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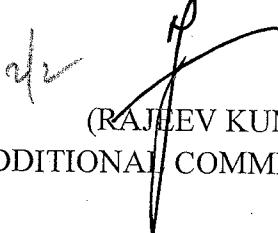
**TRADE NOTICE NO. 18/2018**

**Dated: 10/04/2018**

**Subject: Incidence of GST on providing catering services in train – regarding.**

1. Attention of Trade is invited to Board's Order No. 02/2018-GST dated 31-03-2018, on Incidence of GST on providing catering services in train. Copy of the circular is communicated for information and necessary action.
2. Contents of this circular may be brought to notice of all concerned.

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(RAJEEV KUMAR)  
ADDITIONAL COMMISSIONER

To

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F.No. 354/03/2018-TRU  
Ministry of Finance  
Department of Revenue  
(Central Board of Excise and Customs)  
(Tax Research Unit)

New Delhi

Dated: the 31st day of March, 2018

To

Sh. Sanjiv Garg,  
Additional Member (Tourism & Catering),  
Railway Board, Ministry of Railways,  
Rail Bhawan, New Delhi – 110001.

Sir,

**Subject: Incidence of GST on providing catering services in train – regarding.**

Kind reference is invited to your letter No. 2012/TG.III/631/2 dated 01.02.2018 requesting therein to clarify the rate of GST applicable to supply of food and drink in trains.

2. Different GST rates are being applied for mobile and static catering in Indian Railways which is presently leading to a situation whereby the same licensee (selected by Indian Railways/IRCTC) supplying the same food would be subjected to different GST rates depending on whether it is mobile or static catering, as also which variant of mobile catering it is [pre-paid (without option), pre-paid (with option) or post-paid]. The rate difference is resulting in the same food being supplied at two different rates to the railway passengers, which is anomalous.

3. The passenger is not aware as to the GST rate applicable to the food ordered by him/her. This may also lead to unnecessary litigation and thus further strengthens the need for uniform application of tax rate in respect of food and drinks in/by Railways.

4. With a view to remove any doubt or uncertainty in the matter and bring uniformity in the rate of GST applicable for all kinds of supply of food and drinks made available in trains, platforms or stations, it is clarified with the approval of GST Implementation Committee, that the GST rate on supply of food and/or drinks by the Indian Railways or Indian Railways Catering and Tourism Corporation Ltd. or their licensees, whether in trains or at platforms (static units), will be 5% without ITC.

Yours Sincerely,

-Sd-

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