## Union Budget 2023-24

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### Fiscal and Policy level

- Fiscal Deficit for FY23 kept at 6.4% (RE)
- Fiscal Deficit for FY24 kept at 5.9% (BE)
- Support to MSMEs by enhancing allocation for MSME Ministry to Rs. 22,137 cr (42% increase over previous year revised budget)
- Capital expenditure for FY24 increased to INR 10 lakh crore (3.30% of GDP). This is
  33% higher than the FY 23 budget of INR 7.50 lakh crore

### Ease of doing business

- Unified Skill India digital platforms to be introduced for enabling demand-based formal skilling, linking with employers including MSMEs
- Unified Filing Process to be set up for eliminating the need for separate submission of the same information to different government agencies

### Ease of doing business

#### Vivad se Vishwas I Scheme

Vivad se Vishwas II Scheme

In cases of failure by MSMEs to execute contracts during the Covid period, 95 per cent of the forfeited amount relating to bid or performance security to be returned to them by government and government undertakings

To settle contractual disputes of government and government undertakings, wherein arbitral award is under challenge in a court, a voluntary settlement scheme with standardized terms to be introduced offering graded settlement terms depending on pendency level of the dispute

### Ease of doing business

### DigiLocker

### Credit Guarantee for MSMEs

DigiLocker will be set up for use by MSMEs, large business and charitable trusts which will enable storing and sharing documents online securely, whenever needed, with various authorities, regulators, banks and other business entities

Revamped scheme will take effect from 1st April 2023 through infusion of INR 9,000 crore in the corpus. This will enable additional collateral-free guaranteed credit of INR 2 lakh crore. Further, the cost of the credit will be reduced by about 1 per cent

### Ministry of MSME – Budget allocation

S. No	Particulars	FY24 Budget Estimate (INR Crore)	FY 23 Revised Estimate (INR Crore)	% change
1	Khadi, Village and Coir Industries	1289.00	824.95	56.25%
2	Technology Upgradation and Quality Certification	74.95	55.81	34.30%
3	Prime Minister Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP)	2700.00	2484.01	8.70%
4	Guarantee Emergency Credit Line (GECL) facility to eligible MSME borrowers	14100.00	10500.00	34.29%
5	Credit Support Program	500.00	0.08	
6	Market Promotion	96.35	52.00	85.29%

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7	Enterpreneurship and Skill Development	685.00	659.52	3.86%
8	Infrastructure Development Program	2270.00	896.01	153.35%
9	Studies, Publicity and Intl Cooperation (SPIC)	36.07	-	
10	Research and Evaluation Studies	100.00	93.55	6.89%
11	Other exps including Establishment exps	286.58	62.74	356.77%
	TOTAL	22137.95	15628.67	41.64%

# **INDIRECT TAXES**

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### Indirect Tax

- Custom Duty rate rationalized on several goods
- Specified offences decriminalized
- Over-riding effect of exemption from GST registration
- Composition scheme for person supplying goods through ECO

Effective from January 1, 1995

Section 9, 9A and 9C of CTA amended to amplify the intent and scope of these provisions

Effective from May 1, 2023

 First Schedule to the CTA amended to modify Tariff lines/introduce new Tariff lines and change of Tariff Rates. Solar power plant/projects excluded from CH 9801 of CT



Effective from February 2, 2023

Various notifications issued under (Custom Tariff) for rationalizing CD rates on various products in addition to providing exemption, concession and increasing period of validity of exemption to specified products

### Customs

- Section 25 (4A) of CA modified to remove exemption validity period of two years for specified trade agreements, activities and entities
- Section 127C of CA amended to stipulate time limit of 9 months (extendable by 3 months) for disposal of application filed before Settlement Commission

Effective from July 1, 2017

- Retrospective amendment giving over-riding effect of exemption from GST registration for specified persons
- Retrospective amendment in Schedule III, specifying certain activities not to be treated as supply of goods/services. Refund not available for tax paid earlier on such supplies

- Composition scheme for person supplying goods through ECO
- ITC provisions aligned with current process of GST return filing
- Exempt supply to include value of in-bond sale for ITC reversal
- Subject to consent, information on GST portal to be shared by Government with specified systems. Government not liable for any liability arising due to sharing of such information

- 3 year limit prescribed for filing GSTR-1, GSTR-3B, GSTR-8 & GSTR-9, beyond due date. Conditions to be prescribed for filings beyond 3 years
- Provisional ITC refund aligned with current scheme of self assessed ITC
- Conditions/restrictions to be prescribed for computation of interest on delayed refund
- ITC not available for goods/services, used/intended for CSR activities

- Penalty prescribed for ECO under specified situations
- Specified offences decriminalized & monetary threshold enhanced for launching prosecution, except offence of issuing fraudulent invoices
- Option for compounding not available to offence of issuing fraudulent invoices
- Minimum and maximum limit for compounding of offences prescribed

### Integrated Goods & Services Tax

- Place of supply for transportation of goods:
  - registered person-location of such person
  - unregistered person-location where goods handed over for transportation
- Definition of non-taxable online recipient amended to include OIDAR services received by unregistered person



Abbreviations				
СА	Customs Act			
CD	Custom Duties			
CGST	Central Goods & Services Tax			
СН	Chapter Heading			
CSR	Corporate Social Responsibility			
СТ	Customs Tariff			
СТА	Customs Tariff Act			

Abbreviations				
ECO	Electronic Commerce Operator			
GST	Goods & Services Tax			
GSTR	Goods & Services Tax Return			
IGST	Integrated Goods & Services Tax			
ITC	Input Tax Credit			
OIDAR	Online Information and Database Access or Retrieval Services			

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