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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 05.10.2021

In pursuance to letter no. 4131/2021 dated: 20.09.2021 from Dy.Insp.Genl. of Police & Head of Branch, CBI, ACB, Mumbai, regarding retrieval and furnishing of documents as called for by CBI, ACB, Mumbai in respect of the Investigation in Duty Drawback Fraud Cases RC 10,11 & 12 of 2019 registered at CBI, ACB, Mumbai, a meeting of CBI, DGoV, DRI, NIC and officers from concerned sections of JNCH, Mumbai was convened by Shri Istikhar Baig, Commissioner of Customs (General), JNCH on 05.10.2021 at 4 pm in the Conference Room, 7th floor, JNCH.

The meeting was attended by the following officers:

1. Shri Mohd. Suvez Haque, IPS, Dy.Insp.Genl. of Police & Head of Branch, CBI, ACB, Mumbai.
2. Shri P. Murugan, SP, CBI, ACB, Mumbai.
3. Shri Raguram K, Joint Commissioner, CIU, JNCH.
4. Shri Merugu Suresh, Joint Commisisoner, EDI, JNCH.
5. Ms. Rajlaxmi Kadam, Joint Director, DRI, MZU, Mumbai.
6. Shri R.S. Bhati, Joint Commissioner, Drawback, JNCH.
7. Shri G. Manigandasamy, Joint Commissioner, P&E, JNCH.
8. Shri. Subhash Chandra, Dy. Commissioner of Customs, EDI, JNCH.
10. Shri. Shri D.J. Jyotirmoy, Dy. Commissioner of Customs, Drawback, JNCH.
11. Shri Abhinav Kumar, Dy. Commissioner of CIU, JNCH.
11. Shri Jayesh Bhimrao Shirsat, Asstt. Commissioner, DGov, WZU, Mumbai.
12. Shri S. Gauri Shankar, Asstt. Commissioner of Customs, Drawback Recovery Cell, JNCH.
13. Shri V.S. Satpute, Asstt. Commissioner of Customs, P&E, JNCH.
14. Shri Ashish Chavan, PI, CBI, ACB, Mumbai.
15. Shri Pravin Swami, PI, CBI, ACB, Mumbai.
16. Ms. Swati Gaware, PI, CBI, ACB, Mumbai.
17. Shri M.V. Henry, SIO, DGoV, WZU, Mumbai.
18. Shri N. Ayyappan, SIO, DRI, MZU, Mumbai.
19. Shri Chirag Dani, IO, DRI, MZU, Mumbai.

2. At the outset, the Commissioner of Customs (General), JNCH welcomed all the participants and informed that the said meeting has been convened in connection with investigation in Duty Drawback Fraud Cases RC 10, 11 and 12 of 2019 registered at CBI, ACB, Mumbai, and that some documents/files/information called for by CBI is yet to be provided to them which is resulting in delay in investigation. The Commissioner (General) further requested the DIG, CBI, to initiate the discussion with regard to the points mentioned in CBI's aforesaid letter dated: **20.09.2021**.

3. The DIG, CBI informed that the CBI, ACB, Mumbai is investigating into 03 duty drawback fraud cases wherein alerts inserted in the ICES 1.5 System were fraudulently removed by using the SSOIDs of the then Dy. Commissioners/Asstt. Commissioners, JNCH. Simultaneously, a conspiracy was planned wherein fraudulent drawback amounts were released into the fictitious bank accounts pertaining to 32 IECs and the total fraudulent drawback in the 03 cases amounts to nearly 12 crores. The DIG, CBI further informed that some documents/files called for by CBI in respect of the said investigation has not been received yet which is hampering the conclusion of the investigation. He requested that all the concerned sections may put serious efforts in retrieving the said documents/files and provide to CBI at the earliest. The DIG, CBI thereafter directed SP, CBI to discuss the points mentioned in CBI's letter dated: **20.09.2021**.

4. Thereafter, the following points were discussed:

(A) CBI's letter no.314 dated: 29.01.2021 (Original File F.No. S/12-Gen-185/2009-10 DBK/JNCH related to insertion/revocation of alerts.

Joint Commissioner, Drawback informed that in spite of all efforts to trace the said file, the same is not readily traceable. He also informed that a 'Tracer Notice' has also been issued. The Commissioner (General), JNCH informed that a **Committee** may be formed in the Drawback Section and concerted efforts may be made by the officers to locate the file immediately for forwarding to CBI. The said work is to be **completed within 15 days**.

(ACTION: JC/DRAWBACK)

(B) PRESENT POSTING DETAILS OF OFFICIALS WHO HAD CHANGED BANK ACCOUNT NUMBERS LINKED WITH IECs, REFERRED IN LETTER NOS.317 & 318 BOTH DATED 01.02.2021.

