<u>Subject:</u> Information regarding Customs procedures and responsibility allocation relating to hazardous waste consignments at Jawaharlal Nehru Customs House (JNCH)

This application is made under Section 6(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005.

This request relates strictly to information as defined under Section 2(f) of the RTI Act, 2005, namely records, standing orders, instructions, circulars, office memoranda, file notings, registers, or document formats maintained by the public authority.

This application concerns Customs formations under the jurisdiction of the Chief Commissioner of Customs, Mumbai-II Zone, specifically Jawaharlal Nehru Customs House (JNCH), Nhava Sheva, for the period 01.01.2021 to 31.12.2025, in relation to implementation of the Hazardous and Other Wastes (Management and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2016.

I am not seeking intelligence inputs, inspection thresholds, or case-specific investigation records.

Kindly provide the following information:

1. Copies of any standing orders, public notices, local instructions, or internal circulars issued by JNCH or the jurisdictional Customs authority governing handling of consignments suspected to fall under the Hazardardous and Other Wastes (Management and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2016.
2. The office order, administrative instruction, or document specifying (a) the officer designation responsible for handling such consignments, and (b) the section/branch within JNCH assigned responsibility for matters relating to hazardous waste consignments.
3. Copies of any instructions or circulars issued within the Mumbai-II Customs jurisdiction regarding coordination with Pollution Control authorities, Port authorities, or other regulatory bodies in cases involving suspected hazardous waste consignments.
4. The format/template of any register, logbook, reporting form, or electronic entry format used to record cases involving suspected hazardous waste consignments (format only; individual case entries are not sought).

5. Copies of any instructions or office memoranda prescribing procedure to be followed where a consignment cleared by Customs is subsequently determined by any authority to fall under prohibited or restricted hazardous waste categories.
6. In case the above information is contained in multiple files, kindly provide the list or index of file titles relating to the subject matter.

If the information is already available in public domain, kindly provide the exact URL or citation reference.

In view of geographical distance, I request that information be provided electronically wherever feasible.

If the information sought is voluminous, I request copies of relevant portions or file index in the first instance. Physical inspection may be considered thereafter only if strictly necessary.

If any portion of the requested information is held by another public authority, kindly transfer only that portion under Section 6(3) of the RTI Act within 5 days and inform me of the transferee authority and date of transfer.

If any portion is considered exempt, kindly provide the remaining portions after severing exempt material under Section 10 of the RTI Act and specify the exact statutory exemption clause relied upon.