



Chapter 12 - Accounts & Records; E-Way Bill

Part A - ICAI TYK

- 1) Mala Services Ltd. is a supplier of management consultancy services registered in Haryana. It has approached you to ascertain the period for which the books of accounts or other records need to be maintained?

Sol: Section 36 stipulates that every registered person required to keep and maintain books of account or other records in accordance with the provisions of sub-section (1) of section 35 shall retain them until the expiry of 72 months from the due date of furnishing of annual return for the year pertaining to such accounts and records.

However, a registered person, who is a party to an appeal or revision or any other proceedings before any Appellate Authority or Revisional Authority or Appellate Tribunal or court, whether filed by him or by the Commissioner, or is under investigation for an offence under Chapter XIX, shall retain the books of account and other records pertaining to the subject matter of such appeal or revision or proceedings or investigation for a period of one year after final disposal of such appeal or revision or proceedings or investigation, or for the period specified above, whichever is later.

- 2) Essel Groups has started making taxable supplies and gets registered under GST law. You are required to advise it about the accounts and records required to be maintained by it as required under section 35(1).

Sol: Section 35(1) stipulates that a true and correct account of following is to be maintained:

- (a) production or manufacture of goods;
- (b) inward and outward supply of goods or services or both;
- (c) stock of goods;
- (d) input tax credit availed;
- (e) output tax payable and paid
- (f) such other particulars as may be prescribed.

- 3) Swad Restaurant has opted for composition scheme in the current financial year. Discuss the records which are not to be maintained by a supplier opting for composition levy though required to be maintained by a normal tax-payer as enumerated in rule 56.

Sol. Following records are not required to be maintained by a supplier who has opted for composition scheme as per rule 56(2) and (4), but are required to be maintained by a normal tax payer:

(I) Stock of goods: Accounts of stock in respect of goods received and supplied by him, and such accounts shall contain particulars of the opening balance, receipt, supply, goods lost, stolen, destroyed, written off or disposed of by way of gift or free sample and the balance of stock including raw materials, finished goods, scrap and wastage thereof.

(II) Details of tax: Account, containing the details of tax payable (including tax payable under reverse charge), tax collected and paid, input tax, input tax credit claimed, together with a register of tax invoice, credit notes, debit notes, delivery challan issued or received during any tax period.

- 4) ABC Manufacturers Ltd. engages Raghav & Sons as an agent to sell goods on its behalf wherein the invoice for supply or procurement on behalf of ABC Manufacturers Ltd. is issued by Raghav & Sons in its own name. For the purpose, ABC Manufacturers Ltd. has supplied the goods to Raghav & Sons located in Haryana. Enumerate the accounts required to be maintained by Raghav & Sons as per rule 56(11).

Sol. Rule 56(11) provides that every agent shall maintain accounts depicting the-

- (a) particulars of authorisation received by him from each principal to receive or supply goods or services on behalf of such principal separately;
- (b) particulars including description, value and quantity (wherever applicable) of goods or services received on behalf of every principal;
- (c) particulars including description, value and quantity (wherever applicable) of goods or services supplied on behalf of every principal;
- (d) details of accounts furnished to every principal; and
- (e) tax paid on receipts or on supply of goods or services effected on behalf of every principal.

- 5) Sindhi Toys Manufacturers, registered in Punjab, sold electronic toys to a retail seller in Gujarat, at a value of Rs. 48,000 (excluding GST leviable @ 18%). It wants to send the consignment of such toys to the retail seller in Gujarat.

You are required to advise Sindhi Toys Manufacturers on the following issues:

- a) Whether e-way bill is mandatorily required to be generated in respect of such movement of goods?
- b) If yes, who is required to generate the e-way bill?
- c) What will be the consequences for non-issuance of e-way bill?

Sol. (a) Rule 138(1) provides that e-way Bill is mandatorily required to be generated if the goods are moved, inter alia, in relation to supply and the consignment value exceeds Rs. 50,000. Further, explanation 2 to rule 138(1) stipulates that the consignment value of goods shall be the value, determined in accordance with the provisions of section 15, declared in an invoice, a bill of supply or a delivery challan, as the case may be, issued in respect of the said consignment and also includes

CGST, SGST/UTGST, IGST and cess charged, if any, in the document and shall exclude the value of exempt supply of goods where the invoice is issued in respect of both exempt and taxable supply of goods.

Accordingly, in the given case, the consignment value will be as follows:

= Rs. 48,000 × 118%

= Rs. 56,640.

Since the movement of goods is in relation to supply of goods and the consignment value exceeds Rs. 50,000, e-way bill is mandatorily required to be issued in the given case.

