

GST Reform 2.0

(Revenue Loss or Long Term gain for Indian Economy?)

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Summary of Discussion..



- A. Prime Minister Modi unveiled sweeping GST reforms on Independence Day (August 15, 2025), promising implementation by Diwali 2025 (likely in October).
- B. The current four-tier system (5%, 12%, 18%, 28%) is set to be replaced with just two main GST slabs: 5% and 18%, plus a special 40% slab for luxury/sin goods such as tobacco.
- C. Expected Loss of Revenue to the Government would be Rs.0.51 lakhs crore after implementation of changed GST Slabs from 1st October, 2025 (between October 2025 to March 2026).
- D. It is expected that due to GST rate cuts, there would be an increase in consumption by Rs.0.85 lakhs crore., adding 0.24 % to GDP.
- E. Inflation index (CPI) would decrease by 31 bps, due to decrease in prices of commodities.
- F. Textiles, food processing, consumer durables, auto parts, cement, tractors, fertilizers, hotels & restaurants and FMCG segments are expected to benefit.
- G. Insurance penetration is expected to increase due to proposed lower GST.

Existing GST Rates & Proposed GST Rates With Items Details ...



CURRENT GST SLABS

0%

Nil Rated / Exempt Fresh milk, vegetables, books, unbranded food

5%

5% Sugar, tea, edible oil, baby food, footwear

12%

12% Butter, ghee, juices, processed food, mobile

18%

18% Toothpaste, soaps, hair oll, ice cream, pasta

28%

28% Luxury cars, Air-onditioners refrigerators, cigarettes

aerated drinks

Special rates

3%

Precious meta /jewellery 0.25% Rough diamonds semi-precious

PROSPECTIVE GST REFORM

Next-Gen GST

5%

Essential items

18%

General goods/ services

40%

Sin and luxury goods

Rationale

- Streamlines taxation
- Boosts compliance
- Reduces consumer prices
- · Eases business operations

IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE & CONSIDERATIONS

- Endorsement by Group of Ministers (GoM)
- · Final approval by GST Council
- Expected implementation by Diwali 2025



Zero rated items and those currently attracting tax rates below 5% will remain unchanged



Items in the 5% tax slab will continue to remain the same



99% of those in the 12% slab will move to 5% and the remaining 1% will fall under 18% slab



There will be no change in the 18% slab except that GST on life and health insurance premiums will decline from 18% to 5%



Seven items in the 28% slab (including cess taxed between 40-60%) which are mostly de-merit and sin goods, will attract a special rate of 40% and the rest will be subsumed in the 18% bracket.

Items Under Forgone Slabs (12% & 28%)



12%

- ☐ Processed food
- ☐ Packaged juice, fruit
- ☐ Packed snacks/biscuits
- ☐ Packed medicine
- ☐ Fertilisers
- ☐ Tractor parts
- ☐ Textiles, garments>1000
- ☐ Mobile phones
- ☐ Basic electrical appliance
- ☐ Hotel stays (1000-7500)
- □ Apparels
- ☐ Packaged drinking water
- ☐ Jewellery (some items)
- ☐ Sanitary napkins
- ☐ Processed Agri products

28%

- ☐ Small cars
- ☐ Consumer durables (AC, fridge etc)
- ☐ Cement
- Paints
- Auto components
- ☐ Tyres
- ☐ Aerated drinks
- □ Caffeinated drinks
- Molasses
- ☐ Fuel pumps
- ☐ Personal use aircrafts
- ☐ Smoking pipe
- ☐ Yachts
- Processed sugarcane waste
- ☐ Aerated water

Slab wise Share (%) & Items (In No.)

