

ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

SUBMISSION OF MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL BUDGET

Based on the information received from some members, the NRAI has submitted a Memorandum to the Hon'ble Finance Minister, Government of India.

This is reproduced below for information of Members of the Association.

1. Introduce the general Goods Service Tax (GST):

The restaurant sector bears the burden of various duties on inputs purchased or used, but cannot get set off or output credit against taxes on the input side.

SUGGESTION: -

Introduction of Goods Service Tax can go a long way in allowing output credit universal, so that restaurant sector will not be discriminated against in the area of set off.

2. Incentives to the restaurant sector: Food retail units of a certain size, food retail chains and food processing units that have emerged all over the country make heavy investments in real estate, plant and machinery and equipment. Therefore create large employment opportunities wherever they open, helping the economy significantly. However, unlike the traditional / manufacturing sector, there are no incentives available to the restaurant sector in terms of initial and ongoing capital expenditure that they make.

SUGGESTION: -

We therefore suggest suitable concessions in the scheme of taxation for all these units and chains should be provided, helping them in order to expand and invest further, so that the economy as a whole will get a stimulus for growth. Such incentives could take the shape of deductions from gross total income and higher depreciation under the income tax law, reduction in utility tariff (power consumption) rates, reduction in rates of basic Central taxes and duties and waiver of cess on Central taxes and duties and so on.

3. To withdraw Service Tax on renting:

Service Tax on renting of immovable property as is being levied at present is a retrograde step and should be done away immediately, as has already been recommended by various industry associations.

4. Relief from Service Tax on renting of immovable property:

In the recent budget where the services tax on rental was introduced the government has rightly excluded certain properties, such as Hotels, Hostels, Boarding Houses, Holiday Accommodation, Tents Camping Facilities.

The above exclusion was in continuation of the Government intention to levy taxes only on Services hitherto not covered by any taxes. The very intention of the Service Tax Act was to cover various services, which were not subjected to indirect taxes Service Tax, (Indirect Tax) as hotel rooms suffer Luxury Tax and Food and Beverages suffer Sales Tax by State Government and there is basic statute in law to avoid dual taxation. But unfortunately the word Restaurant, Coffee Shop, Café, eatery etc., is missing from the above definition. Hence, it unnecessarily creates ambiguity resulting in friction with the Land Lord or pushing the large number of Restaurant Fraternity across the Country at the mercy of the Service Tax Department.

For your information even the service tax on the Caterers the tax is levied 50% for outdoor catering and 60% for indoor catering at the party hall situated

in a Hotel because it is presumed the food suffers Sales Tax and other services for the catering is only levied Service Tax.

SUGGESTION: -

To avoid dual taxation, the concession should be extended to restaurants also.

5. Customs duties:

a. On frozen cut potatoes : These duties currently aggregate 37.2%. This rate needs to be revised downwards in keeping with the trend globally of reducing import tariff rates. We suggest a reduction to no more than 20% or so.

b. On equipment used for restaurants: these duties currently aggregate 33% to 35%. These rates need to be revised downwards in keeping with the trend globally of reducing import tariff rates. We suggest a reduction to no more than 15% or so.

LEGAL INFORMATION

COMPLIANCE WITH THE HIGH COURT DIRECTIONS

A copy of the letter no. 14482 / ADDL C.P. / Lic (EH) dated 16th May 2009 received from the Additional Commissioner of Police Licensing: Delhi regarding directions of the Hon'ble High Court in the petition **MAC Application No. 569/2008 titled Narender Singh Vs TATA AIG & Others**, is reproduced for information of the members and necessary action.

We would appreciate if the members could inform NRAI about the steps taken for complying with the Advisory.

Make alternative arrangements (Calling facility for Taxis, maintaining lists of nearby Taxi

Stands, providing replacement drivers etc.) for the patrons who are heavily inebriated and unfit to drive.

- Train your Bar Managers and Bartenders to discourage patrons who are excessively drunk further consumption of alcohol.
- In case the inebriated customer is not accompanied by any family member / friend and attempts to drive he / she should be discussed from doing so.
- Display boards to be put up at prominent places inside the bar / restaurant educating the customers about the perils of drunken driving and the need to abstain from the same.

- Cooperate with the traffic police who conduct prosecution drives around Bars and restaurants with bars.

We hope you will appreciate that such proactive

steps will go a long way in ensuring the safety of your customers and also protect other innocent people on the road who lose their lives to drunken driving.

GOVT. NOTIFICATION

PERMISSION TO DRAW GROUND WATER THROUGH BORE-WELL / TUBE WELL (BOTH NEW & EXISTING)

In exercise of power conferred by section 5 of environment (protection) Act, 1986 (29 of 1986 read with the ministry of Home Affairs, government of India notification S.O. 667 (E) dated 10 Sep 1992, the Lt. Government of the national capital territory of Delhi, has issued the following orders / amendments / modifications regarding the prior permission for drawl of ground water.

