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Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Revenue

Dated : 26^H July, 2010.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub : Empowered Group on IT infrastructure on GST

To establish requisite IT infrastructure for facilitating roll out of the proposed Goods & Service Tax (GST) across the country with effect from 1st April, 2011, with the concurrence of the Empowered Committee of State Finance Ministers, it has been decided to set up an Empowered Group on IT Infrastructure for GST under the Chairmanship of Shri. Nandan Nilekani, Chairman, UIDAI with following other members:

- i) Shri Y.G. Parande, Member (B&C), CBEC
- ii) Shri K. Jose Cyriac, Additional Secretary (Revenue)
- iii) Smt F.M. Jaswal, Director General (Systems), CBEC (Member Secretary)
- iv) Shri Pradip Rao, F.A, Ministry of Finance
- v) Shri Satish Chandra, Member Secretary, Empowered Committee of State Finance Ministers;
- vi) Shri P.R.V. Ramanan, Member TAGUP;
- vii) Shri S.S. Khan, Member TAGUP;
- viii) Shri Sanjay Bhatia, Commissioner, Sales Tax, Government of Maharashtra;
- ix) Shri Sanjay Lohia, Commissioner of Taxes, Govt. of Assam;
- x) Shri P.S. Kharola, Commissioner, Commercial Taxes, Govt. of Karnataka
- xi) Shri H .K. Dwivedi, Commissioner, Commercial Taxes, Govt. of West Bengal; and
- xii) Shri G. Mohapatra, Commissioner, Sales Tax, Govt. of Gujarat.

2. The Committee would be free to constitute Working Groups and also be free to co-opt experts.

3. All Secretarial assistance to the Committee would be provided by the office of Director General (Systems), CBEC.

4. The terms of reference (ToR) of the Committee are as follows:

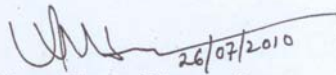
- Subject to the overall policy framework agreed to by the Government of India and the Empowered Committee of State Finance Ministers, approving the Solution architecture of the Common GST portal to be set

up, including conceptualization, design, development, execution and integration of IT Systems along with the sub-components like data architecture, network architecture, security architecture, delivery channel architecture for implementation of GST

- Suggesting the modalities for setting up of a National Information Utility (NIU / SPV) for implementing the Common Portal to be called GST Network (GSTN).
- Evaluating the suitability of the existing NIUs namely NSDL & NPCL for incubating the NIU/SPV for GST portal and recommending the appropriate choice
- Recommending the structure and terms of reference for the NIU/SPV and the road map for its creation.
- Recommending detailed implementation strategy including the choice of technology, outsourcing needs and implementation mode (Build-Operate; Build Operate Transfer, Managed Services Model, etc).
- Defining the standards, protocols, interfaces and best practices required for setting up of IT infrastructure at the Common Portal and integrating it with the Centre and States IT systems
- Recommending measures for aligning the MMPCT Projects under National e-Governance Plan with GST IT Implementation.
- Recommending measures for aligning of processes under GST towards e-services
- Recommending the strategies for change management and training to the personnel of Centre and States and ensuring readiness as well as outreach to Trade and Industry
- Monitoring all aspects of GST IT implementation

5. Orders relating to administrative and financial delegations to the Empowered Group will be issued separately. Initially the term of Empowered Group would be for a period of one year.

6. This OM supersedes the OM issued vide even No. dated 13th July, 2010.


(Anoop Kumar Srivastava)
Joint Secretary (Revenue)

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