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Sub: Posting of Superintendents / Inspectors to Tuticorin Customs
Commissionerate – Issue of revised guidelines for – regarding.

Ref : CC(Prev), Chennai's Administrative Order No. 01/2008 dtd 01.04.2008

INTRODUCTION :

1.01. The Trichy Customs & Central Excise Commissionerate set up in 1983 (out of the then Madurai Central Excise & Customs Commissionerate and Chennai C.Ex. Commissionerate) is the parent Commissionerate for the present Trichy Central Excise, Trichy Customs and Tuticorin Customs Commissionerates. The PARENT COMMISSIONERATE was further bifurcated into Trichy Customs Commissionerate and Trichy Central Excise Commissionerate during July, 1997. The Trichy Customs Commissionerate was further bifurcated in Nov' 2002 to form a separate full-fledged Customs Commissionerate at Tuticorin. ('TTN Customs' in short). Presently, the Customs Preventive Zone, Tiruchirapalli consists of the Trichy Customs (Preventive) Commissionerate and the Tuticorin Custom House.

1.02 The current system of selection and posting of Superintendents and Inspectors to Tuticorin Custom House is based on the order dated 01.04.2008 issued by this office. It is noticed that over the last few years, there has been less number of willing Officers applying for posting to Tuticorin Custom House. As a result, relaxation of the conditions laid down in the guidelines was invariably necessitated to find adequate number of officers for posting to Tuticorin. The increase in customs work in Tuticorin Port as reflected with the growth in revenue and the increasing number of Container Freight Stations (CFS) in operation in Tuticorin and the implementation of container scanner project along with the 24 X 7 Customs clearance work initiated recently call for ensuring presence of sufficient number of officers in Tuticorin Customs.

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1.03 In view of the above, it is felt that there is a need to re-examine the existing guidelines and revise them taking into account the current situation. On the basis of discussions held with various Staff Associations and the inputs received from the Commissioner of Customs Tuticorin, it has been decided to prescribe a revised set of guidelines in this regard. Accordingly, in supersession of the existing guidelines governing posting of officers to Tuticorin Customs, the following revised guidelines are issued with immediate effect and until further orders:

NAME OF THE POLICY :

2.01 This Policy shall be known as " Policy for Selection and Posting of Officers to Tuticorin Customs."

OBJECTIVE OF THE POLICY :

3.01 The objective behind issue of the revised policy is to consolidate the relevant guidelines, instructions and orders governing the subject and to update/revise eligibility conditions etc. The policy is aimed at ensuring that all the Officers of the Cluster Commissionerates are provided with adequate opportunity to work in the Tuticorin Custom House and also to ensure that sufficient number of officers are available for being posted to ensure better facilitation of the trade in the Customs House.

GENERAL CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY :

4.01. Posting of Inspectors / Superintendents to Tuticorin Custom House shall be made only from among eligible Officers working in the "cluster Commissionerates" consisting of Trichy Customs, Trichy Central Excise and CC (P) Office, Trichy.

4.02. Every year before 30th of April, willingness shall be called for by the Commissioner of Customs Trichy ('NODAL Commissioner') from the officers in the cadres of Inspector / Superintendents, working in the cluster Commissionerates so as to prepare the "list of eligible Officers".

4.03 Superintendents / Inspectors who have joined in any of the Cluster Commissionerates on inter-Commissionerate Transfer (ICT) basis shall be eligible to apply for being posted to Tuticorin Customs only after they have completed minimum qualifying service of one year in one or more of the cluster Commissionerates.

4.04 In the case of officers who are working in Trichy airport, there shall be a cooling-off period of one year before being considered for posting to Tuticorin Customs.

4.05 Superintendents/Inspectors who have worked previously in Tuticorin Custom House shall also be eligible to apply for being posted again to Tuticorin Customs House. However, there shall be a cooling-off period of minimum of one year between two postings to Tuticorin Customs House.

4.06 For deciding the qualifying service and cooling-off period, 30th June of the selection year shall be considered as the cut-off date.

MODE OF SELECTION :

5.01. While forwarding the details of willing officers, Commissioner of Central Excise, Trichy, may forward names of only such officers who are free from vigilance angle. A certificate to the effect of their being free from vigilance may also be attached along with.

5.02. From out of the willingness received, a panel of eligible officers who are free from vigilance angle shall be prepared by the Nodal Commissioner. Panel of eligible officers for posting to Tuticorin Customs shall be drawn by a committee comprising the Commissioners of Customs, Trichy and Tuticorin .

5.03 Officers who have previously worked in Custom House, Tuticorin and have completed the requisite cooling-off period shall be short-listed in the panel with reference to the date of relief from Custom House, Tuticorin irrespective of their seniority/ period of tenure at Tuticorin i.e., the officer who was relieved first shall be listed ahead of an officer who was relieved subsequently.

POSTING OF OFFICERS :

6.01. Officers who have submitted willingness and are found eligible shall be posted to Tuticorin Customs in the order of their seniority in the grade. However, those officers who have previously served in Tuticorin Customs shall be considered for being posted to Tuticorin Customs only in the event of adequate number of first time eligible officers is not available for being posted.