1. Order No. F8 (348) / EA / Env. / 09 / 14433 14451 dated 30/31.03.2009
2. Order No. F8 (348) / EA / Env. / 09 / 555 582 dated 30.04.2009. (Amendment / modifications of clause (i) of order dated 30.03.2009.)
3. Order No. F8 (348) / EA / Env. / 09 / 583 610 dated 30.04.2009. (Amendment / modifications of clause (iii) and (iv) of order dated 30/31.03.2009.)

For the convenience of the members we are only reproducing the relevant clauses of the said orders mentioned above

Clause 1 : (Amended / Modified) vide order dated 30 April 2009

"In the whole of the National Capital Territory of Delhi, except in NDMC area, no person, group, authority, association or institution is allowed to draw ground water through bore-well / tube well (both new and existing, drawing ground water

without the permission of Central Ground Water Authority) for domestic, commercial and or industrial uses without the prior permission of the Competent Authority i.e. Delhi Jal Board. In respect of area falling under administrative jurisdiction of New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC), no person, group, authority, association or institution is allowed to draw ground water through bore-well / tube well (both new and existing, drawing ground water without permission of Central Ground Water Authority) for domestic, commercial and or industrial uses without the prior permission of the Competent Authority i.e. NDMC".

Clause 2 : vide order dated 30/31.03.2009

"If any person, group, authority, association or institution wants to draw ground water through a bore-well / tube-well, he/she shall take prior permission from Delhi Jal Board. Such permission shall be obtained through submission of an application to Zonal Offices of DJB, in the prescribed form to be created and advertised by the DJB."

Clause 3 : vide order dated 30.04.2009

"If the plot size of the building is more than 200 sq. meters, the permission to draw ground water through

borewell / tubewell (both new and existing, ground water without the permission of Central Ground Water Authority) will be subject to the condition that the occupier / owner of the said plot shall install rain water harvesting system in the respective building”

Clause 4 : vide order dated 30.04.2009

"Permission to draw ground water through borewell / tube-well (both new and existing, ground water without the permission of Central Ground Water Authority) for commercial and or industrial use shall be subject to the condition that the concerned person / authority shall install the rain water harvesting structure, and shall ensure of the water in horticulture / cooling / toilet flushing etc after proper treatment of waste water."

Presently there is no prescribed application form. One can make simple application for seeking permission to draw ground water through bore-well / tube well till the time Delhi Jal Board issues any prescribed form.

It is clear from the above orders that no person, group, authority, association or institution is allowed to draw ground water through bore-well / tube well (both new & existing), for domestic (commercial and or industrial) uses without the prior permission of the competent authority i.e Delhi Jal Board and for the areas falling within the administrative jurisdiction of New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) the competent authority for the issue of permission is Chairperson NDMC. For any clarification in the above matter please write / contact undersigned.

- Inder Jit

Executive Secretary, NRAI

AWARD THE EXCELLENCE

NRAI Sponsored Scholarships for the Institutions

During the year NRAI donates a certain amount as scholarship fund to the Hospitality Institutes across the country. This contribution encourages students to give their best in their fields. Followings are few snapshots of student receiving awards sponsored by NRAI.



Chandigarh Institute of Hotel Management & Catering Technology, Chandigarh.

Ms. Nidhi Grover getting trophy and scholarship amount of Rs. 5500/- sponsored by NRAI. She stood 1st in Mid Term Examination of B.Sc. 2nd & 3rd year.



Institute of Hotel Management Catering Technology and Applied Nutrition, Jaipur.

Ms. Ankita Narula got 2nd rank in her second year annual examination. She, getting certificate and cash prize sponsored by NRAI.

This time an amount of Rs.75,000 was donated to the following Institutes for awarding scholarships of an amount indicated each to the meritorious students :

Institute Name	Amount
Institute of Hotel Management Catering Technology & Applied Nutrition, Jaipur	10,000
Institute of Hotel Management Catering Technology & Applied Nutrition, Kolkata	10,000
Institute of Hotel Management Catering Technology & Applied Nutrition, Meerut	10,000
Institute of Hotel Management Catering Technology & Applied Nutrition, Guwahati	10,000
Institute of Hotel Management Catering Technology & Applied Nutrition, Dehradun	10,000
Chandigarh Institute of Hotel Management And Catering Technology, Chandigarh	10,000
Institute of Hotel Management Catering Technology & Applied Nutrition, Gwalior	5,000
Institute of Hotel Management Catering Technology & Applied Nutrition, Bhubaneswar	5,000
Food Craft Institute, Faridabad	5,000

New Entrants

NRAI welcomes the following new members who have joined under the individual membership category in this quarter

Route 04

(A unit of Trinity Hotels & Resorts (P) Ltd.)

