

# Government introduces 4 GST amendment Bills

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The government on Tuesday introduced four Bills seeking to amend the Goods and Services Tax (GST) laws that will make return forms simpler and raise the turnover threshold for availing composition scheme to ₹1.5 crore.

Finance Minister Piyush Goyal said the amendment Bills – the Central GST (Amendment) Bill, the Integrated GST (Amendment) Bill, the GST (Compensation to States) Amendment Bill and the Union Territory GST (Amendment) Bill – were



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primarily aimed at helping the MSME sector and small traders.

Congress member Sunil Jakhar, however, charged the government with bring-

ing these Bills “hurriedly” and said it would hurt the interests of the MSME sector.

He alleged that Punjab was suffering on account of GST implementation and the Centre should have consulted stakeholders before amending the GST laws.

Responding to Mr. Jakhar, Mr. Goyal said the government had held wide consultations with all stakeholders, including Punjab, and the changes were intended to help small traders.

Mr. Goyal said the threshold for composition scheme was being raised from ₹1 crore to ₹1.5 crore.