

## Opportunity to settle pending tax disputes under West Bengal Settlement of Dispute Scheme 2025

### West Bengal Sales Tax (Settlement of Dispute) (Amendment) Act 2025

The Government of West Bengal has recently introduced the **West Bengal Sales Tax (Settlement of Dispute) (Amendment) Act, 2025**, for providing relief to the taxpayers by enabling the settlement of pending disputes under various state laws, including **WBVAT, CST, Sales Tax, and Entry Tax** pending as on **31<sup>st</sup> March 2025**.

#### Tax payable and Relief available:

Sr. No.	Dispute	Relief	Amount Payable
<b>For VAT, CST and Sales Tax</b>			
a)	Arrear tax for non-furnishing/nonproduction of any certificates/Declarations as prescribed under relevant Act	85% of tax dues.	To pay 15% of the disputed tax in full after considering the forms and certificates in possession of taxpayers.
b)	Arrear tax in respect of admitted tax in return or in writing	No relief	To pay 100% of the disputed tax
c)	Any other arrear tax not covered above	85% of tax dues.	To pay 15% of the disputed tax in full after considering the forms and certificates in possession of taxpayers.
d)	Arrear Late Fee	Waived	-
e)	Arrear penalty imposed due to late payment or non-payment of tax or for default in furnishing return under the relevant Act	Waived	-
f)	Arrear penalty imposed in cases other than as mentioned in Sl. No. (e) above	98% of penalty to be waived off if lower than Rs. 15,000	To pay 2% of arrear penalty or Rs. 15,000 whichever is lower.
<b>For West Bengal tax on Entry of Goods into Local Areas Act, 2012</b>			
g)	Arrear Entry Tax	25% of tax dues.	To pay 75% of the disputed tax.
h)	Arrear Late Fee	Entire late fee to be waived off except which is already paid.	To pay 0% or actual amount already paid whichever is higher
i)	Any Arrear	Entire penalty to be waived off.	-

The last date for filing the application is **31<sup>st</sup> July 2025**.

## CNK Comments:

Though the scheme provides necessary relief to the taxpayers, every registered dealer should adhere to the following steps –

- a) Review all pending litigations in terms of merit;
- b) Even if the case is strong on merit, please review whether all related documents are available with the company;
- c) Also assess the expected timeline for disposal of the pending litigations;
- d) Considering the aforementioned points, the company should take a conscious decision whether to opt for the new scheme.

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