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Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Revenue
Central Board of Excise & Customs
Anti Smuggling Unit

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R.K.Puram, New Delhi, Dated: 23rd May, 2014

To

1. The Director Generals DRI, DGCEI, NACEN, D.G. Inspection, D.G. Systems and Data Management, , D.G. Vigilance, , D.G. Service Tax, , D.G. Audit, , D.G. Export Promotion, , D.G. Safeguards, , D.G. Valuation, D.G. HRD, Directorate of Data Management,
2. The Director, Directorate of Enforcement, New Delhi,
3. The Narcotics Commissioner of India, Central Bureau of Narcotics Gwalior,
4. Chief Controller of Factories, Government Opium & Alkaloid Factories New Delhi,
5. All Chief Commissioners of Customs, Customs (Preventive), Customs, Central & Service Tax,
6. All Chief Commissioners of Large Tax Payers Unit
7. All Commissioners of Customs, Customs (Preventive), Customs, Central & Service Tax,.
8. Commissioner (Logistics) Directorate of Logistics, New Delhi
9. All Directorates under CBEC
10. All sections of CBEC.
11. All Senior PPS of Chairperson & Members CBEC
12. Webmaster, CBEC Website,

Sir,

Subject:- Notification regarding increase in monetary allowance to the recipient officers of the Customs & Central Excise, Narcotics Control Bureau and Directorate of Enforcement of 'Presidential Award of Appreciation Certificate for exceptionally meritorious service at the risk of life'.

The officers of the Customs & Central Excise, Narcotics Control Bureau and Directorate of Enforcement are considered for grant of Presidential Award of Appreciation Certificate for exceptionally meritorious service rendered at the risk of life and specially distinguished record of service on their achieving and maintaining excellence in the discharge of their duties. These awards are announced on the eve of Republic Day.

2. The recipients of the *Award of Appreciation Certificate for exceptionally meritorious service rendered at the risk of life* were getting in addition to the certificate, a monetary allowance on the analogy of grant of such allowance to the recipients of Presidential Police Medal for Gallantry (PPMG) as well as recipients of Shaurya Chakra. While the monetary allowance for the PPMG awardees and Shaurya Chakra awardees was revised periodically, there has been no periodical increase in the monetary allowance in respect of the recipients of the *Award of Appreciation Certificate for exceptionally meritorious service rendered at the risk of life*. The recommendation of the Central Board of Excise & Customs for the

corresponding revision of the same has recently been approved by the outgoing Finance Minister. Following the same, the Ministry of Finance has issued a Notification in this regard

2.1 A copy of the Notification No. 43/2014 -Customs (N.T.)dated 23rd May, 2014 being issued in this regard is enclosed. As per the Notification, the recipients of this certificate or his widow are also entitled to the monetary allowance of Rs. 3,000/- per month. for first such Act of exceptionally meritorious service at the risk of life and Rs. 2,500/- per month for a fresh act of meritorious service at the risk of life. The allowance at revised rates shall be admissible to the officers and staff who were sanctioned the Presidential Award of Appreciation Certificate for exceptionally meritorious service at the risk of life till date and to future recipients of the said award. The revised rates of the allowance shall be applicable from the date of issue of this notification.

2.2 These awards are granted after a great scrutiny and for exceptionally meritorious service at the risk of life **which inter-alia involve catching smugglers of Narcotics drugs / other contrabands etc. The rarity of the award may be gauged from the fact that only 41 officers/ have received this award since the inception of same in 1962.**

2.3 While, granting approval for the increase in monetary allowance, the Hon'ble Finance Minister vide Note dated 14.05.2014 observed as under:

'This should be given only in exceptional cases. I note that in the last 50 years only 41 officers have been given the award. We should maintain that high standard and, as far as possible, not more than 1 person a year should be given the award. Subject to above, the proposal is approved.'

2.4. Accordingly, this observation of the Hon'ble Finance Minister may please be kept in mind by the field formations while forwarding proposals for the *Award of Appreciation Certificate for exceptionally meritorious service rendered at the risk of life.*

3. It is requested that all the field formations should make wide publicity of the Notification in their respective jurisdiction(s) and get it circulated to all the Chief Account Officers and banks disbursing salary and allowances to the officers of Customs and Central Excise, Enforcement and Narcotics to ensure that the benefit of this Notification reaches to all the eligible recipients.

3.1 Receipts of this letter may please be acknowledged.

Encl: As above

Yours Faithfully

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Copy to: 1. Under Secretary (E-III(A) Branch, Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance North Block New Delhi with reference to MoF (DoE) ID NO 21345/E-III(A) 2014 dated 30th January, 2014 for information.

2. Shri Umesh Kuam Aggrawal Under Secretary (IFU-EC) with reference to their note dated 18.07.2013 & 13.05.2014 for information.

3. Under Secretary AD-III -B for information and necessary action.