

GST meet not to take up rate review for online gaming, casinos, horse racing on Dec 17

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The GST Council meeting on December 17 is unlikely to take up proposals related with rate and valuation for levying GST on online gaming, casinos and horse racing, as per the agenda circulated.

“The Group of Ministers (GoM) is yet to submit its reworked recommendations for modalities of levying GST on online gaming, casinos and horse racing. Once it submits, then we need to send notice to all the members which seems to be difficult now,” a senior government official said here on Tuesday.

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Meanwhile, according to the agenda circulated, the Council is likely to discuss a proposal

for decriminalisation of GST offences and consider two reports by GoM – one related with evasion of taxes by pan masala and gutka companies and other related to setting up of the GST Appellate Tribunal.

“The idea is to raise the threshold for declaring an offence as criminal,” a senior Government official said. The government recently came out with revised guidelines for compounding offences under direct taxes. Earlier, a similar arrangement was made in case of customs duty-related offences.

The proposal is to raise the threshold limit for launching criminal proceedings under GST to ₹20 crore and also the property of offenders below the set threshold will not be attached. Currently, GST evasion of ₹1 crore onwards attracts a jail term.