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PRESS RELEASE

**Time-limit of VAT- Vechanvera Samadhan Yojana  
extended up to June 30: Nitinbhai Patel**

**Gandhinagar, Wednesday:** Deputy Chief Minister Mr. Nitinbhai Patel announced that the time-limit of the VAT- Vechanvera Samadhan Yojana has been extended till June 30, 2017 so that all the issues related to VAT and its appeals can be resolved soon with a view to the nationwide implementation of GST from 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2017.

Gujarat Chief Minister Mr. Vijay Rupani decided to extend the time-limit of this scheme after receiving requests from the businessmen for its' extension. Only those people will benefit from this scheme whose tax amount is less than Rs. 10 crores for each year in each category. All those having the tax amount of more than Rs. 10 crores shall not be eligible for the same. Under this, all the assessments that have been passed till March 31, 2017 shall be included, such as issue based assessment, fare assessment and fare investigation etc, he added.

Mr. Patel said that this will be applicable to all cases whose assessment is complete or left or the decision of the assessment is pending in the final phase. Under the new scheme, if a businessman has previously paid a part of the tax out of its' total tax shall be eligible. People who have evaded tax shall not be included under it.

If the tax is completely paid except in cases of tax evasion, the interest and the fine shall be waived off. If a person pays 25% of the fine in the case of tax evasion, the remaining amount shall be waived. If the person (who has evaded tax) has filed an application, then he/she must take it back. In case that person has received the benefit of any Samadhan Yojana in that same year, he/she won't be eligible to receive its benefits again.

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