

## PM SVANidhi

She added that building on the success of PM SVANidhi Scheme in transforming the lives of street vendors, Government envisions a scheme to support each year, over the next five years, the development of 100 weekly 'haats' or street food hubs in select cities.

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**Urban Development**  
**'Cities as Growth Hubs'**


- Orderly development of peri-urban areas through economic and transit planning
- Framework for creative brownfield redevelopment of existing cities
- Water supply, sewage treatment and solid waste management projects and services for 100 large cities
- 14 large cities with a population above 30 lakh will have Transit Oriented Development Plans
- 1 cr urban poor and middle-class families to be covered under the PM Awas Yojana Urban 2.0
- 100 weekly 'haats' or street food hubs in select cities
- Rental housing for industrial workers to be facilitated in PPP mode

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## Priority 6: Energy Security

The Finance Minister said, in line with the announcement in the interim budget, PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana has been launched to install rooftop solar plants to enable 1 crore households obtain free electricity up to 300 units every month. The scheme has generated remarkable response with more than 1.28 crore registrations and 14 lakh applications.

Nuclear energy is expected to form a very significant part of the energy mix for Viksit Bharat.



The infographic features the Union Budget 2024-25 logo with a large Rupee symbol, the Ministry of Finance logo, and a photo of the Prime Minister and Finance Minister. It highlights 'Energy Security' with a focus on 'Availability, Accessibility and Affordability'. A list of key initiatives is provided, including PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana, Pumped Storage Policy, R&D for nuclear energy, a joint venture for a 800 MW thermal plant, a roadmap for 'hard to abate' industries, and an energy audit for micro and small industries. Social media handles for PIB India and Hindi are listed at the bottom.

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**Energy Security**

**Availability, Accessibility and Affordability**

- More than 1.28 crore registrations and 14 lakh applications received under PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana
- Pumped Storage Policy to be brought out for electricity storage and integration of renewable energy in the overall energy mix
- R&D of small and modular nuclear reactors and newer technologies for nuclear energy
- Joint venture between NTPC and BHEL to set up a full scale 800 MW commercial thermal plant using AUSC\* technology
- Roadmap for 'hard to abate' industries to be formulated for transition from 'Perform, Achieve and Trade' mode to 'Indian Carbon Market' mode
- Energy audit of traditional micro and small industries in 60 clusters with financial support for shifting them to cleaner forms

\* Advanced Ultra Super Critical

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### ***Priority 7: Infrastructure***

The Finance Minister underlined that significant investment the Central Government has made over the years in building and improving infrastructure has had a strong multiplier effect on the economy. Government will endeavour to maintain strong fiscal support for infrastructure over the next 5 years, in conjunction with imperatives of other priorities and fiscal consolidation. ₹11,11,111 crore for capital expenditure has been allocated this year, which is 3.4 per cent of our GDP.



The infographic features a large yellow '₹' symbol on the left, with 'UNION BUDGET 2024-25' in bold red and black text. To the right is the Ministry of Finance logo and the text 'वित्त मंत्रालय MINISTRY OF FINANCE'. The word 'Infrastructure' is written in large green letters. Below it, a list of infrastructure projects is shown with green bullet points. On the right side, there are two images: a bridge and a person working on a construction site. At the bottom, there are social media handles for PIB India and PIB Hindi, and the text 'Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana\*'.

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**Infrastructure**

- Capital expenditure to be ₹11,11,111 Cr @ 3.4% of our GDP
- ₹1.5 lakh crore provision for long-term interest-free loans to support Infrastructure investment by state governments
- Phase IV of PMGSY\* to provide all-weather connectivity to 25,000 rural habitations
- Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme to provide support of ₹11,500 crore for projects such as Kosi-Mechi intra-state link
- Assistance to Assam & Himachal Pradesh for flood management and for Uttarakhand & Sikkim for losses due to cloud bursts, flash floods and landslides

Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana\*

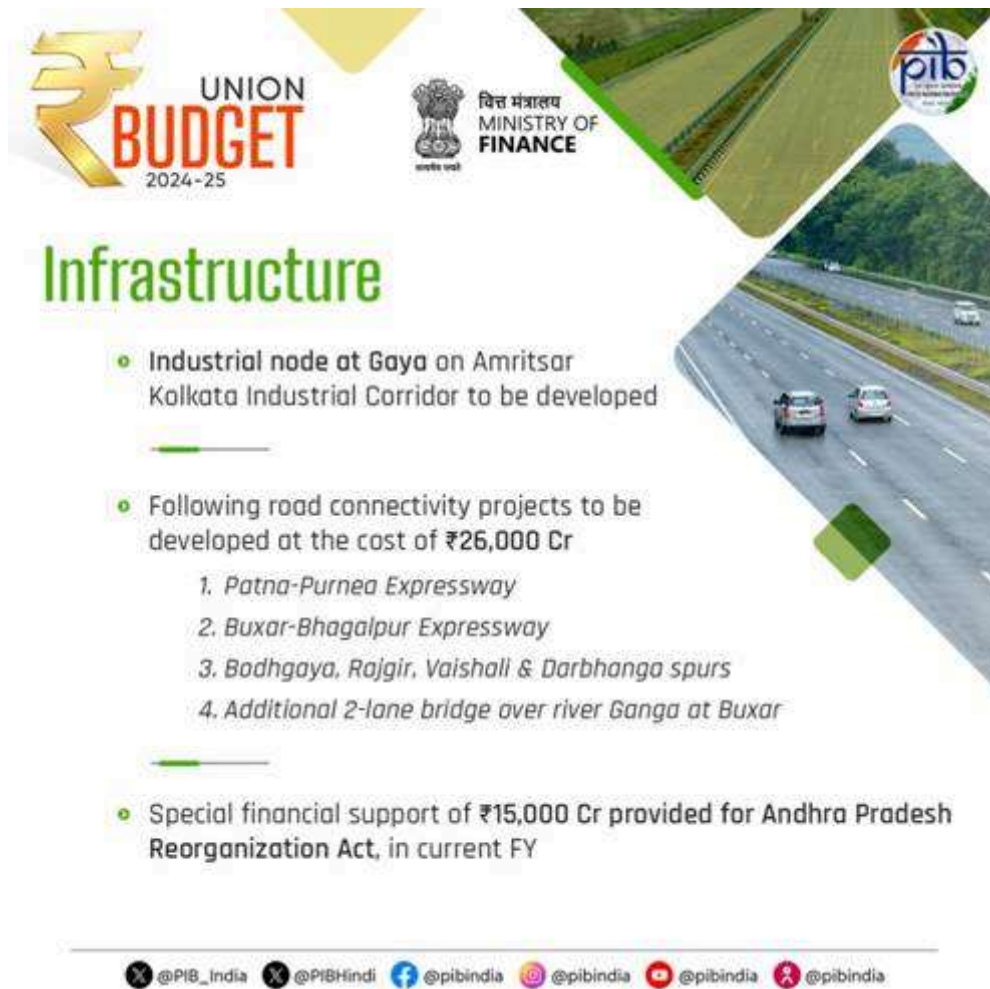
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### Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY)

The Finance Minister announced that Phase IV of PMGSY will be launched to provide all-weather connectivity to 25,000 rural habitations which have become eligible in view of their population increase.

For Irrigation and Flood Mitigation in Bihar, through the Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme and other sources, government will provide financial support for projects with estimated cost of ₹11,500 crore such as the Kosi-Mechi intra-state link and 20 other ongoing and new schemes including barrages, river pollution abatement and irrigation projects. Government will also provide assistance to Assam, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Sikkim for flood management, landslides and related projects.





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**Infrastructure**

- Industrial node at Gaya on Amritsar Kolkata Industrial Corridor to be developed
- Following road connectivity projects to be developed at the cost of ₹26,000 Cr
  1. Patna-Purnea Expressway
  2. Buxar-Bhagalpur Expressway
  3. Bodhgaya, Rajgir, Vaishali & Darbhanga spurs
  4. Additional 2-lane bridge over river Ganga at Buxar
- Special financial support of ₹15,000 Cr provided for Andhra Pradesh Reorganization Act, in current FY

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### ***Priority 8: Innovation, Research & Development***

The Finance Minister said that government will operationalize the Anusandhan National Research Fund for basic research and prototype development and set up a mechanism for spurring private sector-driven research and innovation at commercial scale with a financing pool of ₹1 lakh crore in line with the announcement in the interim budget.

