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Ref. No. 2025-26/1227

Date: 13th March, 2026

To,
Shri. Devendra Fadanvis ji
Hon'ble Chief Minister
State of Maharashtra
Mantralaya, Mumbai 400 032

Sub: URGENT Representation – Request for Extension of Due Date for Profession Tax Filing due to Website Functionality Issues

Respected Sir,

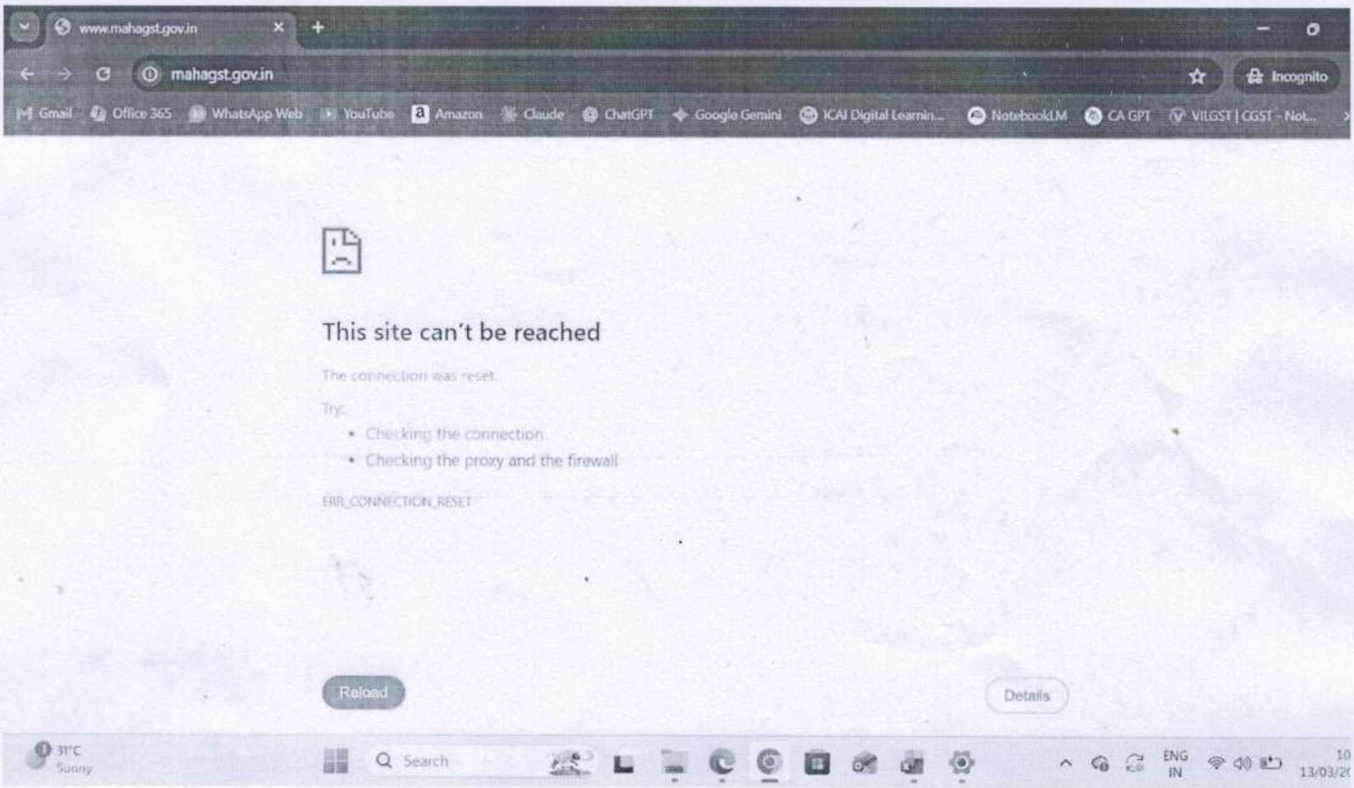
1. At the outset, we would firstly like to thank you on behalf of our members and the tax payers in general for allowing us to represent them on various issues being faced by the tax payers under the indirect tax laws.

