

**GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
COMMERCIAL TAXES DEPARTMENT**

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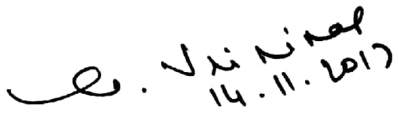
In the recently concluded 23rd meeting of GST Council on 10th November, 2017 held at Guwahati, the Council has recommended reduction in GST rate from 28% to 18% and 12% on goods falling in 178 tariff headings. After these changes in the 28% category only 50 items will attract GST rate of 28%. Further, the Council has recommended reduction in GST rate for some of the goods from 18% to 12% & 5%, and from 12% to 5% and from 5% to Nil. Some of the goods for which the Council has recommended reduction in GST rate are as follows:

GST rate reductions	Commodities
28% to 18%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Wire, cables, switches, electrical plugs ii. Electrical boards, panels iii. Furniture, Mattress iv. Suitcases v. Detergents vi. Shampoos, Hair dyes vii. Shaving cream viii. Perfumes ix. Lamp and light fitting x. Beauty or make-up preparations xi. Fans xii. Sanitary wares xiii. Marble and Granites xiv. Ceramic Tiles xv. Wrist watches xvi. Electrical, Electronic weighing machinery xvii. Fire extinguishers xviii. Physical exercise equipment xix. Chocolates, Chewing gum xx. Malt Extract
28% to 12%	Wetgrinders consisting of stone
18% to 12%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Condensed Milk ii. Refined Sugar and sugar cubes iii. Diabetic food iv. Medicinal grade oxygen v. Printing Ink vi. Handbags of jute and cotton vii. Spectacles frames viii. Specified parts of sewing machine

18% to 5%	i. Puffed rice chikki, Peanut chikki ii. Chutney powder
12% to 5%	i. Desiccated coconut ii. Idli, Dosa batter iii. Fishing net and fishing hooks
5% to NIL	Khandsari sugar

Apart from reducing the GST rate on various goods, the GST rate on all stand-alone air-conditioned and non air-conditioned restaurants has been reduced to 5% without ITC from 18% and 12% respectively. Food parcels or takeaways will also attract 5% GST without ITC. However, restaurants operating in hotel premises where the room tariff of even a single room is Rs.7500 and above per unit per day, will attract 18% GST with full ITC.

The reductions in GST rate recommended by the GST Council are effective from 15th November, 2017. The notifications issued by the Government of Puducherry for the reduction in SGST rate are available in the Commercial Taxes Department website <https://gst.py.gov.in>. The notifications may be referred for getting detailed information on all the Goods and Services for which the SGST rate has been reduced. For any further clarification and information, the Dealers, Traders and General Public may contact the Toll Free Helpline number 1800-425-1717.


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