### **Space Economy**

With our continued emphasis on expanding the space economy by 5 times in the next 10 years, a venture capital fund of ₹1,000 crore will be set up.



## Powering Innovation, Research & Development

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- Financing pool of Rs. 1 lakh crore to spur private sector-driven research and innovation at commercial scale
- Venture capital fund of Rs. 1,000 crore to expand space economy by 5 times in the next 10 years

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### ***Priority 9: Next Generation Reforms***



### Economic Policy Framework

The Finance Minister said that the government will formulate an Economic Policy Framework to delineate the overarching approach to economic development and set the scope of the next generation of reforms for facilitating employment opportunities and sustaining high growth.

### Labour related reforms

Government will facilitate the provision of a wide array of services to labour, including those for employment and skilling. A comprehensive integration of e-shram portal with other portals will facilitate such one-stop solution. Shram Suvidha and Samadhan portals will be revamped to enhance ease of compliance for industry and trade.



Government will develop a taxonomy for climate finance for enhancing the availability of capital for climate adaptation and mitigation.

### Foreign Direct Investment and Overseas Investment

The rules and regulations for Foreign Direct Investment and Overseas Investments will be simplified to (1) facilitate foreign direct investments, (2) nudge prioritization, and (3) promote opportunities for using Indian Rupee as a currency for overseas investments.

