

GST overhaul likely, regardless of election result

The controversial Goods and Services Tax (GST) is set for an overhaul after the new government swears in, irrespective of who comes to power.

Top finance ministry officials said they have been working on GST on the premise that more of goods currently in the 28 per cent luxury bracket would be brought down to a lower rate and that the GST median rate now at 18 per cent could eventually be reduced.

“There will be a continuation of GST reforms regardless of who forms the government. The aim is to slowly reduce rates and slabs,” said an official. While the Congress manifesto has promised to tweak the current four-rate tax structure into a two-rate one, the BJP manifesto has remained delightfully vague but promised continued simplification of GST.

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