"COMPARATIVE STUDY OF COMMERCIAL TAX & VALUE ADDED TAX (VAT) IN INDIA"

SYNOPSIS

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>S. No.</th>
<th>PARTICULARS</th>
<th>PAGE NO.</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1.</td>
<td>INTRODUCTION</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Evolution of Sales Taxes in India</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Concept of Sales Taxes in India</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Efforts at Introducing Value Added Tax</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>What is Value Added Tax (VAT) ?</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Indian Experience</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Proposed VAT System</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Objective of the Study</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Collection of Data</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Research Methodology</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Hypothesis</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Study Area</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2.</td>
<td>FISCAL ROLE OF SALES TAX</td>
<td>14</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Taxes on Land and Income</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Additional resource mobilization</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Buoyancy of Sales Tax</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Relative tax effort</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3.</td>
<td>STRUCTURE OF SALES TAX</td>
<td>20</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Rate Structure</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4.</td>
<td>REFORMING SALES TAX STRUCTURE AND INTRODUCING VAT</td>
<td>25</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Weaknesses of Existing Structure of Sales Tax</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Assessment of the Existing System</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Cascading Type Tax</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Short-Term Measures
Medium-Term Measures: Approach Towards State-VAT
Broadening of the Tax Base
Taxation of Services in India.
Evolution of Service Tax in India.
Structural and administrative reforms: A Pre-Requisite
Reforms for Governance of Tax on Services
Policy imperatives

5. IDEAL VAT FOR INDIA

May Models
Best Model
Ideal Base
Ideal Rate
Follow the Leader
Transitional Problems
Some Essential Steps
Less Records
Returns
More Teeth With IT
VAT Audit
Refunds
Evasion

6. TAXATION OF INTERSTATE TRADE: APPROACH TOWARDS A UNIFIED MARKET

The CST Act 1956
The Rationale of CST
Procedures Under CST
Assessment of the Existing System of CST
International Experience in Inter-State Taxation
Destination based Central Purchase Tax: Proposed Scheme for India
Policy Imperatives

7. INTERNATIONAL VALUE ADDED TAX (VAT) IN OTHER COUNTRIES

8. ORGANISATION FOR SALES TAX AND VAT ADMINISTRATION

Headquarters Organization
Administrative Organization
Enforcement Organization
Appellate Organization
Reforms in Administrative Organization

9. THE INDIAN FORERUNNERS ON MODVAT

10. REFORMS FOR INTRODUCTION OF VAT

The basic procedures of enforcement of Sales Tax
Trends in sales tax registrations
Exemption limit
Registration procedures
Processing of tax returns
Payment of tax
Trends in assessment and assessing authorities
Evasion of Sales Tax
Trends in Appeals
Arrears in sales tax collection
Cost of collection
Weaknesses of the Existing System of Operation of Sales Tax
Reforms in Sales tax Operations for introduction of VAT.
11. MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM

Pre-requisites for MIS
Computerisation in different countries
MIS in Indian States
Activities of an Integrated Information System
Proposed MIS for sales tax/VAT administration

12. STATE VAT IN INDIA

CENVAT
Structure of CENVAT
State-VAT
Efforts at introducing State-VAT
Experimenting with VAT in Indian States
Reforms in Governance of State VAT
Schedule of Activities for Introduction of State-VAT.

13. SPEECHES OF FINANCE MINISTERS AND ECONOMISTS

Hon’ble Finance Minister Shri P. Chidambaram
Hon’ble Ex-Finance Minister Shri Jaswant Singh
Dr. Raja J. Chelliah, Economic Advisor
Kelkar Task Force (KTF) Committee Observation
Prof. Mahesh C. Purohit, Head, National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, New Delhi
Indian scenario on WTO for tax reform
Victim of Politics
India Can Emulate

14. QUESTIONNAIRE (FAQ) ON VALUE ADDED TAX

15. FINDINGS AND SUGGESTIONS

BIBLIOGRAPHY

NEWS PAPERS SAYS ON VAT