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Yes, Papa!

Were you able to easily comply with the IT requirements while filing the Annual Reconciliation Return GSTR-9C?

No, Papa!

What is the reason?

This Papa:

After the implementation of GST (which is about to complete 3 years), annual return GSTR-9 & 9C has been filed only for one financial year that is 2017-18 till date. This is due to the complicated reporting requirement in the returns which was later relaxed by government by making some columns optional. In this update we shall discuss the technical difficulties faced while filing GSTR-9C by Chartered Accountants. The following are the IT requirements to file GSTR-9C

   a. Windows Operating System of version 7 and above,
   b. Microsoft Excel 2007 and above,
   c. Internet Explorer 10+,
   d. Java 1.6 and above
   e. Creation and uploading the JSON File.
   f. Requirement to save JSON file in the utility folder itself where the 'ws web' files are already present.
   g. While filing return through DSC, frequently a specific error appears as "Failed to establish Connection to server" And to solve this error it is required to run certain commands repeatedly so that the Em signer is enabled and gets ready to file the return through DSC.

As can be seen the above requirements clearly seem to be very technical to a sector which does not belong to Information Technology. So to first understand this and then incorporate the same in the system for filing the return is a tedious task for Chartered Accountants apart from the challenges that were to be faced relating to the subject. Even though the chartered Accountants were ready with the data to file, but while uploading the return he comes to know that the error appears due to non-compliance with anyone of the Information Technology requirements as stated above. So it is a request to the government to issue returns that can be easily uploaded and be understood by a layman.

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