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Dear Colleagues,

As you are aware, India acceded to TIR Convention, thereby activating regional connectivity alongside international trade corridor, and appointed FICCI as the National Guaranteeing Association. In this regard, it is informed that, FIICI has successfully completed the admission process and India has been declared as a country in which TIR transports can be arranged as of 15<sup>th</sup> August 2018. The implementation of TIR shall advance country's global trade prospects by creating a facilitative and non-intrusive cross-border environment for multi-modal transport of goods.

On 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2018, Member (Budget & Investigation) inaugurated the biometric ensemble turnstile gate at Appraising Hall of Air Cargo, New Custom House, New Delhi. This is first of its kind in the country so far as access control in customs offices is concerned, and I am sure it will go a long way in enhancing our work culture. CC, Delhi Customs and his team deserve credit for this effort to give boost to the Department's pursuit for digitization and accountability.

On the Independence Day 2018, Chennai Customs unveiled a mural showcasing the dedication shown by Indian Customs in safeguarding the economic frontiers of the country. The mural is 64 feet tall and 20 feet wide and would be symbolic of commitment and dedication of Indian Customs in serving the nation. The mural commemorates the officers of customs who laid down their lives in the line of duty. I am sure this initiative would go a

long way in boosting staff morale and act as a reminder of our contribution to the nation. In this context, while congratulating for the efforts, I would also urge Chief Commissioner, Chennai Customs to ensure that the narrative about the officers and their efforts, is also placed near the mural.

I am extremely glad to inform you that thanks to the cooperation extended by the CBDT, about 12 acres of their land at a prime location in Jodhpur has been allocated to CBIC for the development of Office cum residential complex. My heartiest Congratulations to the team led by the DG, HRD and CC, Jaipur Zone for their efforts in achieving this task, which, I am sure, would be a major milestone in furthering staff welfare.

Vadodara II GST Commissionerate has revamped office space to create a 'REVENUE CAFÉ (যাজন কট্ট)'. They have created a 52 seater modern canteen which contains a dedicated 'Wall of Fame' of officers and staff who have excelled and have been rewarded for their performance. I am also told this Café is slated to be used as a forum called 'Dialogues' for initiating discussions/panel talks in the field of Taxation, Administration, etc. with various stakeholders. I congratulate Vadodara II Team for this innovative and outstanding work!

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

(S. Ramesh)

To,

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