

Jaitley to hold pre-Budget talks with trade and industry on Dec 6

Tax issues post GST implementation, relief under IBC likely to figure at meeting

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Finance Minister Arun Jaitley will hold the customary pre-Budget consultations with trade and industry sector representatives on December 6.

The meeting will be followed by one between the Finance Secretary Hasmukh Adhia and trade and industry associations on December 11 at North Block, official sources said.

Indications are that Jaitley will hold his pre-Budget meeting with bank chiefs and non-banking finance companies on December 15.

At the pre-budget meeting on December 6, captains of industry are widely expected to raise tax-related concerns following GST implementation, besides issues on the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) 2016.

Apex industry associations like Assocham have already



Arun Jaitley, Finance Minister

written to Jaitley seeking tax reliefs for implementation of resolution plans under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code 2016.

In a recent letter to Jaitley, Assocham Secretary-General DS Rawat had suggested that the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) be given statutory powers to grant concessions/reliefs from certain provisions of the Income Tax Act in the approved resolution plan

order. This is needed to ensure wider participation of serious resolution applicants and effective restructuring of stressed businesses, according to the Assocham letter.

NCLT should be authorised to grant relief from the applicability of anti-abuse provisions of Sections 56(2), 50C and 50CA in respect of issue/acquisition/transfer of the applicable assets, covered by these provisions, in accordance with the approved resolution plan, the chamber has suggested.

Corporate debt

Assocham has also suggested that NCLT be authorised to allow carry forward all accumulated tax losses/unabsorbed depreciation of corporate debtor to the transferee entity post the transfer of business/undertaking under any restructuring exercise carried in accordance with the approved resolution plan. This should be allowed notwithstanding Section 71 A and 79 of the Income Tax Act, the chamber said.

Assocham seeks electricity duty exemption

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ASSOCIATED Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (Assocham) has urged Odisha Government for exemption of electricity duty to encourage investments in setting up metallurgical plants across the mineral-rich State.

The apex industry body has written to Chief Secretary and Chief Development Commissioner seeking an early intervention. "Metallurgical sector not only provides employment opportunities to unskilled, semi-skilled and skilled people but also holds the potential to fill state coffers as increase in capacity utilisation will boost demand for raw material thereby adding

revenue to the state exchequer," the communication stated.

The chamber suggested the State Government to refer to the industrial policy of Chhattisgarh which has already exempted electricity duty for 15 years to promote investment in the State thereby enabling the industry to sustain in initial years of production.

"We request Odisha Government to exempt electricity duty for Ferro Alloy plants for initial 10-15 years depending upon the size of investment from date of commencement of com-

mercial production that will surely help in making the industry commercially viable," secretary general of Assocham DS Rawat said in the letter.



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Assocham

Power duty cut cry

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Bhubaneswar: Apex industry body Assocham has urged the Odisha government to exempt metallurgical plants from paying electricity duty to encourage investments in the sector across the mineral-rich state.

“Metallurgical sector not only provides employment opportunities to unskilled, semi-skilled and skilled people but it also holds the potential to fill state coffers as increase in capacity utilisation will boost demand for raw material thereby adding revenue to the state exchequer,” stated an Assocham communication addressed to chief secretary and

chief development commissioner Aditya Prasad Padhi.

The chamber has suggested the Odisha government to refer to the industrial policy of Chhattisgarh government that has already exempted electricity duty for 15 years to promote investment in the state.

This, Assocham says, has enabled the industry to sustain in its initial years of production.

“We request the state government to exempt electricity duty for ferro alloy plants for the initial 10-15 years depending on the size of investment from the date of commencement of commercial production that will surely help in

making the industry commercially viable,” said Assocham secretary general D.S. Rawat.

“After completion of this period of exemption, electricity duty will also be a revenue source to the state government,” Rawat said in his communication to Padhi.

The letter further highlighted the probable benefits of the sector to the state government.

It also stated that energy generated from power plants, including captive power plants, would be consumed within the state. This apart, majority of finished products sold within the state will further generate revenue in form of GST.

'Exempt electricity duty for metallurgical plants'

ASSOCHAM urges Govt

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The Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry in India (ASSOCHAM) on Friday urged the Odisha Government for exemption of electricity duty to encourage investments in metallurgical plants across the minerals-rich State.

"Metallurgical sector not only provides employment opportunities to unskilled, semi-skilled and skilled people but it also holds the potential to fill State coffers as increase in capacity utilisation will boost demand for raw material thereby adding revenue to the State exchequer," stated the ASSOCHAM in a letter to Chief Secretary AP Padhi.

The chamber suggested the Odisha Government to refer to the industrial policy of the Chhattisgarh Government, which has already exempted electricity duty for 15 years to promote investment in the State thereby enabling the industry to sustain in initial years of production. "We request the State

Government to exempt electricity duty for ferroalloy plants for initial 10-15 years depending upon the size of investment from date of commencement of commercial production that will surely help in making the industry commercially viable," said ASSOCHAM secretary general DS Rawat.

"After completion of this exemption period, the electricity duty will also be a revenue source to Odisha," added Rawat.

The letter further highlighted the probable benefits to the Odisha Government, raw materials to metallurgical like iron ore, manganese ore, chrome ore, coal and others would be purchased from the State thereby adding to its revenue in the form of royalty, cess, GST, National Mineral Exploration Trust (NMET), District Mineral Foundation (DMF) and others.

Besides, energy generated from power plants including captive power plant (CPP) would be consumed within Odisha and most of finished products would be sold within the State which would further generate revenue in form of GST, said the ASSOCHAM.