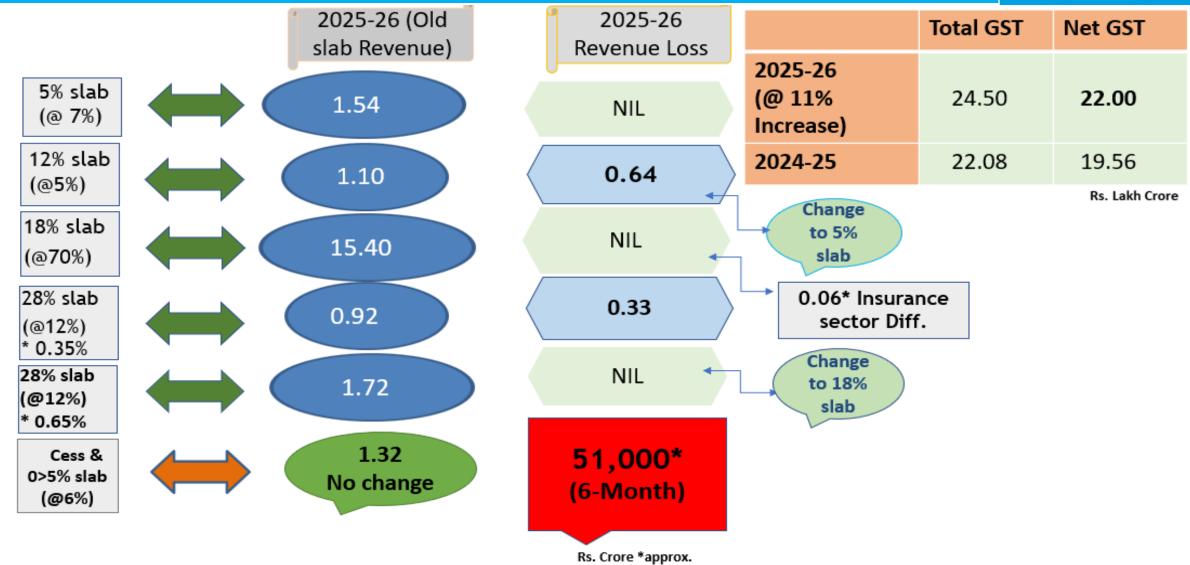
GST Rates	% Share	No of Goods	Assumption of Share (%)
>5%	1-2%	199	5%
5%	6-8%	291	7%
12%	5-6%	270	5%
18%	65-75%	648	70%
28%	11-15%	37	13%



What would be the Revenue Loss To the Government?

Revenue Loss Estimation Due to Changes In GST Slab.... (A Tentative Calculation)





Expected Loss of Revenue to the Government would be 0.51 Lakhs Cr. after implementation of Changed GST Slabs from 1st October, 2025 (Between October, 2025 to March 2026)



What would be impact on National Income?

Long Run Effect on National Income Due To GST Rate Change:



Nominal GDP estimate for FY26 363 Lakh Crore

Estimated

- ✓ Actual Revenue Loss Estimated = 0.51 Lakhs Cr.
- ✓ Increase in National Income due to Consumption (multiplier 3.3 & Pass through of 50%-60%) = 0.85 Lakhs Cr.
 - ✓ Increased Income as % of GDP =0.24%

Real GDP growth projection:

	FY26	Q2FY26	Q3FY26	Q4FY26	Q1FY27
Latest Projections	6.50%	6.70%	6.60%	6.30%	6.60%
Earlier Projection	6.50%	6.70%	6.60%	6.30%	

Additional GDP growth compensates Tariff impact Could be the rationale for unchanged MPC growth projections

It is expected that due to GST rates cuts, Prices would decrease and there would be an increase in National Income of Rs.0.85 lakhs Cr.,which weigh only 0.24% of GDP.



What would be impact on Inflation Index (CPI)?

