

## Synopsis of Service Tax in Finance Bill ,2013

- ✦ No change in Basic Rate of Excise Duty, Service Tax.
- ✦ Outside Food becomes costlier. All AC restaurants are subjected to Service Tax
- ✦ Service Tax Voluntary Compliance Encouragement Scheme, 2013 announced.
- ✦ Scope of Negative List Expanded
- ✦ Homes and flats with a carpet area of less than 2,000 sq.ft. or less than value of Rs.1 crore enjoy 75% abatement,
- ✦ All Commercial and other residential complexes will be eligible only for 70% abatement.
- ✦ Existing exemptions from service tax for low cost housing and single residential units will continue.
- ✦ Penalty on Directors / Manager / Secretary / Officer-in-charge in case of violation of Service Tax laws upto Rs.1 Lakh.
- ✦ 'Danda Raaj' is back. Service Tax officers will have power to arrest.

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