

**PART III**  
**GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB**  
**DEPARTMENT OF EXCISE AND TAXATION**  
**(EXCISE AND TAXATION-II BRANCH)**

**NOTIFICATION**

The 17th November, 2020

**No. S.O. 54/P.A.5/2017/S.172/2020.**-WHEREAS, sub-section (1) of section 44 of the Punjab Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (Punjab Act No. 5 of 2017) (hereafter in this Order referred to as the said Act) provides that every registered person, other than an Input Service Distributor, a person paying Tax under section 51 or section 52, a casual taxable person and a non-resident taxable person, shall furnish an annual return for every financial year electronically in such form and manner as may be prescribed on or before the thirty- first day of December following the end of such financial year;

AND WHEREAS, for the purpose of furnishing of the annual return electronically for every financial year as referred to in sub-section (1) of section 44 of the said Act, certain technical problems are being faced by the taxpayers as a result whereof, the said annual return for the period from the 1st July, 2017 to the 31st March, 2018 could not be furnished by the registered persons, as referred to in the said sub-section (1) and because of that, certain difficulties have arisen in giving effect to the provisions of the said section.

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 172 of the said Act and all other powers enabling him in this behalf, the Government of Punjab, on recommendations of the Council, is pleased to make the following Order, to remove the difficulties, namely:-

1. (1) This Order may be called the Punjab Goods and Services Tax (Removal of Difficulties) Order, 2020.

(2) This order shall be deemed to have come into force with effect from the 26th day of December, 2019.

2. In the Punjab Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017, in section 44, in the Explanation, for the figures, letters and word "31st December, 2019", the figures, letters and word "31 st January, 2020" shall be substituted.

**A VENU PRASAD,**  
Financial Commissioner (Taxation) and Secretary to  
Government of Punjab,  
Department of Excise and Taxation.