6.02 If, for any reason, sufficient number of willing and eligible officers are not available for being posted to Tuticorin Customs, Commissioner of Customs Trichy (Nodal Commissioner) may post the required number of officers from among those Superintendents/Inspector working in Trichy Customs Commissionerate (excluding those working in Trichy Airport) who have not earlier worked in Custom House, Tuticorin on the basis of seniority of the officer in the cadre and subject to they being free from vigilance angle and keeping in view administrative requirements of Trichy Customs and CCP Office and compassionate grounds but without having regard to the period of tenure remaining in the current post held by them. Any exclusion / relaxation for any officer on this account shall have to be approved by the Chief Commissioner.

MAXIMUM PERIOD OF SERVICE AT TUTICORIN CUSTOM HOUSE:

7.01. The maximum period of service for Inspectors/Superintendents posted to Tuticorin Custom House shall be 04 years. The date of order of posting by Nodal Commissioner shall be considered the relevant date for ascertaining the period of completion of 04 years of service by the Officer in Tuticorin Custom House.

7.02 Chief Commissioner (Prev.), Trichy may extend the tenure of services of any Supdt/ Inspector in Tuticorin Custom House beyond the maximum tenure of 04 years in public interest / on administrative & compassionate grounds. Commissioner of Customs, Tuticorin, may recommend such deserving cases for extension of period upto one year to the Chief Commissioner (Prev.), Trichy.

7.03 In the event of an officer, during his/her tenure in Tuticorin Customs, being found to be unsuitable / unfit for continuing his/her service in any sensitive post there, he/she shall normally be allowed to complete the normal period of tenure of 4 years in the Custom House Tuticorin. However, his/her services shall be utilized in non-sensitive posts within the Custom House, Tuticorin. No extension beyond the maximum period of 4 years shall be granted to such officer.

7.04 Commissioner of Customs, Tuticorin, however, shall examine such cases taking into account the sensitivity of the issue involved, role of the officer in the alleged matter and the gravity of offence etc. and may decide to pre-maturely repatriate such officer to Trichy Customs in consultation with the nodal Commissioner.

7.05 In the event of an officer in the grade of Inspector, during his tenure at Tuticorin Custom House, being promoted to the grade of Superintendent and he/she having been allocated to CC(P), Zone, he/she shall normally be retained in Tuticorin Custom House subject to availability of vacancies in the new grade and on consideration of the overall vacancy position within the Zone, till he/she has completed the on-going panel year.

REPATRIATION FROM TUTICORIN CUSTOM HOUSE

8.01 Officers on completion of the prescribed maximum tenure of 4 years or the extended period of tenure as approved by the competent authority or otherwise pre-maturely repatriated, shall normally be repatriated to Trichy Customs Commissionerate.

8.02. Commissioner of Customs, Trichy shall either post such Officers, on their repatriation to various formations under Trichy Customs Commissionerate or nominate them to Trichy Central Excise Commissionerate (against vacancies arising out of the panel posting to Tuticorin), taking into account the overall history of posting of such officers and experience between Customs (Prev.) & Central Excise formations and other administrative requirements of the Customs (Prev.) Zone and Central Excise Commissionerate, Trichy.

8.03 An Officer, on repatriation from Tuticorin Custom House shall normally be eligible to apply for Inter-Commissionerate transfer to any other Commissionerate or Zone only on completion of service for a minimum period of one year after such repatriation. The said one year period shall be counted with reference to the date on which the officer reported to the Nodal Commissioner after repatriation.

8.04 An officer, on repatriation from Tuticorin Custom House, shall normally be eligible to apply for any deputation to other agencies/organizations and International Airports including regular posting to Trichy airport etc. only on completion of service for a minimum period of one year after such repatriation, in the new formation. The said one year period shall be counted with reference to the date on which the officer reported to the Nodal Commissioner after repatriation.

8.05 An officer who has completed half of the prescribed tenure of 4 years at Tuticorin Custom House and who wishes to apply for deputation to other agencies/organizations/international airports etc. may seek repatriation first from Tuticorin Custom House and thereafter apply for deputation only on his/her completing a further period of one year service in the new Commissionerate .

8.06 An officer who has been posted to Tuticorin Custom House and who has not completed half of the prescribed maximum tenure of 4 years shall be eligible to apply for deputation to other agencies/organization/international airports etc. without any waiting period of one year referred above in para 8.04/8.05.

ELIGIBILITY OF TRANSFER T.A./D.A. JOINING TIME etc:

9.01 Officers who are in Trichy Customs Commissionerate & CCO and posted to Tuticorin Custom House in terms of this policy shall not, normally, be entitled to any transfer benefits like TA/DA. However, those officers who have completed the prescribed tenure in the present station prior to their being posted shall alone be eligible for the afore-said benefits. As regards the officers selected from Trichy Excise Commissionerate, their eligibility to transfer benefits may be decided as per the station tenure prescribed in Trichy Central Excise Commissionerate.

9.02 Officers on repatriation from Tuticorin Custom House after completion of the maximum period of 4 years or further extended period shall be eligible for transfer benefits etc. However, officers who are pre-maturely repatriated on their request or otherwise, shall not be eligible for transfer benefits including TA/DA.

10. This administrative order is issued in consolidation and in supersession of all the earlier Circulars, Office Orders and Note Orders and Standing Orders issued in this regard from time to time.

11. This issues with the approval of the Chief Commissioner of Customs (Preventive) Trichy.

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