

New model of business taxation in Code Bill may not reduce litigation, says expert

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VISAKHAPATNAM: A seminar on 'Direct Taxes Code Bill-2009' was organised by the Visakhapatnam branch of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India at its office here on Saturday.

In his welcome address, chairman of the Visakhapatnam branch, M.V.Sarma recalled the release of the New Draft Direct Tax Code Bill-2009 for public discussion before it was made law, and said that objective of the seminar was to scrutinize the changes proposed in the Draft Code and express opinions to enable the Government to build consensus. The main aim of the seminar was to unfold the intricacies involved in the new provisions in the Code Bill, understand the same and then to apply in the day to day practice, Mr. Sarma said.

After giving a comparative account of new provisions in the Code Bill and Tax Act 1961, the speakers, Kapil Goel and Naveen Kumar Gupta, said that simplifying provisions, which was part of good governance, was welcome. But the new model of busi-



Kapil Goel, Convener, ITAT Bar Association, New Delhi, addressing a seminar on 'Direct Taxes Code Bill 2009' in Visakhapatnam on Saturday. M.V.Sarma Chairman, Visakha Branch of SIRC, ICAI, and Naveen Kumar Gupta, Manager Direct Taxation, KPMG, New Delhi, look on.

ness taxation in the Code Bill might not reduce litigation as envisaged. This was because there were areas where generalisation was maintained which would result in high

subjectivity. They also spoke on issues like 'business income, capital gains, returns, appeals, assessments' and others that were of interest to chartered accountants. Dele-

gates of industry from Kakinada, Rajahmundry, Srikakulam attended the seminar. M.K.Kumar, treasurer, proposed a vote of thanks.