

Press Release

GSTN releases advisory on Authorized Web Portals providing GST related services

New Delhi, 6th January 2020: GST Network (**GSTN**), the IT backbone of GST, has issued an advisory for using **Authorised Web Portals** only for **GST related services**. It said that Authorized Portals or **GST Suvidha Providers (GSPs)** will ensure doing business in a more secure environment. The Taxpayers can get their GST Registrations and other services related to GST done through these GSPs authorized by GSTN. A list of all registered GSPs can be viewed on the company website – www.gstn.org in the ‘GSP Eco-System’ under the ‘Important Links’ section.

Mr. Prakash Kumar, CEO-GSTN said, “GSTN is committed to provide simple and safe tax system. We want to safeguard the taxpayers from unauthorized platforms by educating them on proper ways and means to do GST related activities. We are also considering taking appropriate action against fake web portals.”

It has been observed that certain unauthorized web portals with similar names and interface are claiming to provide GST registration and other services related to GST. These unauthorized portals may not just cause financial losses to the taxpayer but also steal their personal data for mala fide intentions.

The objective of this communication is to make you aware of the authorized ways and means to avail GST related services. There are **3** simple, safe and authorized ways through which a Taxpayer can avail GST related services:

1. **Through GST Portal:** GST portal www.gst.gov.in is the only official Government portal which issues GST Registration Number along with providing other facilities such as- filing of returns, accepting refund applications, uploading of invoices and other supporting documents. All the services provided on GST portal for different business entities are free of charge.
2. **Through GST Suvidha Providers (GSPs):** GST system has empaneled over 50 companies which have been authorized to facilitate the taxpayer in availing the services related to GST. These companies are called GST Suvidha Providers (GSPs) which are envisaged to provide innovative and convenient methods to taxpayers and other stakeholders in interacting with the GST Systems. This is done with consent of the taxpayer. The list of empaneled GSPs can be found at <https://www.gstn.org/ecosystem/>.
3. **Through GST Practitioners (GSTPs):** The taxpayer can also perform GST related activities through the registered GST practitioners (GSTPs) of their area. The list of GSTPs can be found at <https://services.gst.gov.in/services/locategstp>. Both GSPs and GSTPs may charge for their services as per their agreement with the taxpayer and GST system will not have any lien on them.



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DOs	DONTs
Use official GST portal www.gst.gov.in , or empanelled GSPs or registered GSTPs for all GST related services.	Don't use portals which claim to provide GST registration number.
Check the list of empanelled GSPs at https://www.gstn.org/ecosystem/ .	Don't make a payment or upload data at suspicious web portals.
Find the nearest GST practitioner at https://services.gst.gov.in/services/locategstp	

*Please note that GSPs and GSTPs are just a channel between the taxpayer and the Government and they **do not** provide direct services such as providing of the GST registration number, making refund payments etc.*

*Issued in the interest of taxpayers
Goods and Services Tax Network (GSTN)*

About GSTN:

Goods and Services Tax Network (GSTN) is a Section 8 (under new companies Act, not for profit companies are governed under section 8), non-government, private limited company. Instituted in March 2013, the Company has been set up primarily to provide IT infrastructure and services to the Central and State Governments, tax payers and other stakeholders for implementation of the Goods and Services Tax (GST).