

(Export). This Legal Section will have their office in Room No. C-503, 5th Floor and C Wing of this Custom House.

2. Shri R.L. Karangutkar, Superintendent of Customs(P), is hereby designated as the **Nodal Officer** and shall start functioning with immediate effect. Alternatively Shri B.B. Pattanaik, Supdt, is nominated in his absence.

3. The Nodal Officer shall remain present in Mumbai High Court on all the days when the Revenue bench sits. He should effectively liaise with the officers of the Seizing / Dealing units / Appraising Groups and the concerned Panel Counsel. He shall work closely with the Central Government Advocate and other Law Ministry Officers in consultation with Dy. / Asstt. Commissioner of Customs, Legal Cell. He shall also liaise with the Nodal Officer of Air Cargo Complex, Zone II, Mumbai.

4. The Nodal Officer, thus posted shall monitor all the cases of this Custom House listed before the Revenue Board. He should promptly dispatch the documents / intimations received from the Law Ministry / Panel Counsel to the Legal Cell.

5. The Nodal Officer shall have his office in the liaison office of the Chief Commissioner of the Customs, Zone II at new Customs House, Ballard Estate, Mumbai. The Nodal Officer shall maintain a register wherein he shall record the cases which he had attended to in the format given below.



Date of Hearing & Court No.	Respondents	Petitioner	W/P No.	Name & Telephone of the Counsel & Junior Counsel	Seizing / Investigating Agency	Attendance from the Revenue with Name & Designation	Details of the Hearing	Next Date of Hearing	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10



6. It is seen that many a times the concerned Dy. /Asstt. Commissioners of the Groups/ Docks do not respond timely to the references made regarding Court matters, which is causing unusual delay in the Judicial Proceedings, which in turn, is adversely affecting the departmental cases. All Dy. / Asstt. Commissioners of the Groups / Docks are, therefore, directed to be more careful in these matters and top priority to Court Matters. All Dy. / Asstt. Commissioner of Groups / Docks after receipt of communication/reference from Legal Cell shall immediately depute one well Conversant Officer who would forward parawise comments, brief facts to the Legal Cell and be available for briefing the Panel Counsel. Deputation of this well conversant officer shall be made in writing to Dy. / Asstt. Commissioner of Customs, Legal Cell.

7. It is reiterated that the above instructions shall be strictly complied with and that any laxity in this matter will be viewed seriously and responsibility would be fixed and any loss in revenue would be recovered from the concerned staff.

