Sanitizers will now attract 18% duty under GST, says finance ministry

New Delhi: The government on Wednesday said sanitizers are disinfectants like soaps, anti-bacterial liquids, dettol, among others, which attract 18% duty under the goods and services tax (GST) regime. In a statement, the finance ministry said various chemicals, packing materials and input services, among others, used for manufacturing hand sanitizers also attract a GST rate of 18%. Reducing the GST rate on sanitizers and other similar items would put domestic manufacturers at a disadvantage, the ministry said.

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