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DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
RAJYA SABHA
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Reduction of GST rates for life saving medicines and equipment

247 Shri R. Girirajan:

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any request from traders, manufacturing units and service sector from Tamil Nadu to reduce the GST rates from the existing rates and if so the details thereof;
(b) whether Government has received any request to reduce the GST rates of certain service products and if so, the details thereof; and
(c) whether Government has any plans to reduce the GST rates for life saving medicines, Medical equipment and Laboratory equipment and surgical instruments including stents and if so, the details thereof and Government's stand in this regard?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE
(SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (b): No. As per records available, no representations regarding a reduction in GST rates on life-saving medicines, equipment, and service products have been received from traders, manufacturing units, and the service sector in Tamil Nadu.

(c) GST rates are prescribed based on the recommendations of the GST Council which is a constitutional body comprising representatives of the Centre and the States/UTs. In its 56th meeting held on 03.09.2025, the GST Council undertook comprehensive rationalization of GST rates in the healthcare sector. GST rate was reduced from 12%/5% to Nil on 36 specified life-saving drugs and medicines. All other drugs and medicines attract a concessional GST rate of 5%, except those specifically exempted.

Furthermore, the GST Council also rationalized GST rates on medical devices, instruments and apparatus used in medical, surgical, dental or veterinary sciences. Accordingly, these goods, unless specifically exempted, attract a concessional GST rate of 5%.

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