

Notification No. 25/2016-ST dated 17.05.2016

Services provided by specified organisations in respect of religious pilgrimage shall be exempted even for the prior period starting from 01.07.2012 to 19.08.2014

Central Government vide Notification No.17/2014-ST dated 20.08.2014 has inserted a new entry 5A in the Mega Exemption Notification No.25/2012-ST dated 20.06.2012 exempting the services provided by a specified organizations, Kumaon Mandal Vikas Nigam Limited, KMVN, a Government of Uttarakhand Undertaking; or Committee or State Committee as defined in section 2 of the Haj Committee Act, 2002 in respect of a religious pilgrimage facilitated by the Ministry of External Affairs of the Government of India, under bilateral arrangement.

However, there was no exemption respect of this for the period between 01.07.2012 to 19.08.2014. However, according to a general practice prevalent in the industry there was non-levy of service tax on the services provided by the specified organizations. Therefore, central government considering the practice that is generally prevalent in this regard, has now declared that service tax payable for such services for the period prior to 20.08.2014 need not be paid.