Accounting of Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Accounting Entries

A. Journal entries of transactions on which GST is Paid and Allowed as Input GST:

S.No.	Transactions and Explanations	Journal Entry	
1.	Purchase of Goods	(a) For intra-state Purchase	
	Explanation: Input Credit for GST Paid	Purchases A/c	Dr
	is allowed.	Input CGST A/c	Dr.
		Input SGST A/c	Dr.
		To Cash/Bank A/c	[Cash Purchase]
		To Creditor's A/c	[Credit Purchase]
		(b) For inter-state Purchase	
		Purchases A/c	Dr.
		Input IGST A/c	Dr.
		To Cash/Bank A/c	[Cash Purchase]
		To Creditor's A/c	[Credit Purchase]
2.	Purchases Return	(a) For return of intra-state Credit Purchase	
	Explanation: Input Credit for GST Paid	Creditor's A/c	Dr.
	taken on purchase is cancelled, i.e.,	To Purchases Return A/c	
	reversed.	To Input CGST A/c	
		To Input SGST A/c	
		(b) For return of intra-state Cash Purchase	
		Cash/Bank A/c	Dr.
		To Purchases Return A/c	
		To Input CGST A/c	
		To Input SGST A/c	
		(c) For return of inter-state Credit Purchase	
		Creditor's A/c	Dr.
		To Purchases Return A/c	
		To Input IGST A/c	
		(d) For return of inter-state Cash Purchase	
		Cash/Bank A/c	Dr.
		To Purchases Return A/c	
		To Input IGST A/c	

3.	Purchase of Asset	(a) For intra-state Purchase	
	Explanation: Input Credit for GST Paid	Asset A/c	Dr.
	is allowed (except on Vehicles purchased	Input CGST A/c	Dr.
	by Non-transport Enterprises)	Input SGST A/c	Dr.
		To Cash/Bank A/c	[Against Payment]
		To Vendor's A/c	[Credit Purchase]
		(b) For inter-state Purchase	
		Asset A/c	Dr.
		Input IGST A/c	Dr.
		To Cash/Bank A/c	[Against Payment]
		To Vendor's A/c	[Credit Purchase]
4.	Rent Paid for Business Premises	Rent A/c	Dr.
	Explanation: Input Credit for GST Paid is	Input CGST A/c	Dr.
	allowed. Both CGST and SGST are levied at	Input SGST A/c	Dr.
	half the prescribed rate of GST each.	To Cash/Bank A/c	[If paid]
		To Rent Payable A/c	[If payable]
5.	Commission (Expense)	(a) For intra-state	
	Explanation: Input Credit for GST Paid	Commission Paid A/c	Dr.
	is allowed.	Input CGST A/c	Dr.
		Input SGST A/c	Dr.
		To Cash/Bank A/c	[If paid]
		To Commission Payable A/c	[If payable]
		(b) For inter-state	
		Commission Paid A/c	Dr.
		Input IGST A/c	Dr.
		To Cash/Bank A/c	[If paid]
		To Commission Payable A/c	[If payable]
6.	Telephone Bill	Telephone Expenses A/c	Dr.
	Explanation: Input Credit for GST Paid is	Input CGST A/c	Dr.
	allowed. Both CGST and SGST are levied	Input SGST A/c	Dr.
	at half the prescribed rate of GST each.	To Cash/Bank A/c	[If paid]
		To Telephone/Expenses Payable A/c	[If payable]
7.	Insurance Premium	Insurance Premium A/c	Dr.
	Explanation: Input Credit for GST Paid is	Input CGST A/c	Dr.
	allowed.	Input SGST A/c	Dr.
		To Cash/Bank A/c	
8.	Advertisement Expenses	(a) For intra-state	
	Explanation: Input Credit for GST Paid	Advertisement Expenses A/c	Dr.
	is allowed.	Input CGST A/c	Dr.
		Input SGST A/c	Dr.
		To Cash/Bank A/c	[If paid]
		To Advertisement Expenses Payable A/c	[If payable]
		(b) For inter-state	
		Advertisement Expenses A/c	Dr.
		Input IGST A/c	Dr.
		To Cash/Bank A/c	[If paid]
		To Advertisement Expenses Payable A/c	[If payable]
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9.	Bank Charges	Bank Charges A/c	Dr.
	Explanation: Input Credit for GST Paid	Input CGST A/c	Dr.
	is allowed.	Input SGST A/c	Dr.
		To Cash/Bank A/c	
10.	Printing and Stationery	(a) For intra-state	
	Explanation: Input Credit of GST Paid is	Printing and Stationery A/c	Dr.
	allowed.	Input CGST A/c	Dr.
		Input SGST A/c	Dr.
		To Cash/Bank A/c	[If paid]
		To Expenses Payable A/c	[If payable]
		(b) For inter-state	
		Printing and Stationery A/c	Dr.
		Input IGST A/c	Dr.
		To Cash/Bank A/c	[If paid]
		To Expenses Payable A/c	[If payable]
11.	Freight and Cartage	(a) For intra-state	
	Explanation: Input Credit for GST Paid	Freight and Cartage A/c	Dr.
	is allowed.	Input CGST A/c	Dr.
		Input SGST A/c	Dr.
		To Cash/Bank A/c	[If paid]
		To Expenses Payable A/c	[If payable]
		(b) For inter-state	
		Freight and Cartage A/c	Dr.
		Input IGST A/c	Dr.
		To Cash/Bank A/c	[If paid]
		To Expenses Payable A/c	[If payable]

