Payments under GST

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Introduction

Section 49 deals with payment of tax, interest, penalty and other amounts. A quick glance at the provisions related to payment read with the Payment of Tax Rules clearly depicts the Government's intent to focus primarily on e-payments for the liabilities arising under GST rather than over the counter payments. Simultaneously, for the small assessee, over the counter payment by cash/cheque/DD is permissible up to the limit of Rs. 10,000 per challan per tax period. Payments under GST can be made either through electronic cash ledger or through electronic credit ledger as per the provisions of Section 49 of CGST Act, 2017 and Rules framed there under. This article deals with payment provisions under GST.

I. <u>Recording and maintenance of register/ledgers on the common portal</u>:-



Where any payment is made through electronic cash or credit ledger or where any other amount is debited or credited in the said ledgers, a Unique Identification Number (UIN) shall be generated. The said number relating to discharge of any liability shall be indicated in the corresponding entry in the electronic liability register. NOTE: Any discrepancy in electronic liability register or electronic credit or cash ledger is to be communicated to the officer exercising jurisdiction in FORM GST PMT-04.

A. Electronic Liability Register: -

In terms of provisions of Section 49(7) of the CGST Act, 2017 read with Rule 1 of Payment of Tax Rules, all liabilities of a taxable person under this Act shall be recorded and maintained in an electronic liability register to be maintained in **Form GST PMT-01**.

Significant notable points are: -

- 1. All amounts payable shall be debited to this register.
- 2. Debit to this register will be done for:
 - i. Tax and other dues as per return;
 - ii. Tax and other dues determined by proper officer;
 - iii. Tax & interest due to mismatch;
 - iv. Any interest.
- 3. Credit to this register will be done by debiting electronic cash or credit ledger.
- 4. Sequence of discharging tax and other dues:
 - i. Previous tax period
 - ii. Current tax period
 - iii. Any other amount payable under this Act.



Chart showing chronological order of discharge of tax and other dues - Electronic Liability Register

B. Electronic Credit Ledger: -

In terms of provisions of Section 49(2) of the CGST Act, 2017 read with Rule 2 of Payment of Tax Rules, the Input Tax Credit (ITC) as self-assessed in the return of a registered person shall be credited to his electronic credit ledger to be maintained in **Form GST PMT-02.**

Significant notable points are: -

1. Debit/credit entries:

Entries in Electronic credit ledger shall be as under: -

- i. Self-assessed ITC in the return as per Section 41 read with Section 49(2) shall be credited to the ledger.
- ii. Utilization towards output tax shall be debited to the ledger.
- iii. Unutilized amount in the Electronic Credit Ledger after payment of tax and other dues can be claimed as refund subject to the provisions of Section 54 of CGST Act, 2017 read with Refund Rules. Ledger shall be debited accordingly. If refund is rejected, then ledger shall be re-credited by proper officer by order in Form GST PMT-03.
- 2. Sequence and restriction for the utilization of Input Tax Credit:-

Input Tax Credit	Can be utilized against	Order of utilization
CGST	CGST & IGST	 CGST IGST
SGST	SGST & IGST	 SGST IGST
UTGST	UTGST & IGST	 UTGST IGST
IGST	IGST, CGST, SGST & UTGST	 IGST CGST SGST/UTGST

Note: Cross utilization of SGST & CGST & UTGST is not permissible

C. Electronic Cash Ledger

In terms of provisions of Section 49(1) of the CGST Act, 2017 read with Rule 3 of Payment of Tax Rules, every deposit made towards tax, interest, penalty, fee or any other amount by a person shall be credited to the electronic cash ledger to be maintained in **Form GST PMT-05**.

Significant notable points are: -

1. Payment sources:

Payment can be made through following two modes: -

- i. Online banking;
- ii. Over the counter (OTC)



i. <u>Online banking:-</u>

Payment of GST by taxpayer can be made through four online modes: -

- Internet banking
- Debit card/Credit card
- NEFT
- RTGS



ii. Over The Counter (OTC):-

OTC up to Rs. 10,000/- is permitted per challan per tax period by cash/cheque/DD.

2. Payment procedure:

- i. Challan to be generated in FORM GST PMT 06 for the tax, interest, etc. to be deposited (Valid for 15 days).
- ii. Payment by non-registered person shall be made on the basis of temporary identification no.
- iii. Mandate form (Applicable in case of NEFT and RTGS):
 Where the payment is made by way of NEFT or RTGS mode, the mandate form shall be generated along with the challan on the Common Portal and the same shall be submitted to the bank from where the payment is to be made (The said mandate form will be valid for 15 days from the date of generation of challan).
- iv. On successful payment, a Challan Identification Number (CIN) will be generated and the same shall be indicated in the challan. On receipt of CIN from the authorized Bank, the said amount shall be credited to the electronic cash ledger. But if CIN is not generated or not communicated, person may represent in FORM GST PMT – 07 to bank/electronic gateway.

