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MINUTES OF THE REVIEW MEETING WITH COMMISSIONER, CUSTOMS (PREVENTIVE) BY THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER HELD ON 20.09.2019 AT GUWAHATI

The Review Meeting with Commissioner, Customs(P), Shillong alongwith all Group A officers of the committee by the Chief Commissioner was held on 20-09-2019 in the Conference Hall of GST Bhawan, Guwahati under the Chairmanship of Shri G.V.Krishna Rao, Chief Commissioner, GST, Central Excise & Customs, Guwahati Zone.

- The list of Officers who attended the meeting is enclosed as Annexure-A.
- 3. The Chief Commissioner in his introductory address welcomed all the participants and stressed upon the need to ensure that all round progress is achieved in all areas of work in the Customs (Prev) Commissionerate.
- 4. The hard copy of the proforma presented was submitted to the CCO by the commissionerate. The points/issues deliberated and discussed are given below:

Customs Commissionerate, Shillong of Guwahati Zone

At the outset, the Chief Commissioner stressed upon the need to implement rotation of the Officers in the sensitive/non-sensitive charges as per the Transfer Policy/CVC guidelines. Reasons are to be recorded in writing with proper justification by the Commissioner, if any deviations are done in rotation policy. Customs Commissioner and all divisional heads to prepare a list of Officers working in Sensitive charges beyond the specified tenure and submit the same by 30.09.2019.

[Action: Customs Commissioner & all divisional heads].

| Power Point Presentation (PPTs)

REVENUE: The revenue for the period April/19 to August/19 was analysed with the corresponding period of April/18 to August/18 of last financial year. The Chief Commissioner observed that the slide titled **Revenue**—Customs [Customs Duty + IGST/CC(Imports)] shows a shortfall of Rs. 7.87 Crores which is 11.58 % compared to the previous year. However for the period upto July,19 there was a positive growth of 8% as compared to the corresponding period of last year. On being asked about the reason for the shortfall it has been informed that there was a onetime import of goods by the Indian Air Force in the month of July, 2019 involving Rs. 13.44 Crores as Customs duty.

[Action: Customs Commissioner & all divisional heads].

(b) Anti-Smuggling Performance:

- 1. During presentation of the anti-smuggling performance it was observed by the Chief Commissioner that Aizawl and Imphal are the most sensitive divisions of the Customs (Prev) Commissionerate.
- 2. Commissioner and the Division Heads of Aizawl & Imphal were directed to critically examine the performance of all the Officers posted in the sensitive areas and the Commissioner to come for a meeting with CC in the 4th week of October along with the profiles and History of Posting for last 5 years of all the officers posted in these two divisions and their performance in Anti- Smuggling activities so as to consider redeployment of officers whenever necessary.
- 3. It was further observed by the Chief Commissioner that there have been no seizures by many of the CPF/PP in the last 5 years. Chief Commissioner observed that the officers posted in such formations are either not performing their duties effectively or doing a mere post office job. They should improve performance. A specific mention in this regard was made of Pynursla. Chief Commissioner asked the commissioner to examine the need of continuing such non performing CPF's/PP's.

[Action: Customs Commissioner & all divisional heads].

(c) <u>DISPOSAL</u>:

- 1) The Chief Commissioner has directed all the divisional heads not to keep the seized gold in the departmental godown. He directed that all seized gold should be deposited in Bank Vault/lockers latest by 20.10.2019.
- 2) The Chief Commissioner observed that ideally the responsibility of Customs officers should end once gold is handed over to SBI. Customs officers should not be entrusted with responsibility of finding out the buyers, auctioning gold and pursuing with banks for the work. Chief Commissioner requested the Commissioner to examine the present instructions on this procedure and come up with a detailed proposal in this regard for making a reference to CBIC, to entrust the responsibility of auctioning etc. to the SBI without bothering the departmental officers.

- 3) The Chief Commissioner observed that godowns in most of the divisions are full with seized goods. He directed to dispose of all the seized goods ripe for disposal after following the due process as per guidelines mentioned in the disposal manual.
- 4) The Chief Commissioner has also directed to form a committee of 3 to 5 officers for destruction of seized goods which cannot be disposed off in time for one or the other reason.
- 5) The Chief Commissioner stressed the need to auction food items after proper certification by the competent authority. Only after competent authority certifies that those goods are fit for human consumption, goods should be put for auction. If not fit for consumption, they shall be destroyed.

[Action: Customs Commissioner & all divisional heads].

(d) Adjudication:

The Chief Commissioner has directed the Commissioner, Additional Commissioner and all Divisional heads to adjudicate all the pending cases immediately and to ensure that no case is kept beyond 6 months from the date of SCN.

[Action: Customs Commissioner & all divisional heads].

(e) **EDI**:

The Chief Commissioner has directed for implementation of EDI systems in all the LCS's. Chief Commissioner suggested that the staff involved with implementation of EDI should discuss with their counterparts in Kolkata Customs for any problems faced by them as almost all the LCS's in West Bengal have become EDI compliant. A proposal for the need of proper training of officers in EDI system was raised by Asstt Commr, Karimganj Division. The Chief Commissioner directed the Commissioner, Customs to look into the matter and nominate the officers of Customs for two days training at NACIN, Kolkata.

[Action: Customs Commissioner].

(f) FUND ALLOCATION:

The Chief Commissioner has viewed seriously the pendency of Bills in spite of the fact that funds are available in different heads and also directed to clear all the bills received up to 30.09.2019 by 07.10.2019 and send compliance report by 08.10.2019. Funds allocated for third quarter may be exhausted for payment of all pending Bills & if required Division may send request for additional fund to the Commissioner.

[Action: Customs Commissioner & all divisional heads].

The action taken report on this "MINUTES" shall be sent as per the dates specified above and wherever no specific date is mentioned, the same shall be submitted by 31.10.2019.

This issues with the approval of the Chief Commissioner.

(B S Suhag)

Additional Commissioner

Copy to :

- 1. The Commissioner of Customs (Preventive), N.E.R., Shillong.
- 2. The Additional/ Joint Commissioner, CCO, Customs Commissionerate.
- The Deputy/Assistant Commissioner , Customs Division, Imphal, Aizawl, Guwahati, Agartala, Dimapur, Karimganj, Dhubri, Shillong

4. The Superintendent (Computer), CCO, Guwahati to upload in Departmental website.

(B S Suhag)

Additional Commissioner