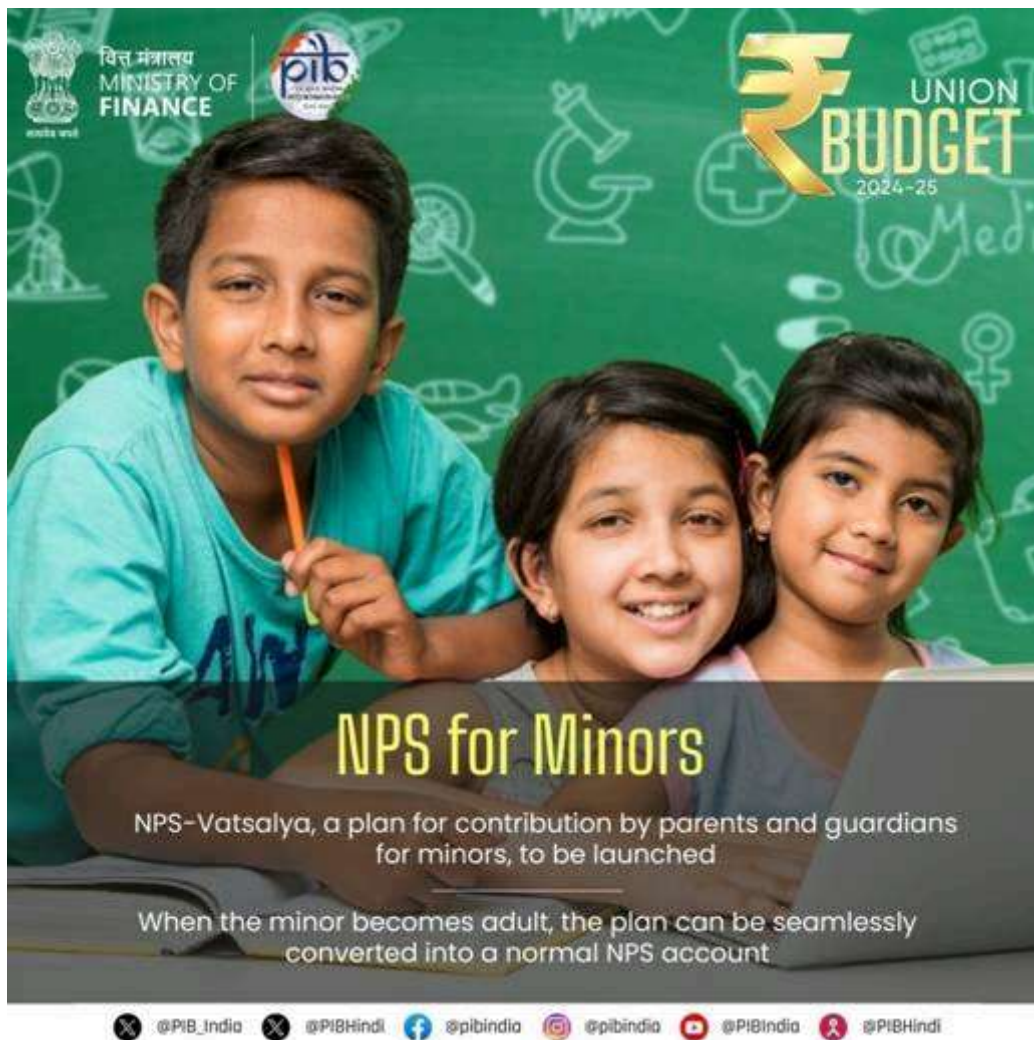
### NPS Vatsalya

NPS-Vatsalya, a plan for contribution by parents and guardians for minors will be started. On attaining the age of majority, the plan can be converted seamlessly into a normal NPS account.

### New Pension Scheme (NPS)

The Finance Minister said that the Committee to review the NPS has made considerable progress in its work and a solution will be evolved which addresses the relevant issues while maintaining fiscal prudence to protect the common citizens.





### Budget Estimates 2024-25

The Finance Minister informed that for the year 2024-25, the total receipts other than borrowings and the total expenditure are estimated at ₹32.07 lakh crore and ₹48.21 lakh crore respectively. The net tax receipts are estimated at ₹25.83 lakh crore and the fiscal deficit is estimated at 4.9 per cent of GDP.

She said, the gross and net market borrowings through dated securities during 2024-25 are estimated at ₹14.01 lakh crore and ₹11.63 lakh crore respectively.

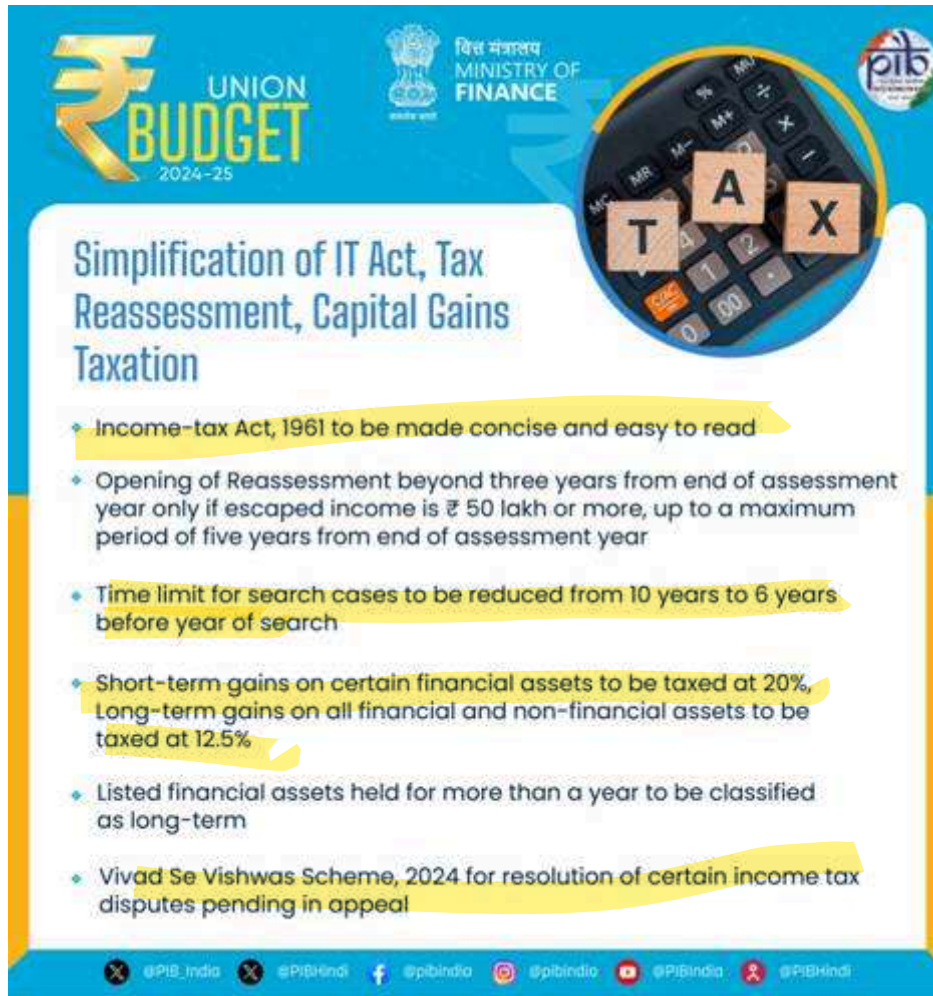
Smt Sitharaman emphasised that the fiscal consolidation path announced by her in 2021 has served economy very well, and the government will aim to reach a deficit below 4.5 per cent next year.