3. Debit/credit entries in Electronic cash ledger in Form GST PMT-05

Following transactions shall have an effect on the electronic cash ledger and shall be debited/ credited accordingly: -

- i. Self-payment shall be credited to the ledger;
- ii. TDS or TCS to be credited to **electronic cash ledger** of the person from whom the amount was deducted or collected;
- iii. Payment towards tax, interest, penalty, fee or any other amount shall be debited to the ledger.
- iv. Balance in Electronic cash ledger after payment of tax and other dues can be claimed as refund. Amount claimed as refund to be debited to the ledger. If refund is rejected, ledger to be re-credited by proper officer by order in Form GST PMT-03;
- Note: TDS, TCS, tax under reverse charge and tax in case of composition levy can be made by debiting electronic cash ledger only.

II. <u>Interest on delayed payment of tax (Section 50)</u>

Where payment under GST is not made within the prescribed time, registered taxable person shall pay interest for such delay as under:-

Case	Situation	Rate of Interest
Case-I	For delayed payment	Maximum rate is 18%
Case-II	For excess claim of ITC/excess reduction in output tax liability	Maximum rate is 24%

III. <u>Tax deduction at source (Section 51)</u>

These provisions are applicable for tax deduction when goods/services are supplied to Department or establishment of CG or SG, local authority or Govt. agencies. Details are in the below table: -

Sr.	Particulars	Description
No.		
1.	Deductor	Department or establishment of CG or SG, local
		authority or Govt. agencies
2.	Deductee	Supplier of taxable goods/services
3.	Rate	1% of the payment made
4.	Limit	Total value of supply (excluding GST) under contract exceed Rs. 2,50,000/-
5.	No TDS	If the state/UT of location of the supplier and place of
		supply is different from the state/UT of registration of
		recipient
6.	Payment of TDS	10 th of the next month

7.	Certificate	Deductor shall furnish certificate with details of contract	
		value, amount deducted, etc.	
8.	Penalty for non-	Penalty on Deductor if certificate is not furnished within	
	furnishing	5 days of TDS payment to Govt.	
9.	Effect in cash	TDS to be credited to electronic cash ledger of the	
	ledger	person from whom the amount was deducted after the	
	-	same is reflected in the return of Deductor	
10.	Applicability of	Section 50(interest), section 54(refund) and Section	
	other provisions	73/74(SCN) equivalently applicable	

IV. <u>Collection of tax at source (Section 52)</u>

These provisions are applicable when supplies are made through an electronic commerce operator. Details are in the below table: -

Sr. No.	Particulars	Description
1.	Tax to be collected by	Electronic commerce operator(operator)
2.	Taxtobecollected from	supplier supplying through operator
3.	Rate	Up to 1% of net taxable supplies made through it where consideration is to be collected by the operator
4.	Net taxable value	Net taxable value is after returns and after Section 9(5)
5.	Payment of TCS	10 th of the next month
6.	electronically statement by operator	10 th of the next month – containing details of supplies made through it, supplies returned, tax collected. Any error may be rectified in the statement of the month in which it is noticed, but up to earlier of September's due
		date or annual statement's actual date
7.	Annual statement	31 st December of next F.Y.
8.	Effect in cash ledger	TCS to be credited to electronic cash ledger of the person from whom the amount was collected after the same is reflected in the statement of operator
9.	Matching	Details by operator shall be matched with the details by supplier. Discrepancy shall be communicated to both
10.	Mismatching effect	Outward supply as per operator > outward supply as per supplier, and if discrepancy is not corrected, same shall be added to the output liability of supplier. Tax (+) interest to be paid
11.	Furnishing details	Deputy Commissioner or above rank may ask operator to furnish details of supplies and stock within 15 days. Otherwise, penalty up to Rs. 25,000/-

V. <u>Summary of Forms under Payment provisions</u>

Sr. No.	Particulars	Form No.
1.	Electronic Liability Register	GST PMT-01
2.	Electronic Credit Ledger	GST PMT-02
3.	Electronic Credit or Cash Ledger to be re-credited by	GST PMT-03
	proper officer by order if refund is rejected	
4.	Communication of discrepancy in Electronic Credit	GST PMT-04
	Ledger	
5.	Electronic Cash Ledger	GST PMT-05
6.	Challan	GST PMT-06
7.	Representation if CIN is not generated or communicated	GST PMT-07

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