The AC/P&E informed that details of 10 officers have been received from Mumbai Zone I and the balance is expected to be received shortly. The Commissioner (General) directed that officers may be deputed to personally visit Zone-I and get the details of officers yet to be received. The Commissioner (General) further directed that the task should be **completed within 15 days**.

(ACTION: JC/P&E)

(C) THE IP ADDRESS DETAILS OF MACHINES FROM WHICH THE ALERTS IN 02 IECs viz. GAZI INTERNATIONAL (IEC No. 29008001314) AND CROZER TRADING (IEC No. 309021880) WERE REVOKED ON 25.07.2017 AND 11.09.2017 RESPECTIVELY, REFERRED IN LETTER NO. 3106 DATED 10.07.2021.

Joint Commissioner, EDI informed that as per details received from DG (Systems), the User machine's IP address and User's machine name from which the alerts dated: 25.07.2017 have been provided. However, the said details with respect to the alert removal dated 11.09.2017 have not been provided by DG (Systems), New Delhi stating that "no logs found". The DIG, CBI requested that the information sought is crucial for the said investigation and, therefore, the matter may be taken up **on priority once again with DG (Systems).**

(ACTION: JC/EDI)

(D) DETAILS OF ALLOTMENT AT 04 IDENTIFIED LOCATIONS IN JNCH FROM WHERE THE ALERTS INSERTED ON IECs WERE REVOKED, REFERED IN LETTER NO. 3785 DATED 25.08.2021.

JC/CHS informed that the details of allotment at 04 identified locations in JNCH from where the alerts inserted on IECs were revoked are not readily available. The DIG, CBI informed that the details regarding persons to whom the allotment of computers/terminals and cabins at the 04 identified locations were made are crucial evidence to provide the lead to conclusion of the investigation. Commissioner (General) informed that cabins are not allotted to lower level officers and only to officers of the rank of Deputy Commisisoner/Asstt. Commissioner and above. The DIG/CBI further informed that since the officers in this case are Deputy Commissioners/Asstt.Commissioners, the exact details regarding the allotment of cabins can be provided. JC/EDI informed that amongst the location provided by CBI, one of the cabins pertain to Direct Port Delivery Cell, Ground Floor, JNCH Building and not related to any Deputy Commissioner/Asstt.Commissioner. The DIG/CBI informed that the details of the person who has logged the system just before and after the timing at which the system was looged in the Direct Port Delivery Cell may be ascertained to enable the exact user of the system at the relevant time. Commissioner(General) directed that the records for the concerned period may be checked and all efforts be made to obtain the said information.

**(ACTION: JC/CHS
JC/EDI)**

(E) DETAILS OF LOCATIONS OF 05 MACHINES WHOSE IP ADDRESSES ARE INFORMED TO BE OUTSIDE THE LOCATION OF JNCH, REFERRED IN LETTER NO. 3785 DATED 25.08.2021.

Joint Commissioner, EDI informed that as per feedback received from DG (Systems), the machine/AIO serial no. are not being maintained by System Integration Project and falls under LAN WAN Project. The same can be provided by HP's Regional

Manager of the location. The Commissioner (General) and DIG, CBI requested that EDI may coordinate with **DG (Systems), NIC and HP's Regional Office** to get the requisite information urgently.

(ACTION: JC/EDI)

(F) ORIGINAL APPLICATIONS/FILES RELATED TO CHANGE OF BANK ACCOUNT NUMBERS LINKED TO 27 IECs OUT OF 32 IECs UNDER INVESTIGATION, REFERRED IN LETTER NO. 3820 DATED 26.08.2021.

SP/CBI pointed out that only 05 out of 32 letters related to change of bank account details have been provided. The remaining 27 letters are yet to be received by CBI. The Commissioner (General) directed that a **Committee** may be formed for this purpose who shall locate the remaining 27 letters/applications/files. Joint Commissioner/EDI informed that a Committee has already been formed for this purpose. The Commissioner (General) directed that the said Committee shall make concerted efforts in locating the remaining letters/applications/files **within 15 days** for submission to CBI.

(ACTION: JC/EDI & JC/MCD).

(G) DETAILS OF TEMPORARY PASSES AND PROCESS OF ISSUE OF TEMPORARY PASSES TO VISITORS IN JNCH, REFERRED IN LETTER NO. 3821 DATED: 26.08.2021.

DIG, CBI informed that in order to confirm the presence of the private person (drawback agent) in the premises, the records of the visitors entry is required to be verified. Therefore, the register/documents maintained for the said purpose during the relevant period may be provided. Joint Commissioner/CHS informed that the data would be voluminous in nature. The **DIG/CBI** also informed that the **specific date of entry of the said person shall be provided by CBI to ensure quick retrieval**. Joint Commissioner/CHS informed that all efforts **shall** be made to locate the said records at the earliest.

(ACTION: JC/CHS)

Finally, the Commissioner (General) emphasised the urgency of the matter and urged all the officers to put all out efforts to retrieve the information/details sought by CBI.

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