Applicability of Various provisions of the Finance Bill 2021

Considering all aspects, the various proposals of a Finance Bill may come into force on the different dates as under:

i. Proposals of the Finance Bill which are given immediate effect through a Declaration under the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act, 1931. Such Declaration is always a part of the Finance Bill.

ii. Proposals of the Finance Bill which would come into effect on the date of the enactment of the Bill.

iii. Proposals of the Finance Bill which, on its enactment, would come into effect generally on April 01 or any other specified date of the new Financial Year. (This is generally prescribed in case of Direct Tax related amendments.)

iv. Proposals of the Finance Bill which would come into effect on the date to be appointed by the Central Government by Notification in the Official Gazette after the enactment of the Bill.

v. Proposals of the Finance Bill which, on its enactment, would become part of the respective legislation but would come to life on the date to be notified by the Central Government and which would then come into effect retrospectively if so prescribed.

The budgetary amendments relating to the GST are contained in S. 108 to S.123 of the Finance Act, 2021 [originally, these proposals were contained in clauses 99 to 114 of the Bill]. As per S.1(2)(b) of the Act, the provisions of S.108 to 123 of the Act shall come into force on such date as may be appointed by the Central Government by Notification in the Official Gazette.

Consequently, one may clearly bear in mind that the provisions of the Finance Act, 2021 amending various provisions of the GST Laws have not come into force on March 28, 2021.

These GST related amendments will come into effect only on the date to be notified by the Central Government.