F. No.334/10/2025-TRU Government of India Ministry of Finance Department of Revenue Tax Research Unit

> Room No.146-G, North Block New Delhi, dated 27th October, 2025

To,

Trade and Industry Associations

Subject: Suggestions from the Industry and Trade Associations for Budget 2026-27 regarding changes in direct and indirect taxes.

Sir/Madam,

In the context of formulating the proposals for the Union Budget of 2026-27, the Ministry of Finance would like to be benefited by the suggestions and views of your Association. You may like to send your suggestions for changes in the duty structure, rates and broadening of tax base on both direct and indirect taxes giving economic justification for the same.

- 2. Your suggestions and views may be supplemented and justified by relevant statistical information about production, prices, revenue implication of the changes suggested and any other information to support your proposal. The request for correction of inverted duty structure, if any for a commodity, should necessarily be supported by value addition at each stage of manufacturing of the commodity. It would not be feasible to examine suggestions that are either not clearly explained or which are not supported by adequate justification / statistics.
- 3. As can be seen that the Government policy with reference to direct taxes in the medium term is to phase out tax incentives, deductions and exemptions while simultaneously rationalising the rates of tax. It would be also desirable that while forwarding the suggestions/recommendations, positive externalities arising out of the said recommendations and their quantification are also indicated. You may also like to give your suggestions for reducing compliances, for providing tax certainty and reducing litigations. The Synopsis of your suggestions could be given in the following format:

S.No.	Issue	Justification

4. It may be noted that GST related requests are not examined as part of Annual Budget. Suggestions related to Customs and Central Excise may be forwarded in the following format:

S. No.	Request	Existing rate of duty	Requested rate of duty	Justification		

Additionally, the relevant information as prescribed in the **Annexure-A** enclosed herewith, may be provided.

5. Your suggestions and views may be emailed, as word document in the form of separate attachments, in respect of Indirect Taxes [Customs and Central Excise (for commodities outside GST)] to budget-cbec@nic.in and Direct Taxes to ustpl3@nic.in. Hard copies of the Pre-Budget proposals/ suggestions relating to Customs & Central Excise may be addressed to Shri Gaurav Singh, Joint Secretary (TRU-I), CBIC, while the suggestions relating to Direct Taxes may be addressed to Joint Secretary, Tax Policy and Legislation (TPL-I), CBDT. It would be appreciated if your views and suggestions reach us by the 10th November, 2025.

Yours sincerely,

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ANNEXURE -A

S.	HS	Description	Quantum of	CIF	Quantum	Value of	Unit	Existing	Proposed	Revenue	Implications
No	Code	of the	Imports	value of	of	domestic	Price	Duty	Duty	implication	of the
		Product	2021-22 to	imports	domestic	production	(CIF)			of the	proposal for
			2025-26	2021-22	production	2021-22 to				proposal	the domestic
			(year wise)	to 2025-	2021-22 to	2025-26					industry
				26 (year	2025-26	(year wise)					
				wise)	(year						
					wise)						