B. Journal entries of transactions on which GST claimed as Input GST is Reversed (*i.e.*, cancelled):

S.No.	Transactions and Explanations	Journal Entry	
1.	Goods Distributed as Samples	(a) If the Goods were purchased intra-state	
	Explanation: Input Credit taken at the	Advertisement/Sample/Sales Promotion Expenses A/c	Dr.
	time of purchase of goods is cancelled, i.e.,	To Purchases A/c	
	reversed. GST Paid (CGST and SGST or	To Input CGST A/c	
	IGST) is reversed because the goods are	To Input SGST A/c	
	consumed by the business.		
		(b) If the Goods were purchased inter-state	
		Advertisement/Sample/Sales Promotion Expenses A/c	Dr.
		To Purchases A/c	
		To Input IGST A/c	
2.	Goods Lost by Fire or Theft	(a) If the Goods were purchased intra-state	
	Explanation: Input Credit taken at the	Loss of Goods by Fire or Theft A/c	Dr.
	time of purchase of goods is cancelled,	To Purchases A/c	
	i.e., reversed.	To Input CGST A/c	
		To Input SGST A/c	
		(b) If the Goods were purchased inter-state	
		Loss of Goods by Fire or Theft A/c	Dr.
		To Purchases A/c	
		To Input IGST A/c	

3.	Goods Given as Donation/Charity	(a) If the Goods were purchased intra-state	
	Explanation: Input Credit taken at the	Donation/Charity A/c	Dr.
	time of purchase of goods is cancelled,	To Purchases A/c	
	i.e., reversed. GST Paid (CGST and SGST or	To Input CGST A/c	
	IGST) is reversed because the goods are consumed by the business.	To Input SGST A/c	
	,	(b) If the Goods were purchased inter-state	
		Donation/Charity A/c	Dr.
		To Purchases A/c	
		To Input IGST A/c	
4.	Goods Taken by Proprietor (Owner)	(a) If the Goods were purchased intra-state	
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	for personal use	Drawings A/c	Dr.
	Explanation: Input Credit taken at the	Drawings A/c To Purchases A/c	Dr.
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	Explanation: Input Credit taken at the	To Purchases A/c	Dr.
	Explanation: Input Credit taken at the time of purchase of goods is cancelled,	To Purchases A/c To Input CGST A/c	Dr.
	Explanation: Input Credit taken at the time of purchase of goods is cancelled,	To Purchases A/c To Input CGST A/c To Input SGST A/c	Dr. Dr.
	Explanation: Input Credit taken at the time of purchase of goods is cancelled,	To Purchases A/c To Input CGST A/c To Input SGST A/c (b) If the Goods were purchased inter-state	

