



RECENT TAX REFORMS IN INDIA: WHICH WAY ARE WE HEADED?

A Joint Consultative Meeting by Oxfam India &

Centre for Budget and Governance Accountability (CBGA)

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Seminar Room No. 2 & 3, Kamala Devi Complex

India International Centre, New Delhi

Agenda

2:30 - 2:45 **Opening Remarks**

Amitabh Behar (Oxfam India)

Subrat Das (CBGA)

2.45 – 4.15 Recent Tax Reforms in India: Impact on Revenue Generation and Inequality

This session will focus on the possible implications of the recent reform to phase out tax incentives, while simultaneously reducing corporate tax rates. With regard to GST, the aim of the session is to understand how far GST has been successful in generating revenue and whether the recent changes in its rules and regulations will actually help the smaller enterprises and the unorganised sector.

Reducing Tax Incentives and Corporate Tax Rate: R Kavita Rao (NIPFP)

Revenue Generation in GST: Nitin Sethi (Business Standard)

GST and Inequality: The journey so far and the way forward: Arun Kumar (Institute of Social Sciences)

Moderator: Malini Chakravarty (CBGA)

4.15 – 4.30 Coffee / Tea

4.30 – 5.55 India's Tax Structure and Possible Ways to make it More Progressive

This session will focus on important progressive taxes that are either not utilised fully or can be brought in for financing development and reducing inequality.

Issues in India's Tax Structure: Surajit Das (Jawaharlal Nehru University)

Property Taxes: O. P. Mathur (Institute of Social Sciences)

Taxing Financial Transactions: Rohit Azad (Jawaharlal Nehru University)

Moderator: Happy Pant (CBGA)

5:55 – 6.00 Closing Remarks and Vote of Thanks

Ranu Kayastha Bhogal (Oxfam India)