4, Khan Market,
New Delhi 110003
Phone: 011 - 43521811, 9717590444

Route 04 sticks to the humungous portions that characterize American food. With the diner area spreads across two storeys, moves away from the casual ambience of the All American Diner. Done up in a travel theme, it has mini versions of vintage and classic cars parked on the shelf that runs across the wall, and helicopters hung from the ceiling. It has live kitchen - best for breakfasts. The menu is a melting pot of the classic and the contemporary, and its Power Breakfast comes with a complimentary copy of a pink newspaper. Amenities and services for Route 04 include recorded Music, special events at the occasions, free home delivery. Business hours are from 8:30 am to 11:30 pm. Meals for two is Rs.600.

The First Floor Kitchen

(A Unit of White Venus)

J Block, Pocket G, LSC Market,
Saket, New Delhi - 110017
Phone : 011-46099487

A unit of White Venue, The First floor kitchen restaurant serves Indian food. Centrally air conditioned with great ambience, it has sitting capacity of 48 persons. It plays recorded music. It accepts major credit cards.

Aqua

(A Unit of Mahakali Hospitality Pvt Ltd.)

GN 1, 1st Floor, Shivaji Enclave,
Rajouri Garden, New Delhi - 110027
Phone : 011-45613888

Another multi-cuisine restaurant of Mahakali Hospitality Pvt Ltd. Aqua restaurant stimulates you with its soothing ambience wild aquarium and waves lighting. The mouth watering chicken Monogohan and Dabhi ke kababs keep you afloat. A centrally air-conditioned restaurant with a sitting arrangement for 48 persons plays recorded/live music. Aqua serves liquor and offers meals for two @ Rs 700/-. The timing for the restaurant is 7:00 am to 11:00 pm.

HeadQuarterz
(A unit of SKS Hospitality Pvt Ltd.)

Shop No. 10, DDA Market, Netaji Subhash Place,
Pitam Pura, New Delhi - 110035
Phone: 011-45621306

Head Quarter'z restaurant offers Indian cuisine and serves liquor.

The Great Kabab Factory
(A unit of Ansal Housing & Construction Ltd.)

317, 2nd Floor, DLF Place,
District Centre, Saket, New Delhi 110 017
Phone: 011 46695500

The Great Kabab Factory, Saket is an addition to today's Indian specialty restaurants. Here one can enjoy the taste of succulent kababs in a vibrant atmosphere. You can also watch the kababs being prepared in the display kitchen. Located in DLF Place Saket, the restaurant offers liquor and fixed menus, with unlimited servings of Kababs and is a favorite among the food lovers of Delhi. The meal for two is above Rs 1000.

NRAI also acknowledges the following existing members for enrolling more of their outlets for membership in this quarter.

The Pind Baluchi Restaurant

2105, D.B. Gupta Road,
Karol Bagh, New Delhi - 110005
Phone: 011 45077777

321 A, The Great India Place,
Sec 38 A, Noida - 201301
Phone : 09120-4517300

12/7, Main mathura Road,
Faridabad, Haryana 121003
Phone : 0129 - 4133051

www.pindballuchi.com

Pind Balluchi is an entity functional under the umbrella of JS Hospitality - a group that holds popular fine dining restaurant Park Balluchi and banquet hall Vatika Grand. This renowned food chain serves Indian Mughlai cuisines. Pind Balluchi is a theme-based restaurant serving authentic Indian Mughlai food. The theme is that of a pind (village)-based and one is immediately taken over by warm ambience. Some of the objects are synonymous with theme are: traditional cot, huge entrance door, jharokhas, wells, wooden chairs, lanterns. Moreover, waiters here dressed in the traditional lungi-kurta and the perennial smile to greet. Pind Balluchi is a good option for family meals.

Moti Mahal Deluxe Tandoori Trail

GA 728, Unitech Metro Walk,
Sec 10, Rohini, New Delhi- 110085
Phone : 011 - 43005454

C 4, C Block Market,
Vasant Vihar, New Delhi
Phone : 011-4616233
www.motimahall.in

Moti Mahal Deluxe Tandoori Trail is the first Indian restaurant to launch tandoori and mughlai cuisine across the world. The new contemporary look of the Moti Mahal retraces its glorious past and signifies Moti Mahal's Culinary-trail from Peshawar to Delhi. Moti Mahal Tandoori Trail restaurants offer mouth watering dishes such as butter chicken, dal makhani and tandoori delicacies with equal options for the vegetarian guests.