(b) An e-way bill contains two parts namely, Part A to be furnished by the registered person who is causing movement of goods of consignment value exceeding Rs. 50,000/- and part B (transport details) is to be furnished by the person who is transporting the goods.

Where the goods are transported by the registered person as a consignor or the recipient of supply as the consignee, whether in his own conveyance or a hired one or a public conveyance, by road, the said person shall generate the e-way bill on the common portal after furnishing information in Part B [Rule 138(2)].

Where the goods are transported by railways or by air or vessel, the e-way bill shall be generated by the registered person, being the supplier or the recipient, who shall, either before or after the commencement of movement, furnish, on the common portal, the information in Part B [Rule 138(2A)].

Where the goods are handed over to a transporter for transportation by road, the registered person shall furnish the information relating to the transporter on the common portal and the e-way bill shall be generated by the transporter on the said portal on the basis of the information furnished by the registered person in Part A [Rule 138(3)].

Where the consignor or the consignee has not generated the e-way bill and the aggregate of the consignment value of goods carried in the conveyance is more than Rs. 50,000/, the transporter, except in case of transportation of goods by railways, air and vessel, shall, in respect of inter-State supply, generate the e-way bill on the basis of invoice or bill of supply or delivery challan, as the case may be, and may also generate a consolidated e-way bill on the common portal prior to the movement of goods [Rule 138(7)].

(c) It is mandatory to generate e-way bill in all cases where the value of consignment of goods being transported is more than Rs. 50,000/- and it is not otherwise exempted in terms of rule 138(14). If e-way bills, wherever required, are not issued in accordance with the provisions contained in rule 138, the same will be considered as contravention of rules.

As per section 122(1)(xiv), a taxable person who transports any taxable goods without the cover of specified documents (e-way bill is one of the specified documents) shall be liable to a penalty of Rs. 10,000/- or tax sought to be evaded (wherever applicable) whichever is greater. Moreover,

as per section 129(1), where any person transports any goods or stores any goods while they are in transit in contravention of the provisions of this Act or the Rules made thereunder, all such goods and conveyance used as a means of transport for carrying the said goods and documents relating to such goods and conveyance shall be liable to detention or seizure.

- 6) Power Electricals Ltd., a registered supplier of air-conditioners, is required to send from Mumbai (Maharashtra), a consignment of parts of air-conditioner to be replaced under warranty at various client locations in Gujarat. The value of consignment declared in delivery challan accompanying the goods is Rs. 70,000. Power Electricals Ltd. claims that since movement of goods to Gujarat is caused due to reasons other than supply, e-way bill is not mandatorily required to be generated in this case.

You are required to examine the technical veracity of the claim made by Power Electricals Ltd.

Sol. The goods to be moved to another State for replacement under warranty is not a 'supply'. However, rule 138(1), inter alia, stipulates that every registered person who causes movement of goods of consignment value exceeding Rs. 50,000:

- (i) in relation to a supply; or
- (ii) for reasons other than supply; or
- (iii) due to inward supply from an unregistered person,

shall, generate an electronic-way bill (E-way Bill) before commencement of such movement.

CBIC vide FAQs on E-way Bill has also clarified that even if the movement of goods is caused due to reasons others than supply [including replacement of goods under warranty], e-way bill is required to be issued.

Thus, in the given case, since the consignment value exceeds Rs. 50,000, e-way bill is required to be mandatorily generated. Therefore, the claim of Power Electricals Ltd. that e-way bill is not mandatorily required to be generated as the movement of goods is caused due to reasons other than supply, is not correct.

- 7) Beauty Cosmetics Ltd. has multiple wholesale outlets of cosmetic products in Mumbai, Maharashtra. It receives an order for cosmetics worth Rs. 1,20,000 (inclusive of GST leviable @ 18%) from Prasannaa, owner of a retail cosmetic store in Delhi. While checking the stock, it is found that order worth Rs. 55,000 can be fulfilled from the company's Dadar (Mumbai) store and remaining goods worth Rs. 65,000 can be sent from its Malad (Mumbai) store. Both the stores are instructed to issue separate invoices for the goods sent to Prasannaa. The goods are transported to Prasannaa in Delhi, in a single conveyance owned by Radhey Transporters.

You are required to advise Beauty Cosmetics Ltd. with regard to issuance of e-way bill(s).

Sol. Beauty Cosmetics Ltd. would be required to prepare two separate e-way bills since each invoice value exceeds Rs. 50,000 and each invoice is considered as one consignment for the purpose of generating e-way bills.