C. Journal entries of transactions on which GST is Charged and is Output GST:
GST charged is payable to the Government after set-off of Input GST. Thus, it is Output GST.

S.No.	Transactions and Explanations		Journal Entry		
1.	Sale of Goods and/or Services or Both Explanation: If intra-state transaction, both CGST and SGST at half the prescribed rate of GST is levied. If inter-state transaction, IGST at the prescribed rate of GST is levied.		For intra-state Sale Cash/Bank A/c Debtor's A/c To Sales A/c To Output CGST A/c To Output SGST A/c For inter-state Sale Cash/Bank A/c Debtor's A/c To Sales A/c To Output IGST A/c	Dr. Dr. Dr. Dr.	[Cash Sale] [Credit Sale] [Cash Sale] [Credit Sale]
2.	Sales Return Explanation: Output GST, i.e., GST Charged on sale is cancelled, i.e., reversed. Goods were sold within the state, i.e., Intra-state, both CGST and SGST were charged and credited to Output CGST Account and Input SGST Account, which now are reversed. Goods were sold outside the state, i.e., Inter-state, IGST was charged and credited to Output IGST Account, which now is reversed.	(4)	For intra-state Credit Sale Sales Return A/c Output CGST A/c Output SGST A/c To Debtor's A/c For intra-state Cash Sale Sales Return A/c Output CGST A/c Output SGST A/c To Cash/Bank A/c		Dr. Dr. Dr. Dr. Dr.
	which now is reversed.		For inter-state Credit Sale Sales Return A/c Output IGST A/c To Debtor's A/c For inter-state Cash Sale Sales Return A/c Output IGST A/c To Cash/Bank A/c		Dr. Dr. Dr.

3.	Rent Received	Cash/Bank A/c	Dr.	[If Received]
		Rent Receivable A/c	Dr.	[If Receivable]
		To Rent Received A/c		
		To Output CGST A/c		
		To Output SGST A/c		
4.	Commission (Income)	(a) For intra-state Commission (Income)		
		Cash/Bank A/c	Dr.	[If Received]
		Commission Receivable A/c	Dr.	[If Receivable]
		To Commission (Income) A/c		
		To Output CGST A/c		
		To Output SGST A/c		
		(b) For inter-state Commission (Income)		
		Cash/Bank A/c	Dr.	[If Received]
		Commission Receivable A/c	Dr.	[If Receivable]
		To Commission (Income) A/c		
		To Output IGST A/c		

D. Journal entries of transactions on which GST (CGST and SGST or IGST) is paid but Input credit is not allowed.

If Input Credit of GST Paid is not allowed, GST Paid is an expense and is debited to Expense or Asset Account.

S.No.	Transaction	Journal Entry	
	Food and Beverages Expenses (Such as Restaurant Bill)	Business Promotion Expenses A/c To Cash/Bank A/c	Dr.

E. Journal entries of transactions on which GST (CGST and SGST or IGST) is paid under Reverse Charge.

It means that the GST is not levied (charged) by the seller but is paid by the purchaser directly in the Government Account and is allowed Input Credit of GST Paid under Reverse Charge.

S.No.	Transaction		Journal Entry	
	Payment of Fee to Lawyer, for use of	(a)	Professional Fee A/c	Dr.
	copyright		To Cash/Bank A/c	
		(b)	Input CGST A/c	Dr.
			Input SGST A/c	Dr.
			To Cash/Bank A/c	