

**Government of West Bengal
Directorate of Commercial Taxes
14, Beliaghata Road, Kolkata -15**

Trade Circular No. 12 /2014, Dated: 11.08.14

Sub: Payment of tax, interest, late fee and other fees, all under the Acts administered by the Directorate of Commercial Taxes be made mandatorily through GRIPS.

Following the issue of Notification No.8298-F(Y) dtd. 03.10.2012, Trade Circular No.16/2012 was issued on 01.11.2012. All the tax-payers under the WBVAT Act, 2003, under WBST Act, 1994 and under CST Act, 1956 were made known through wide circulation of that Trade Circular, the modalities to be followed by them while paying taxes etc., through GRIPS. Several advantages of the payment made through GRIPS were brought to their notice also in that Trade Circular. Result is encouraging for us. At present, maximum tax-payers under the Acts have opted to pay the tax etc., through GRIPS.

If we go through the rules under the WBVAT Rules, 2005 or the Profession Tax Rules, 1979 or the WBST Rules, 1995 we shall see that barring a few cases, everywhere the tax-payer is given liberty to pay tax either electronically or manually according to his own choice. The tax- payer, whose quantum of tax payable in a particular year exceeds certain amount, is made compulsorily liable to pay tax electronically.

In spite of the existence of the dual system of payment, tax-payers have preferred electronic mode and that too through GRIPS. **Now the Government has issued another notification i.e., Notification No. 1239 F.T- dtd. 22.07.2014 and has made all types of tax payments under the West Bengal Value Added Tax Act, 2003, West Bengal sales Tax Act, 1994, Central Sales Tax Act, 1956 and West Bengal State Tax on Professions, Trades, Callings and Employment Act, 1979 and West Bengal Tax on Entry of Goods into Local Areas Act, 2012 mandatory through GRIPS with effect from 1st October, 2014.** The modes of payment to be available to the Tax-payers in GRIPS Portal through the payment gateway of the 20 authorised Banks are (1) Net-Banking, (ii) Debit card through internet and (iii) Over the Counter (OTC) Payment. Thus, payment of government revenue in GRIPS portal can be done both on-line and offline. The main advantage is that there would be real-time fund flow from the Tax-payer's bank account to the Government receipt account in GRIPS without any manual intervention in case of internet banking, and with minimal manual intervention in case of NEFT/RTGS and over the counter payment (OTC) modes. For the offline mode, the challan has to be generated through GRIPS and tax deposited in the concerned bank. As OTC payment is there in this new system, it suits the manual system of payment to a great extent as prescribed under the law.

As per this Notification, this new compulsion shall come into force from 1st day of October, 2014. All the tax-payers need be well acquainted with this system during this intervening period of

nearly two months. All the Chambers of Commerce, Trade Bodies and Associations, who are our esteemed members of the Consultative Committee, have already been informed and are requested to take maximum possible initiative to educate their members so that their members can switch over to this system from 01.10.2014 smoothly. Notification will now be available in the website of the Directorate. Our officers will take similar initiatives for dissemination of information to all dealers under them through displaying the Notification at their office notice board.

It is expected that through the active participation of every one, we will be able to put the system in place effectively from 1st October, 2014.

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