

Service Tax:

- No change in standard rate of Service Tax i.e. 12%.
- Two new services added to the negative list which are as follows:-
 - Vocational courses offered by state-affiliated institutes
 - Film Industry for copy rights
- One time voluntary compliance scheme for service tax defaulters due from 2007 to be introduced wherein interest and penalties to be waived
- Reduction in abatement rates for luxury apartments from 75% to 70 % in Residential Complex Services.
- Proposed to imposed service tax on all Restaurants having air-condition
- Draft Bill on GST may be presented in parliament in next few months.

Excise Duty:

- No change in standard rate of Excise Duty i.e. 12%.
- Excise duty on SUVs to be increased from 27% to 30%
- SUVs registered as taxis exempted
- Specific excise duty on cigarettes and cigars raised by 18 per cent.

Custom Duty:

- No change in basic customs duty i.e. 10%
- Duty free limit on gold raised to Rs 50,000 in case of male and Rs 100,000 in case of female
- Duty on mobile phones above Rs 2,000 raised from 1% to 6%, based on their maximum retail prices
- Import duty on rice bran oilcake withdrawn.
- Import duty raised on set-top boxes from 5% to 10% to safeguard interest of domestic producers
- 10% customs duty to be levied on unprocessed illuminate
- Import duty raised from 75% to 100% on luxury vehicles
- No countervailing duty on ships and vessels.

Income Tax:

- No review of income tax slabs for this year
- Propose tax credit of Rs 2,000 for incomes up to Rs 5 lakh.
- Minimum Exemption 2 to 2.20 Lacs
- Commodities transaction tax levied on non-agriculture commodities futures contracts at 0.01 per cent
- Eligibility conditions for disable person Insurance for 15% to 20%
- Agri commodities to be exempt from CTT
- Surcharge of 10% for individuals whose taxable income is over Rs 1 crore but only for One Year Only called Super rich tax
- Securities Transaction Tax (STT) reduced on equity future, mutual fund.
- Education cess to continue at 3% Investor Protection Fund set up by depositories will be exempt from tax
- Extend 80IA by 1 year
- Tax holiday for power plants extended to March 2014
- To continue with education cess at 3%
- 20% final withholding tax on unlisted companies
- Contributions made to the Central and State Government health scheme eligible to tax benefit.
- TDS of one per cent on value of properties above Rs 50 lakh. Agriculture land exempted
- DDT Surcharge raised to 10% from 5%

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