2. The Goods and Service Tax Practitioner's Association of Maharashtra (GSTPAM), established in 1951, is a state-level body representing tax practitioners and taxpayers before tax authorities. It has played an important role in the implementation of major tax laws such as MVAT and GST and regularly conducts educational programs to support the effective implementation of indirect tax laws in Maharashtra. GSTPAM has consistently represented taxpayer issues before tax authorities and helped authorities engage with taxpayers through various public events. The association has over 3,000 members across Maharashtra, including tax practitioners, Chartered Accountants, Cost Accountants, Company Secretaries, and Advocates practicing in GST, VAT, Service Tax, and allied laws, with regional centres across the State.

3. We thank the Office of Joint Commissioner of Profession Tax, Bandra for organizing an awareness and interactive session for taxpayers on 11.03.2026. In the meeting certain issues were submitted, with respect to the same this representation is made to bring to your kind attention the serious practical difficulties being faced by taxpayers in complying with the recently preponed due date for payment and filing of returns under the Profession Tax Act.

The due date for filing of Professional Tax returns and payment of tax for both monthly and annual taxpayers has been preponed from 31st March to 15th March vide Notification 2026/C.R.4/Taxation-3 dated 28.02.2026. While taxpayers always endeavour to comply with statutory requirements within the prescribed timelines, the current technical issues on the department's website have made such compliance extremely difficult.

4. At present, the MahaGST portal is frequently non-functional and inaccessible, thereby preventing taxpayers from carrying out essential activities such as payment of Profession Tax and filing of the relevant returns. Infact, the website currently is inaccessible on 13.03.2026, the last working day before the preponed due date of 15.03.2026. A Screenshot to that effect is attached below:



5. The following issues were brought to the notice of the Profession Tax department in the meeting:

A. Portal & Technical Issues
   - OTP generation problems and delays.
   - Password reset and change of email/mobile not functioning properly.
   - Website instability and frequent downtime since early Oct 2025.

B. Return Filing Issues
   - Returns for earlier periods (2022-23 and prior) not available for filing.
   - Previous period returns not allowed even after tax payment.
   - Missing months in return filing module (e.g., August 2025).
   - First return and last return options interchanged.
   - Late fees calculated even when the original return was filed on time.

C. Payment & Carry Forward Issues
   - Payments not getting reflected in the return module, especially for October period.
   - Carry forward/brought forward balances not auto-populating.
   - Delay in payment reflection preventing return filing.
   - Challan rectification facility not available to officers.

D. Registration & Data Issues
   - Multiple problems in PT registration applications.
   - Old PT cancellation applications not processed.
   - Notices issued even for cancelled registrations.
   - PAN migration errors affecting more than 2.36 lakh taxpayers.

E. Data & Portal Information Issues
   - Old return data not visible on the portal.
   - Search taxpayer facility unavailable, making periodicity determination difficult.
   - PT certificates generated with the current date instead of the original application date.

6. Certain issues with respect to OTP have been addressed by liberalizing the requirement to either mobile or email OTP. However, the non-availability of the website continues to compound the technical issues faced by taxpayers.

7. Consequently, even genuine taxpayers who are willing and ready to discharge their Profession Tax liability are unable to make payment on account of the non-availability of the website, as indicated above and evident from the screenshot above. The website issues have persisted throughout the entire month of March.

8. It is also respectfully submitted that, despite the above technical difficulties, the department has been aggressively following up with taxpayers for compliance within the revised timeline. This has caused considerable anxiety among compliant taxpayers who are eager to fulfill their obligations but are prevented from doing so due to circumstances beyond their control.

9. In view of the above situation, we humbly request your good office to kindly take cognizance of the persistent technical issues on the portal and the genuine hardships faced by taxpayers. We therefore request that suitable relief may kindly be granted by keeping the preponement in abeyance and extending the due date for payment and filing of Professional Tax returns by at least 15 days from the date on which the website becomes fully operational, so that taxpayers are able to comply without being subjected to unintended penal consequences. The Department may also consider granting a waiver of late fees, interest, and penalties for affected taxpayers.

10. We sincerely hope that the difficulties faced by the taxpayer community will receive due consideration and that appropriate directions will be issued to alleviate the present compliance challenges.

11. Sir, we trust you will consider this representation favourably and provide timely relief to taxpayers at large.

We shall be happy to meet you personally and explain the situation. The issue requires your immediate attention and intervention.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

For The Goods & Services Tax Practitioners' Association of Maharashtra

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