The FAQs on E-way Bill issued by CBIC clarify that if multiple invoices are issued by the supplier to one recipient, that is, for movement of goods of more than one invoice of same consignor and consignee, multiple e-way bills have to be generated. In other words, for each invoice, one e-way bill has to be generated, irrespective of the fact whether same or different consignors or consignees are involved. Multiple invoices cannot be clubbed to generate one e-way bill. However, after generating all these e-way bills, one consolidated e-way bill can be prepared for transportation purpose, if goods are going in one vehicle.

Part B - PYQs/RTPs/MTPs

8) When is an e-way bill required to be generated? Also decide whether e-way bill is required to be issued under CGST Act, 2017 in the following independent cases:

(a) Mr. Bheeshma of Telangana started doing business in notified handicraft products as a casual taxable person. He got his first order of Rs. 30,000 from Tamil Nadu which he transports. He is not registered under GST since he has a threshold limit of Rs. 20 lakh.

(b) Square Ltd., registered in Andhra Pradesh, sends goods to its job worker Cube & Co. in Karnataka, which is also registered under GST. Value of the consignment was Rs. 45,000 (including GST).
[PYQ May'19+ July'21+ May'23]

Sol. As per rule 138 of the CGST Rules, 2017, whenever there is a movement of goods of consignment value exceeding Rs. 50,000:

- (i). in relation to a supply; or
 - (ii). for reasons other than supply; or
 - (iii). due to inward supply from an unregistered person,
- e-way bill needs to be generated prior to the commencement of transport of goods.

Further, in the following situations, e-way bill needs to be issued even if the value of the consignment is less than Rs. 50,000:

- i. Where goods are sent by a principal located in one State/Union territory to a job worker located in any other State/Union territory, the e-way bill shall be generated either by the principal or the job worker, if registered, irrespective of the value of the consignment.
- ii. Where specified handicraft goods are transported from one State/Union territory to another State/Union territory by a person who has been exempted from the requirement of obtaining registration under section 24 of the CGST Act, 2017, the e-way bill shall be generated by the said person irrespective of the value of the consignment.

Based on above provisions, e-way bill generation requirement is as follows in required cases:

(a) E-way bill is mandatorily required to be issued in case of inter-State transfer of handicraft goods by a person exempted from obtaining registration.

In view of the same, e-way bill is mandatorily required to be issued in the given case.

(b) E-way bill is mandatorily required to be issued in case of inter-State transfer of goods by principal to job-worker, irrespective of the value of the consignment.

In view of the same, e-way bill is mandatorily required to be issued in the given case.

- 9) Whether the transporters, who are not registered under the GST, are required to maintain any records under the provisions of CGST Act, 2017? Also explain, if any other unregistered persons who are required to maintain records under GST. [PYQ Jan'21]

Sol. The transporters, who are not registered under GST, shall obtain a unique enrollment number on GST common portal and maintain records of goods transported, delivered and goods stored in transit by them along with GSTIN of the registered consignor and consignee for each of his branches.

Every owner or operator of warehouse/godown/any other place used for storage of goods, even if unregistered, is also required to maintain records under GST.

- 10) Mr. Shah, a consignor, is required to move goods from Ahmedabad (Gujarat) to Nadiad (Gujarat). He appoints Mehta Transporter for movement of goods. Mehta Transporter moves the goods from Ahmedabad (Gujarat) to Kheda (Gujarat). For completing the movement of goods from Kheda (Gujarat) to Nadiad (Gujarat), Mehta Transporter now hands over the goods to Parikh Transporter. Explain the procedure regarding e-way bill to be followed by consignor and transporter as per provisions of GST law and rules made thereunder.

Sol. In the given scenario, only one e-way bill is required to be issued.

Part A can be filled by either Mr. Shah or recipient of goods or Mehta Transporter on the appropriate authorisation.

Where the goods are transferred from one conveyance to another, the consignor or the recipient, who has provided information in Part A, or the transporter shall, before such transfer and further movement of goods, update the details of conveyance in the e-way bill on the common portal in Part B.

Thus, on reaching Kheda, Mr. Shah or the recipient of the goods, who has filled Part A of the e-way bill, or Mehta Transporter can, before the transfer and further movement of goods, update the details of conveyance in Part B of the e-way bill.

The consignor or the recipient, who has furnished the information in Part A, or the transporter, may assign the e-way bill number to another registered or enrolled transporter for updating the information in Part B for further movement of the consignment.

Thus, on reaching Kheda, Mr. Shah or the recipient of the goods, or Mehta Transporter can assign the said e-way bill to Parikh Transporter who will thereafter update the details of conveyance in Part B.

However, upon updation of the details of the conveyance by Parikh Transporter in Part B, Mr. Shah or recipient, as the case may be, who has furnished the information in Part A shall not be allowed to assign the e-way bill number to another transporter.

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