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There is a clear indication in the Budget 2010 that GST is going to be a reality from 2011 onwards. The question as to whether the 2011 roll out of GST is practical or not is subjective, especially in a country like India, involving so many state governments, with different value base, political outlooks and regional interests. The government has already placed the draft GST document open to public scrutiny and comments for quite some time now. Further, CMs/finance ministers of all different states have held at least seven meetings so far, to debate, highlight & sort out each state's issues/concerns on rolling out the GST as soon as possible. Despite all these, some of the States are still at a disagreement mode with the Centre on some ground or the other, giving a clear signal that implementing GST with a consensus from all the state participants are practically impossible, at least in the near future. In this scenario however, from the language used in his Budget speech, it appears that the FM is determined to bulldoze and get thru on the subject in the committed one year time period again. ■

