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Dear Friends,

First my sincere and heartfelt thanks for the support given by you all in conducting the AEC Meeting on 23rd and 24th September 2010. But for your wholehearted support the meeting would not have been a grand success. The successful conduct of meeting has infused strength and character to the organization as also enhancing its prestige and standing in the all India set up.

Inaugural function

Mr. P.N. Vittaldass, Member(retd), CBEC was the chief guest and Commissioners of Central Excise Chennai-II/III/IV/LTU/Puducherry as also Appeals were present as guests of honour. Mr. Vittaldass in his speech dwelt upon the various issues confronting our cadre. The main issue of stagnation was also touched by him and he hoped that the proposed creation of about 4000 posts of Assistant Commissioners will definitely come to fruition and that he wished to see every person who had joined as an Inspector retiring as a Deputy Commissioner. The Chief guest also observed that during his tenure in the CBEC he had proposed that a DR inspector after 32 years of service should retire as a Deputy Commissioner and towards this a formula was evolved which allowed an Inspector to become a Superintendent in 14 years and Assistant Commissioner on completion of 28 years and added to this another 4 years were required to attain the post of DC. Chief guest also remarked that despite his best efforts to ensure implementation of cadre restructuring before his retirement the same could

not be done. He congratulated the organization for its unwavering efforts in solving the problems confronting the cadre. As part of the inaugural function former office bearers, officers both retired as well as retiring(1/10 to 12/10) were felicitated. The meeting began with an invocation praying to almighty to bestow the blessings and ended with national anthem.

AEC proceedings(23.9.10 AN-Thursday & 24.9.10 Friday)

On behalf of the Chennai unit, the following points were sponsored to be discussed.

1. ACES - The responsibility that has been cast on Superintendents exclusively in the ACES scheme of things was taken up and the all India body agreed unanimously to take up with the appropriate authorities and ensure that the responsibility is cast at all levels.
2. Audit MCM - The fact that MCM being used as a tool to harass range officers and audit superintendents under the guise of harmonizing decisions was highlighted and it was also made known that superintendents of audit branch and field formations are made to fight against one another turning the same into a gladiatorial exercise out of which some sadistic pleasure is also being drawn. It had been decided that the requirements prescribed in the audit manual will be taken up and the possibility of dispensing with the presence of Range Officers in the MCM will be vigorously pursued.
3. The misuse of 1% incentive by the various higher formations [purchase of cars for use by senior officials] has been agreed to be taken up by our all India body.
4. Problems that are likely to arise on implementation of GST were submitted in the form of a note and was deeply deliberated upon and the inputs have been taken on due note of and to be factored in at the appropriate time.
5. 98% of the units were in favour of abolition of uniform and just when a consensus was about to emerge Gujarat & Patna units wanted circumspection on the issue and for want of time a resolution could not be passed. However the issue of harassment & scrapping of uniform in purely Central Excise formations have been assured to be taken up.
6. Harassment by CCA & PAO Office in matters relating pay fixation, arrears, LTC etc. were taken up by our unit with appropriate documentary evidences. The Secretary General assured that steps will be taken to stop the harassment by addressing appropriate authorities in the GOI.
7. Senior Time Scale awarded to ACs on completion of 4 years which had recently been abolished was taken up and the all India body was requested to intervene which the secretary general agreed to address. Presently DCs post has been made a promotional post instead of STS.

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8. Filling up of vacancies. 230 posts in the grade of DC and ACs ~~Creation of posts~~ also requested to be taken up and had been agreed to by secretary general.
9. Confusion in MACPS and its consequent non implementation in Chennai zone when counter parts in other zones have already drawn the benefits of the scheme was highlighted with supporting documents. The confusion created by MOPTs letter to PR. CCA enunciating the position that the grant of NFSO to be offset against one MACP was also requested to be taken up.
10. Denial of deputation allowance to officers in SEZ was deliberated. The position that the posts presently in SEZ being encadred by the CBEC militates against the grant of such an allowance was made clear. However, it was agreed that the issue will be examined to see whether any other incentives could be granted to the officers working in SEZ.
11. Transfer and posting policy. It was agreed to by the all India body that the board will be addressed to prevail upon the chief commissioners of cadre controlling zones to evolve a transparent policy in consultation with the Associations.
12. Harassment of office bearers of associations and posting of chief executive to a place which will enable him to carry out his duties unhindered was also discussed.
13. It was mentioned in the meeting that JCM is not being held in many zones. The secretary general requested the unit secretaries to forward the minutes of the meeting held by him with Member(P&V) wherein it was agreed upon that the chief commissioners will be addressed by the board to hold such meetings.
14. Other issues specific to zones/specific instances of harassment was also discussed.

All the delegates present were vibrant in their articulation of various view points and contributed in a healthy manner culminating in informed decisions taken by the all India Body. The delegates also appreciated the issues taken by our unit and thanked us for the affection and hospitality showered on them.

Please accept my sincere thanks to you all for making this meeting a grand success.

Truly yours



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