Change in Weightage of GST items in Inflation Index (CPI)



Sr No.	Items Of CPI	Weightage	GST items Weigtage	GST Reduction (In %)	New GST Rate (in %)	Old GST Rate (in %)
1	Food & Beverages	45.90%	45.90%	Nil		
	Clothing & Footware (= 60-70% Items Like ,Processed Food, Appareal,					
2	Medicine)	6.50%	6.50%	-7%	5%	12%
3	fuel & light Miscellaneous (=30-40 % Items like Consumer	6.80%	6.80%	Nil		
4	Durables,)	28.40%	9.70%	-10%	18%	28%
5	Housing	10.00%	10.00%	Nil Moved to		
6	Pan tobacco	2.40%	2.40%	40%		

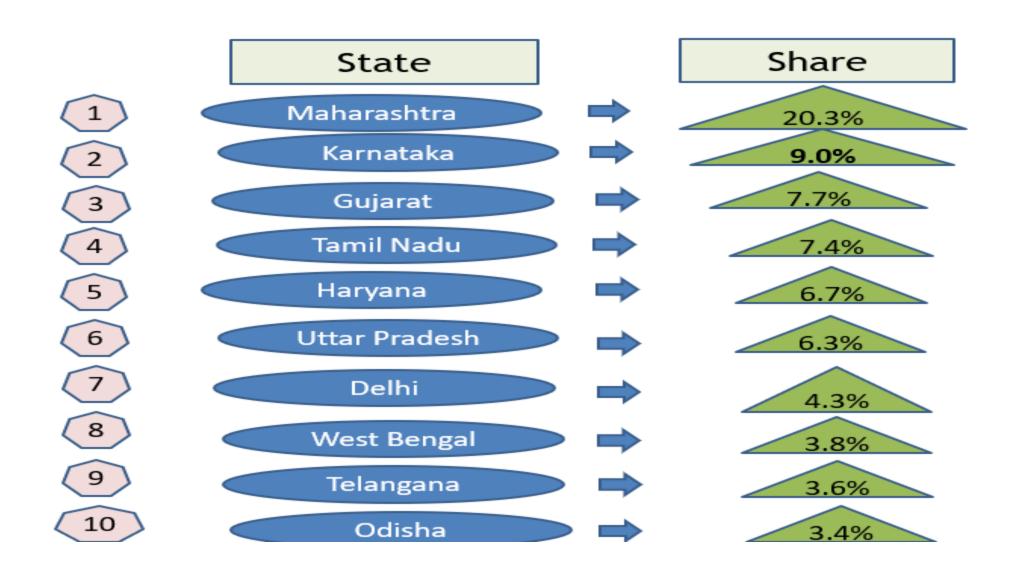


	For Essential Items (Where GST Rate dropped to 5% from 12%):
ı.	Decrease in CPI (in BPS) =-24.4
	(Having Weight of 6.5% % & Assumption of Pass through ≈ 60%)
	For Consumer Durables (Where GST Rate dropped to 18% from 28%):
П	Decrease in CPI (in BPS) =-37.9 (Having Weight of 9.7% & assumption of pass through ≈ 50%)
Ш	Total Reduction in CPI (Annually, in bps) = -62.27
IV	Total Direct Impact (Half-Yearly, IV) = -31.13 (if GST rate Implemented from October 2025 for Six Months)

It is expected that due to GST rates cuts, inflation index (CPI) would decrease by 31 bps.

Top 10 State wise GST Revenue Share





Category States Manufacturing and

Maharashtra, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka

Kerala, Goa, Rajasthan

Chhattisgarh

Impact on State Maharashtra's high urban consumption may amplify benefits Gujarat's textile sector could face challenges due to global

tariffs (e.g., US 50% tariff on Indian garments).

Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Agrarian States Pradesh, Bihar

- Agrarian states will benefit from lower taxes on essentials, but the impact may be diluted by lower purchasing power and compliance challenges Haryana's proximity to Delhi may amplify benefits from construction and FMCG sectors.
- Lower GST on medical devices (12% to 5%) and potential zerorating of services will improve affordability in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh, where healthcare access is critical Tourism states will gain from increased affordability, but luxury tourism
- may take a hit with the 40% slab.
- Kerala's opposition to packaged food taxation could complicate uniform implementation. ✓ Lower GST will reduce construction costs, boosting infrastructure projects and benefiting cement producers in Odisha and Jharkhand.
- High GST rates on steel inputs (18%) and global tariff pressures could offset benefits in Jharkhand and Odisha.

