

## **AN APPEAL TO BOYCOTT EXCISE DAY CELEBRATIONS**

All the members of our Association must be well aware that following the promotion of several Superintendents as Assistant Commissioners in the recent cadre restructuring there is a shortage of Superintendents in the Chennai Zone. About 319 vacancies of Superintendents remain unfilled despite the fact there are several eligible Inspectors awaiting promotions. It is pertinent to note that all the consequential vacancies arising on account of promotion of the Superintendents as Assistant Commissioners have been filled up by promoting Inspectors in most of the zones in the country. Yet for the reasons better known to the Cadre Controlling Authority, Chennai Zone, our brethren Inspectors in Chennai Zone are yet to be promoted. This has led to loss of seniority in the cadre of Superintendents for all the Inspectors whose promotions remain delayed. Due to the obdurate and unreasonable attitude of the Cadre Controlling Authority, the Inspectors Association has been constrained to call for the boycott of "Excise Day" celebrations in protest of their demand to order immediate promotions of the Inspectors.

Furthermore, our Association has been persistent in seeking filling up of the vacancies of Superintendents, which has been the primary reason for excessive burden of work on the existing Superintendents. Despite several letters to the Chief Commissioner seeking to intervene and redress the various problems faced by the Superintendents in the Zone, no response was forthcoming. Under these circumstances this Association also feels that there is a compelling necessity to boycott "Excise Day" celebrations as a mark of support and solidarity to our comrade Inspectors as there is no cause for any celebration to the aggrieved cadre.

Therefore, all the members of our Association are fervently urged to refrain from participating in "Excise Day" celebrations and ensure the success of the boycott call.