and 535 GST divisions across the country.

Currently, there are separate structures for the central excise and service tax administration, with 23 excise zones and 4 service tax zones. The distinctions would cease to exist when GST comes into force next year.

Even though no additional posts need to be created now, it has proposed to match the existing manpower with the future requirement. While GST Commisionerates would look after CGST and IGST work, they will also handle the exclusive central excise work as well as legacy issues.

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**GST Regime: Tax Payers Allowed to Take Option of Third-Party Interfaces**

**New Delhi**: Moving a step forward towards the actual implementation of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime, GST Network, the company which is entrusted to create the logistical and IT backbone for the new tax regime, on Tuesday allowed taxpayers the option of third-party interfaces.

The step, aimed at providing ease to the taxpayers towards payment of the new indirect tax, invites banks, IT companies and financial technology companies to become GST Suvidha Providers (GSPs) to help the taxpayers from registration of entity to uploading of invoice details to filing of returns.

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"GSTN, making a remarkable development, on Tuesday announced the final roadmap, process guidelines and implementation framework for IT/ITES/BFSI companies to become GSPs," the company said in a statement here.

It is expected that the GSPs shall provide the tax payers with all services mentioned above in addition to maintaining their individual business ledgers (sales ledger and purchase ledger) and other value added services.

The GST System is going to have a government-to-business portal for taxpayers to access it, however, that would not be the only way for interacting with the GST system as the taxpayer via his choice of third party applications, which will provide all user interfaces and convenience via desktop, mobile, other interfaces, will be able to interact with the GST system.

Thus there will be two sets of interactions, one between the app user and the GSP and the second between the GSP and the GST System. It is envisaged that app provider and GSP could be the same entity. Another version could where data in required format directly goes to GSP-GST Server.

"Tax payer should have a choice to use third party applications which can provide varied interfaces on desktops, laptops and mobiles and can connect with GST System," the statement said.

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