### PART B

Apart from giving relief to four crore salaried individuals and pensioners of the country in the direct taxes, Union Budget 2024-25 seeks to comprehensively review the direct and indirect taxes in the next six months, simplifying them, reducing tax incidence and compliance burdens and broadening the tax nets. The Budget proposes comprehensive rationalization of GST tax structure along with review of the Custom Duty rate structure to improve the tax base and support domestic manufacturing. A comprehensive review of Income – Tax Act is targeted at reducing disputes and litigations and to make the act lucid, concise and easy to read. Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman said that simplification of tax regimes without exemptions and deductions for corporate and



personal income tax has been appreciated by tax payers as over 58 per cent of corporate tax came from simplified tax regime in 2022-23 and more than two third tax payers have switched over to the new personal income tax regime.



Budget 2024-25 increased standard deduction of salaried employees from ₹ 50,000/- to ₹ 75,000/- for those opting for new tax regime. Similarly, deduction on family pension for pensioners enhanced from ₹ 15,000/- to ₹ 25,000/-. Assessments now, can be reopened beyond three years up to 5 years from end of year of assessment, only if, the escaped income is more than ₹ 50 Lakh. The new tax regime rate structure is also revised to give a salaried employee benefits up to ₹ 17,500/- in income tax.

Income Slabs	Tax Rate
0 – 3 Lakh rupees	NIL
3 – 7 Lakh rupees	5 per cent
7 – 10 Lakh rupees	10 per cent
10 – 12 Lakh rupees	15 per cent

12 – 15 Lakh rupees	20 per cent
Above 15 Lakh rupees	30 per cent

**Table 1: New Tax Regime Tax Structure**

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**Tax Relief and Revised Tax Slabs in New Tax Regime**

0-3 lakh rupees	Nil
3-7 lakh rupees	5 per cent
7-10 lakh rupees	10 per cent
10-12 lakh rupees	15 per cent
12-15 lakh rupees	20 per cent
Above 15 lakh rupees	30 per cent

- Income tax saving of up to ₹ 17,500/- for salaried employee in new tax regime

**Income Tax Relief for around Four Crore Salaried Individuals and Pensioners**

- Standard deduction for salaried employees to be increased from ₹ 50,000/- to ₹ 75,000/-
- Deduction on family pension for pensioners to be increased from ₹ 15,000/- to ₹ 25,000/-

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To promote investment and foster employment, Budget has given boost to entrepreneurial spirit and start-up ecosystem, abolishing angel tax for all classes of investors. Further, a simpler tax regime for foreign shipping companies operating domestic cruises is proposed looking at the tremendous potential of cruise tourism. Foreign mining companies selling raw diamonds in the country can now benefit from safe harbor rates which will benefit the diamond industry. Further, corporate tax rate on foreign companies reduced from 40 to 35 per cent to attract foreign capital.

Budget further simplified the direct tax regime for charities, TDS rate structure and capital gains taxation. The two tax exemption regimes for charities will be merged into one. 5 per cent TDS on many payments to be merged into 2 per cent TDS and 20 per cent TDS on repurchase of units by mutual funds or UTI stands withdrawn. TDS rate on e-commerce operators reduced from 1 per cent to 0.1 per cent. Now credit of TCS will be given on TDS deducted from salary. Budget decriminalized delay of payment of TDS up to the due date of filing of TDS statement. Standard Operating Procedure soon for simplified and rationalized compounding guidelines for TDS defaults.

