Registration norms may be relaxed for small e-commerce businesses

Maximum turnover for eligible firms should be ₹40 lakh and ₹20 lakh for goods and services, respectively.

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The GST Council in its meeting next week is also likely to consider a proposal to relax compulsory registration norms for small businesses, which use any e-commerce platforms to sell their products. Such a move, once implemented, will help small businesses in a big way.

A senior government official told BusinessLine that the proposal is expected to come with certain riders. First, exemption will be available up to aggregate turnover on all-India basis not exceeding the turnover, as prescribed under the law. In other words, small businesses having annual turnover up to ₹40 lakh and ₹20 lakh for goods and services, respectively (₹20 lakh and ₹10 lakh, respectively, in select States) will get exemption. Second, such businesses will not be required to make any Inter-State taxable supplies. Additionally, they will be required to declare PAN and the principal place of business.

"E-commerce operators will not be required to deduct tax collected at source (TCS)," the official explained.

Further, composition dealers (having turnover up to ₹1.5 crore a year) may also be permitted to make supplies through an e-commerce operator. This will also have some conditions such as the composition dealer concerned not being engaged in supply of goods or services which are not leviable to tax and not being engaged in Inter-State supply.

Annual returns
The Council is also expected to consider another proposal in the interest of small businesses.

"Businesses with annual turnover of ₹2 crore may be given an exemption from filing annual returns — GSTR 3 and 9A — for FY22," the official said.

This exemption was given for FY21 as well.

For other businesses, the effort would be to notify GSTR9 and GSTR9 C at the earliest. "These forms are likely to be notified with minimal changes to the ones notified for FY21," he said.

Falling crude aids rally in oversold markets; Sensex up 934 points

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The fall in the global crude oil prices from around $95 a barrel to $83 has got some buoyancy into the stock markets around the world.

In addition, the stock markets were oversold which led to the bounce back in equity. The Sensex gained 934 points or 1.81 per cent to 52,532. The Nifty index gained 1.88 per cent or 286 points to 15,638.

Meanwhile, the rupee closed higher at 77.98 per dollar against Friday's closing of 78.07.

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