
 <p>आजादी का अमृत महोत्सव</p>	<p>भारत सरकार/ GOVERNMENT OF INDIA प्रधान आयुक्त का कार्यालय/OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL COMMISSIONER केन्द्रीय वस्तु एवं सेवाकर एवम उत्पाद शुल्क/CGST & CENTRAL EXCISE RANCHI 5ए, केंद्रीय राजस्व भवन, महात्मा गांधी मार्ग, रांची - 834 001 5A, Central Revenue Building, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Ranchi-834001 दूरभाष/Tel: 0651-2330218; फ़ैक्स/Fax: 0651-2332420: Email: commr-cexranchi1@nic.in / comm.ranchi@icegate.gov.in</p>	
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DATED: 24.07.2023

Subject: Clarification on TCS liability under Sec 52 of the CGST Act, 2017 in case of multiple E-commerce Operators in one transaction.

Kind attention of the Trade & Industries and Departmental Officers is invited to the Circular No. 194/06/2023-GST issued by the Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs (hereinafter referred to as 'Board'). The said Circular is available on CBIC website <https://www.cbic.gov.in/> <https://cbic-gst.gov.in>.

2. Various representations have been received by Board seeking clarification regarding TCS liability under section 52 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (hereinafter referred to as "CGST Act"), in case of multiple E-commerce Operators (ECOs) in one transaction, in the context of Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC).

2.1 In the current platform-centric model of e-commerce, the buyer interface and seller interface are operated by the same ECO. This ECO collects the consideration from the buyer, deducts the TCS under Sec 52 of the CGST Act, credits the deducted TCS amount to the GST cash ledger of the seller and passes on the balance of the consideration to the seller after deducting their service charges.

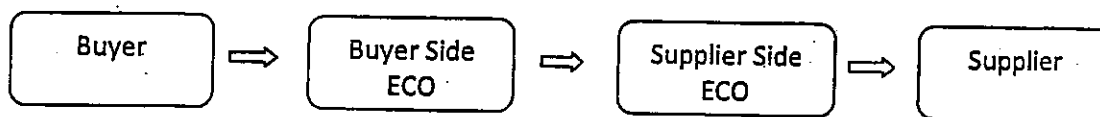
2.2 In the case of the ONDC Network or similar other arrangements, there can be multiple ECOs in a single transaction - one providing an interface to the buyer and the other providing an interface to the seller. In this setup, buyer-side ECO could collect consideration, deduct their commission and pass on the consideration to the seller-side ECO. In this context, clarity has been sought as to which ECO should deduct TCS and make other compliances under section



52 of CGST Act in such situations, as in such models having multiple ECOs in a single transaction, both the Buyer-side ECO and the Seller-side ECO qualify as ECOs as per Section 2(45) of the CGST Act.

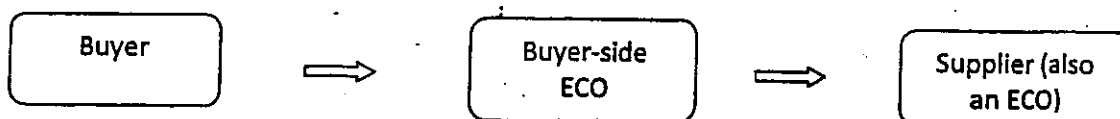
3. In order to clarify the issue and to ensure uniformity in the implementation of the provisions of law across the field formations, the Board, in exercise of its powers conferred by section 168 (1) of the CGST Act, hereby clarifies the issues as under:

Issue 1: In a situation where multiple ECOs are involved in a single transaction of supply of goods or services or both through ECO platform and where the supplier-side ECO himself is not the supplier in the said supply, who is liable for compliances under section 52 including collection of TCS?



Clarification: In such a situation where multiple ECOs are involved in a single transaction of supply of goods or services or both through ECO platform and where the supplier-side ECO himself is not the supplier of the said goods or services, the compliances under section 52 of CGST Act, including collection of TCS, is to be done by the supplier-side ECO who finally releases the payment to the supplier for a particular supply made by the said supplier through him. e.g.: Buyer-side ECO collects payment from the buyer, deducts its fees/commissions and remits the balance to Seller-side ECO. Here, the Seller-side ECO will release the payment to the supplier after deduction of his fees/commissions and therefore will also be required to collect TCS, as applicable and pay the same to the Government in accordance with section 52 of CGST Act and also make other compliances under section 52 of CGST Act. In this case, the Buyer-side ECO will neither be required to collect TCS nor will be required to make other compliances in accordance with section 52 of CGST Act with respect to this particular supply.

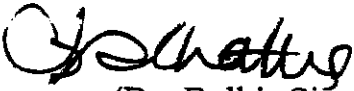
Issue 2: In a situation where multiple ECOs are involved in a single transaction of supply of goods or services or both through ECO platform and the Supplier-side ECO is himself the supplier of the said supply, who is liable for compliances under section 52 including collection of TCS?



Clarification: In such a situation, TCS is to be collected by the Buyer-side ECO while making payment to the supplier for the particular supply being made through it. e.g. Buyer-side ECO collects payment from the buyer, deducts its fees and remits the balance to the supplier (who is itself an ECO as per the definition in Sec 2(45) of the CGST Act). In this scenario, the Buyer-side ECO will also be required to collect TCS, as applicable, pay the same to the Government in accordance with section 52 of CGST Act and also make other compliances under section 52 of CGST Act.

4. All Trade Associations/ Chamber of Commerce, Members of RAC (Organized and SSI) falling within the jurisdiction of Central GST & CX Commissionerate, Ranchi are requested to bring the content of this Trade Notice to the knowledge of their constituent members and other concerns for wider dissemination.

5. Hindi version will follow.


(Dr. Balbir Singh)
Principal Commissioner
CGST & CX, Ranchi.

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2. Jharkhand Small Industries Association, Udyog Bhawan, Kokar Industrial Area, Kokar, Ranchi-834001
3. The Director General (Systems), Directorate General of Systems & Data Management, 4th &5th Floor, Samrat Hotel, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi-110021.
4. The Director General, Directorate General of Tax-Payer Services, C.R. Building, I P Estate, New Delhi-110002.
5. The Chief Commissioner, Central GST & Central Excise, Ranchi Zone, Patna.
6. The Commissioner (Appeal), Central GST & Central Excise, Ranchi for information please.
7. The Commissioner (Appeal), Central GST & Central Excise, Patna for information please.
8. The Commissioner of State Tax, Government of Jharkhand for information please.
9. The Additional Commissioner, Central GST & Central Excise Sub-Commissionerate, Dhanbad.
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11. The Deputy /Assistant Commissioner (Systems), Central GST & Central Excise (Hqrs.), Ranchi, with request to arrange the uploading of the notice on the Departmental website.
12. The Administrative Officer, CGST & CX (H), Ranchi with request to arrange the publishing of notice in local news papers.
13. Notice Board.
14. Guard File.


(G Naveen Kumar)
Assistant Commissioner (Tech)
CGST & CX, Ranchi.