

# ATMANIRBHAR BHARAT HIGHLIGHTS

## Real Estate Sector

Urban Development Ministry shall issue advisories to states and UTs to treat the COVID-19 period as an 'Act of God' enabling force majeure. Thus, fresh project registration certificates can be issued and, registration and completion dates can be extended suo-moto for up to six months for projects registered on or after March 25, 2020.

## Discoms

To help discoms, a one-time emergency liquidity infusion of Rs 90,000 crore via PFC and REC is provided. This will be a state issued guarantee and rebate will be provided to those discoms that pass benefit to end-customer.

## GoI Contractors

All GoI agencies, such as Railways, highways or central public works, will give three to six months extension to all contractors without extra costs. This will cover construction work and goods and services contracts, completion of works and intermediate event, and also concessional period in PPP contracts. To facilitate greater liquidity, government agencies will partially release bank guarantees to the extent of the completed contract.



“Five pillars of Atmanirbhar Bharat - Economy, Infrastructure, System, Vibrant Demography and Demand.”

- PM Shri Narendra Modi

## Income Tax

- A) Due date of all income tax return for FY 2019-20 would be extended to November 30, 2020 from July 31, 2020 and October 31, 2020.
- B) Tax audit deadline has been extended to October 31, 2020 from September 30, 2020.
- C) Date of assessments getting barred on September 30, 2020 has now been extended to December 31, 2020. Those getting barred on March 31, 2021 will be extended to September 30, 2021.
- D) The period for Vivad se Vishwas Scheme for making payment without additional amount has been extended to December 31, 2020.
- E) All pending returns to charitable trusts and non corporate business and professions including proprietorship, partnership, LLP and Co-operatives shall be issued immediately.
- F) Reduced TDS and TCS rates by 25 percent. This is applicable on all payments - interest, rent, brokerage, supply, etc. This will be enforced from tomorrow till March 31, 2021. *This reduction will release Rs 50,000 crore in hands of people: Sitharaman.*

## NBFCs, HFCs & MFIs

Rs 45,000 crore liquidity infusion through partial guarantee scheme. It will cover commercial papers and borrowings. First 20 percent loss will be borne by guarantor - GOI. All Double AA rated paper and unrated papers will be eligible.

GoI felt NBFCs were not getting enough resources. Therefore, Rs 30,000 crore special liquidity scheme is launched where government will buy investment grade debt papers of NBFCs, HFCs and MFIs - not high quality only. These securities will be fully guaranteed by GoI. These NBFCs which do not have high rated debt papers, then, can support MSMEs dependent on them.

## EPF Benefits

GoI will provide both employer and employee 12% contributions extending support for another three months from March-May 2020 to June-August 2020 announced in previous reliefs.

For employees and employers not covered under above relief, Statutory PF contribution is being reduced from 12 percent to 10 percent. State PSUs will continue to pay 12 percent, employees will get option to pay 10 percent for the next three months.

## MSME Sector

A) Rs 3 lakh crores collateral-free automatic loans for businesses, including SMEs. Borrowers with up Rs 25 crore outstanding and Rs 100 crore turnover are eligible having four-year tenor, valid up to October 31, 2020.

B) Funds of fund will infuse Rs 50,000 crore equity for those MSMEs who have potential and are viable. Corpus of Rs 10,000 crore through mother fund and daughter fund will provide support.

C) Rs 20,000 crore will be infused through subordinate debt for stressed MSMEs who have equity problems. This liquidity line will benefit 2 lakh MSMEs. All NPAs or stressed MSMEs are eligible for scheme. Government will provide Rs 4,000 crore to CGTMSE who will provide partial guarantee to banks who will then give benefits to stressed MSMEs.

D) Government procurement, tenders up to 200 crores will no longer be on global tender routes. *“This will make self-reliant India, will also then be able to serve 'Make in India': Sitharaman.*

E) Post-COVID, trade fairs and exhibitions will be difficult so e-market linkage will be provided for MSMEs so that they will be able to find their market. Also, the government and CPSEs will honour every MSME receivables within the next 45 days.

F) New Definition of MSME: The differentiation between manufacturing and service sector has been ceded. The revised classification as follows:

Composite Criteria : Investment and Annual Turnover			
Classification	Micro	Small	Medium
Manufacturing and Services	Investment < Rs 1 cr. and Turnover < Rs 5 cr.	Investment < Rs 10 cr. and Turnover < Rs 50 cr.	Investment < Rs 20 cr. and Turnover < Rs 100 cr.