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COMPLIANCE AND THE COMPENSATION CONUNDRUM A PRACTICAL ACCOUNT OF THE "LAW AND ECONOMICS" OF GOODS AND SERVICES TAX IMPLEMENTATION IN KARNATAKA

SPEAKER



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BIO OF SPEAKER:

Mr. Srikar is presently the Commissioner of Commercial Taxes, Government of Karnataka overseeing the implementation of GST in Karnataka since October 2017. He has about 22 years of administrative experience at the State, Government of India and international levels.

Prior to this position, he was serving in the Indian Mission to the World Trade Organization (WTO) as Legal Advisor and Trade in Services negotiator from 2014-2017. Srikar also served as India's Lead 'Trade in Services' negotiator in bilateral and international trade negotiations in the Ministry of Commerce, Government of India. From 2009 to 2013, he has involved in the ideation and implementation of the Aadhaar project, as Private Secretary to Nandan Nilekani who was a Cabinet rank Minister as Chairman of the Unique Identification Authority of India (Aadhaar project). He has also served in various capacities under the State Government of Karnataka as District Magistrate in Dharwad district and Special Commissioner of the Bangalore Municipal Corporation.

Srikar's professional interests include managing complex technology led projects in government, indirect tax, intersection of domestic policy making and international trade and investment law and developmental administration. Srikar is a University gold medalist holding a Bachelor degree in Law from the National Law School of India University.

ABSTRACT:

The Goods and Services Tax (GST), a historic indirect tax reform is being implemented in the country since July 2017. It was a paradigmatic shift in many ways in indirect tax administration. The talk would cover the implementation challenges from the perspective of the State, the compliance saga, the question of the compensation conundrum in GST which has constitutional, fiscal and federal implications as well as an amateur "law and economics" analysis of GST execution.

Suggested readings (Not mandated):

1. Economic Survey, 2017-18 – Chapter on GST
2. World Bank document on implementation challenges in GST 2018
3. Executive Summary of Comptroller and Auditor Report on GST, 2018

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