- **Industrial States**

- Tourism and Service-**Oriented States**
- Jharkhand, Odisha, Resource-Rich States

Important Sector wise Opportunity Opening ...

inches)

Sectors	GST Rate		Impact on Industry/Economy	Challenges
Automobile Sector (two-wheelers -engines under 250cc)	28%	18%	Potentially boosting sales for companies like Maruti, Hero MotoCorp, and Bajaj Auto.	

cial vehicles it benefits in **Automobile Sector** 12% below 1.2L); tractors

Passenger vehicles (engines Beneficiaries include Britannia, Nestlé, Despite rate reductions, varying rates (e.g., Fast-Moving Consumer Goods Tata Consumer Products, and Parag Milk 5% for loose popcorn, 12% for packaged, 18% 12% 5% (FMCG) for caramel popcorn) create compliance Foods. complexities.

A price reduction of Rs 30-40 per Cement demand is relatively price-inelastic, **Cement and Construction** cement bag could lower construction

18% 28% so rate cuts may not significantly boost costs, benefiting real estate and volume.

infrastructure projects

Consumer Durables 28% 18% May drive demand for financing, Persistent high input costs could limit the (Air conditioners, benefiting banks and NBF extent of price reductions dishwashers, and TVs (>32

Sectors	Previous GST Rate	Revised GST Rate	Impact on Industry/Economy	Challenges
Apparel and Footwear Garments above Rs 1,000 and footwear (Rs 1,000-5,000)	12%	5%	Enhance affordability, increasing footfalls in offline retail and benefiting companies like Trent, Bata India, and Relaxo Footwear	Indian apparel faces tariff threats in export markets (e.g., US tariffs), which could offset domestic gains.
Healthcare (Medical insurance and device	12%	5%	May attract investment in medical equipment and telemedicine.	Zero-rating healthcare services (instead exemptions) is critical to reducing costs

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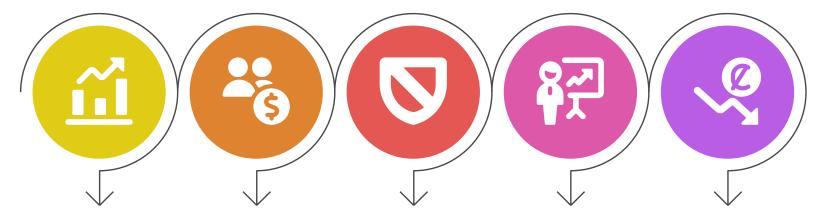
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Lower GST on mid-range hotels (12%-Hospitality and Tourism benefits unless rates are significantly 12-28% 18% 18%) and tour packages could boost reduced. domestic tourism. **Real Estate** Even at 18%, cement taxes remain high (Under Construction May Boost other Industry like Cement 5% Commercial & Non-12% for affordable housing projects. & Steel Affordable Residential)

Implications in Totality



The revenue loss of Rs 0.72 lakhs Cr Would be distributed between central and states. Negligible impact on Central fiscal deficit



Benefitting segments

Textiles, food processing, consumer durables, auto parts, cement, tractors, fertilizers, hotels & restaurants and FMCG segments are expected to benefit.

Increased liquidity

Reduction in GST rates would increase the liquidity in the hands of customers, which may spur the demand for credit toward consumption/investme nt.

Rural Demand may pick up quickly.

Insurance growth

Insurance
penetration is
expected to
increase
due to
proposed
lower GST,
with
commissions
on
insurance
sales likely
to rise.

Private capex increase

As demand picks up due to lower taxes, companies may increase private capital expenditure.

Retail inflation moderation

Retail inflation is expected to moderate further as a result of the tax changes.



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