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*Dear Colleagues,*

As you are aware, CBIC has always been at the forefront of facilitating and ameliorating any concerns of trade and industry. With this objective, a "Special Refund Fortnight" has been organized from 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2018 to 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2018 for clearing all pending GST refund applications which have been submitted on or before 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2018. As communicated during our recent video conference, I am sure all field officers of CBIC will leave no stone unturned to make this drive a resounding success. With your unflinching support we will hope to surpass our efforts and achievements made during the first refund fortnight. Towards this end, I am sure you realize how important it is to make the general public aware of this initiative. Advertisements in leading national newspapers have been placed by DGTPS and more such advertisements will be issued during the fortnight. I would encourage the field formations to spread awareness about the "Special Refund Fortnight" through advertising campaigns in local newspapers and TV channels in the local language. Sound coordination with State tax authorities is another area on which special attention needs to be paid to ensure mutual handholding where required and with the objective of eliminating the difference between amount sanctioned and amount disbursed.

I would like to appreciate the efforts undertaken by Bhubaneswar Zone in identifying non-filers under GST and persuading them to file timely returns. As informed by Bhubaneswar Zone, more than 10,000 taxpayers had been issued notices for non-filing of return in FORM GSTR-3B till 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2018. The tax paid in cash in the returns filed by these taxpayers exceeds Rs. 280 crores. This is indeed commendable. I would encourage other Zones to also actively pursue non-filers and share their achievements in this regard.

The strategy of implementing the e-way bill in a phased manner has yielded dividend and the system is working as envisaged. The number of e-way bills generated every day has now started to touch the figure of sixteen lakh. By 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2018, the e-way bill system for both inter-State and intra-State movement of goods would be implemented across the length and breadth of the country. All the concerned officers need to be lauded for implementing such a mammoth task without any glitches or hue and cry. But I would like to mention that the system is still in its nascent stage and taxpayers as well as transporters still need a lot of hand holding. If a particular region in your area is

facing difficulties, then, I would urge you to organise customised workshops to address their specific concerns. Further, you can approach the Board in case any clarification is required from the perspective of law or any pressing issues of a particular sector needs to be addressed by way of any amendment. We have been very flexible as well as accommodative in addressing the genuine concerns of trade and hence any genuine problem with regard to the e-way bill system would be addressed immediately.

On the issue of pending claims of Rebate of State Levies (RoSL), in terms of D.O. dated 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2018 from Member (Customs) to all Chief Commissioners dealing with Customs work, I expect that field formations will complete the exercise within 10 days so as to enable maximum disbursement of RoSL and related duty drawback claims.

Another aspect which I would like to highlight is the issue pertaining to delay in filing SLPs/Appeals. I would like to request all Chief Commissioners to personally monitor the same and ensure strict adherence to the prescribed timeline while proposing SLPs/Appeals. In this regard please refer to my DO letter dated 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018 for further necessary action.

With a deep sense of remorse, I am to inform of the sad demise of Smt Kusum Satpathy, an officer of the 1977 batch of our service. She is known amongst her colleagues and juniors as one of the finest of officers who is affectionate, humble and amiable. Her contribution to the automation of the department is greatly appreciated and will be forever remembered. She retired as Chief Commissioner, Chennai Customs (P) Zone. She was also the Chairman of the Settlement Commission. We had a condolence meeting in the Board and a condolence message on behalf of CBIC has been sent to the family. May God give strength to the bereaved family to bear this untimely loss.

*With warm wishes,*

Yours sincerely,



(Vanaja N. Sarna)

To,

All officers and staff of Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs