

# Big tax reform: GST slabs reduced to two; hundreds of items set to get cheaper from September 22

*The GST Council approved rate overhaul by limiting slabs to 5 per cent and 18 per cent effective from September 22, the first day of Navaratri.*

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Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman

India cut the goods and services tax on small cars, televisions, air conditioners, textiles and a range of household goods from September 22, in a major rate overhaul aimed at spurring consumption ahead of the festive season, even as Trump's tariffs threaten the country's exports.

The 56th meeting of the GST Council on Wednesday, chaired by Finance Minister [Nirmala Sitharaman](#) and comprising state ministers, approved a two-tier rate structure of 5 percent and 18 percent.

Addressing reporters after the meeting, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said that the changes were brought about keeping the interests of the common man and the middle class in mind. "Items on which GST has been reduced to 5 percent — hair oil, toilet soap, soap bars, shampoos, toothbrushes, toothpaste, bicycles, tableware, kitchenware, and other household articles."