Nirula's

BG 32 A, Ground Floor, Aditya City Centre,
Vaibhav Khand, Indrapuram, Ghaziabad, UP
Phone: 0120 2606616

3rd Floor, Ambience Mall,
Gurgaon, UP
Phone : 011 2445260-67

Sahara Ganj Shopping Mall, Restaurant A,
4th Floor, Mohalla Hazrat Ganj, Shahnazaf Road,
Lucknow UP- 226601

www.nirulas.com

Nirula's is a renowned family style and casual dining restaurant. Its menu includes quick bites, value meals, snacks, savouries, beverages and the famous Nirula's Ice Cream range, with a focus on quick service and convenience

NRAI welcomes the following new members who have joined under the Associate Membership in this quarter

Khanapina (India) Pvt Ltd.

www.khanapina.in

Khanapina is an upcoming web portal promoting restaurants across the country. The website contains restaurant listing, menus, events and all the other information regarding the restaurants. They have 5000 plus restaurants and growing listed across the country. Some unique points of the website are videos of restaurant, recipes and their customers. They will soon be having table reservation system via sms and email and online ordering applications.

Dr. MPS Memorial College of Hotel Management

Agra Delhi Highway,
Sikandara (Near Sabzi Mandi), Agra 282007

www.mpsmemorial.com

College of Hotel Management in one of the leading hospitality & tourism management institute in India. Managed by non-profit making organization registered by Government, approved by Technical University under Govt. of India, college started its operations by offering industry specific Job oriented programmes - MBA, BBA, BCA, BSc. HM and MSc. Biotechnology in July 2005, with enrolled student strength of 200 in its first year itself.

EVENTS

International Food Exhibition (IFE) Poland 2010, May 25 27. Warsaw IFE Poland is the only dedicated B2B food exhibition to support the growth of international products within the polish market

Food and Hotel Thailand 2009, September 2 5, Thailand

International Food and Hospitality Show (IFHS), September 2 5, Bangkok

Fine Food Australia, September 7 10, Sydney

Anuga 2009, October 10 14, Koln Germany

TO KNOW

How Dark Chocolate Benefits Your Health



There are significant health benefits to dark chocolate. According to research studies, chocolate provides clues to fighting disease. Your health and well-being can be enhanced while you savor and enjoy chocolate. Below, you'll see how research involving chocolate consumption can help conditions such as high cholesterol, heart disease and high blood pressure.

Chocolate and Cancer

The same antioxidants found in wine and green tea are found in raw cacao and dark chocolate. Antioxidants protect cells from toxins, slow the growth of cancer cells, and help reduce cancer risks and heart disease. The greater the amount of cacao contained in chocolate, the more antioxidants it has. (Note: White chocolate does not contain antioxidants, so look for dark chocolate instead).

Chocolate and Cholesterol

While many foods high in saturated fats are known to raise cholesterol levels, studies have shown that chocolate consumption does not. This is due to the type of saturated fat chocolate contains. Less harmful saturated fat in one's diet means plaque that can gather in the arteries. In fact, studies have shown that dark chocolate may in fact boost good cholesterol.

Chocolate and Depression

The fat naturally found in chocolate helps provide a feeling of enjoyment and satisfaction, releasing mood-enhancing endorphins. Chocolate also may help relieve symptoms of anxiety. It is thought to have an opiate effect that may help improve mood. A study conducted on patients who were depressed showed that the dark chocolate provided relief from their symptoms.

Chocolate and Circulation

Since the chemicals in dark chocolate help prevent the formation blood platelets, the chance of blood clots is minimized. In addition, blood pressure may be lowered with a regular consumption of dark chocolate each day. This is a result of the flavonoids present in cacao that help with circulation. Keep in mind that flavonoids are lower in milk chocolate than dark chocolate.

How Much Chocolate Can You Have?

Include 1 ounce of dark chocolate per day to your diet. Select your chocolate carefully, ensuring that there are no refined sugars or hydrogenated oils, which have undesirable health effects. Also, look for a high percentage of cacao (70% or above). Remember that chocolate does have calories, so make necessary modifications to your calorie intake.

- excerpted take from www.articlebase.com



SNIPPETS



- A customer was continually bothering the waiter in a restaurant; first, he'd asked that the air conditioning be turned up because he was too hot, then he asked it be turned down cause he was too cold, and so on for about half an hour.

Surprisingly, the waiter was very patient, walking back and forth and never once getting angry. So finally, a second customer asked why didn't they just throw out the pest.

"Oh I don't care." said the waiter with a smile. "We don't even have an air conditioner."

- Never argue at the dinner table, for the one who is not hungry always gets the best of the argument.

Readers please write to us:

The contributing articles from our members are most desirable; we welcome them for the next issue. You can send your feedback about this issue and may send suggestions at nrai@vsnl.com or parveen.tara@nrai.org



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