On Capital gains, short term gains shall henceforth attract a rate of 20 per cent on certain financial assets. Long term gains on all financial and non-financial assets to attract 12.5 per cent rate. Limit of exemption of capital gains has been increased to ₹1.25 Lakh per year to benefit lower and middle-income classes. Listed financial assets held for more than a year and unlisted assets (financial and non-financial) held for more than two years to be classified as long term assets. Unlisted bonds and debentures, debt mutual funds and market linked debentures will continue to attract applicable capital gains tax.

Acknowledging that GST has decreased tax incidence on common man and terming it as a success of vast proportions, Union Finance Minister Smt Nirmala Sitharaman said that GST has reduced compliance burden and logistics cost for trade and industry. Now the Government envisages further simplifying and rationalizing the tax structure to expand it to remaining sectors. Budget also proposed to further digitalise and make paperless the remaining services of Customs and Income Tax including rectification and order giving effect to appellate orders over the next two years.

Custom duties have been revised to rationalize and revise them for ease of trade and reduction of disputes. Giving relief to cancer patients, Budget fully exempted three more cancer treating medicines from custom duties, namely, Trastuzumab Deruxtecan, Osimertinib and Durvalumab. There will be reduction in Basic Customs Duty (BCD) on X-ray machines tubes and flat panel detectors. BCD on mobile phones, Printed Circuit Board Assembly (PCBA) and mobile chargers reduced to 15 per cent. To give a fillip to processing and refining of critical minerals, Budget fully exempted custom duties on 25 rare earth minerals like lithium and reduced BCD on two of them. Budget proposed to exempt capital goods for manufacturing of solar panels. To boost India's seafood exports, BCD on broodstock, polychaete worms, shrimps and fish feed reduced to 5 per cent. Budget will foster competitiveness of Indian leather and textiles articles of export. BCD reduced from 7.5 per cent to 5 per cent in Methylene Diphenyl Diisocyanate (MDI) used for manufacture of spandex yarn. Custom duties on gold and silver reduced to 6 per cent and on platinum to 6.4 per cent. BCD on ferro nickel and blister copper removed, while, BCD on ammonium nitrate increased from 7.5 to 10 per cent to support existing and new capacities in pipeline. Similarly, BCD on PVC flex banners increased from 10 to 25 per cent considering the hazard to environment. To incentivize domestic manufacturing, BCD on PCBA of specific telecom equipments increased from 10 to 15 per cent.



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**INDIRECT TAXES**

**Customs Duty Proposals [1/2]**

- Customs duty on three more medicines to be fully removed, to provide relief to cancer patients
- Basic customs duty on mobile phone, mobile PCBA and mobile charger to be reduced to 15%
- 25 critical minerals to be exempted from customs duties & basic customs duty on two of them to be reduced
- List of exempted capital goods for use in the manufacture of solar cells & panels in the country to be expanded
- Customs duty proposed to be removed on oxygen free copper for manufacture of resistors & certain parts for manufacture of connectors to be exempted

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**INDIRECT TAXES**

**Customs Duty Proposals [2/2]**

- BCD to be reduced to 5% on certain broodstock, polychaete worms, shrimp & fish feed
- BCD to be reduced on real down filling material from duck or goose
- BCD on methylene diphenyl diisocyanate (MDI) for manufacture of spandex yarn to be reduced from 7.5 to 5%
- Customs duties on gold and silver to be reduced to 5% & on platinum to 6.4%

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For dispute resolution and dispose-off backlogs, Union Finance Minister proposed Vivad se Vishwas Scheme, 2024 for resolution of certain income tax disputes pending in appeal. The monetary limits for filing appeals related to direct taxes, excise and service tax in High Courts, Supreme Courts and tribunals has been increased to ₹ 60 Lakh, ₹ 2 Crore and ₹ 5 Crore, respectively. Further to reduce litigation and provide certainty in international taxation, scope of safe harbour rules to be expanded and transfer pricing assessment procedure to be streamlined.

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