I am an Indian citizen and I wish to seek the following information under Section 6(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005, in the larger public interest and as a measure of social reform, transparency, and accountability in public administration.

It has been observed that in several cases where **reward proposals were sanctioned in matters involving realization of Government revenue**, the corresponding **reward amounts have not been credited or paid to the eligible employees**, and in some instances the concerned officers have already **superannuated**. In this context, the following point-wise information is requested:

Information Sought

1. **Year-wise number of cases** in which rewards were **sanctioned to employees/officers** in your office/formation during the following financial years:
    - 2022–23
    - 2023–24
    - 2024–25
    - 2025–26 (up to December 2025)
2. **Year-wise number of cases** (out of the cases mentioned in Point No. 1) in which the **sanctioned reward amount was actually paid** to the employees.
3. **Year-wise number of cases** in which the **sanctioned reward amount was not paid / not credited to the employee's account**, wholly or partially.
4. **Reasons for non-payment of reward** to employees, case-wise or category-wise, such as:
    - Administrative delay
    - Non-availability of funds
    - Pending approval at any level
    - Objections raised by audit/vigilance
    - Superannuation/retirement of employee
    - Any other reason (please specify)
5. **Procedure/process prescribed** under CBIC rules, circulars, or instructions for:
    - (a) Disbursement of sanctioned rewards to serving employees
    - (b) Disbursement of sanctioned rewards to retired/superannuated employees

    Certified copies of the relevant rules/circulars/instructions may kindly be provided.

6. **Details of action taken** by the department in cases where rewards were sanctioned but not paid to the concerned employees, including:
    - Follow-up mechanism
    - Responsibility of the section/authority concerned
    - Steps taken to release pending payments
7. Whether any **monitoring or grievance-redressal mechanism** exists within the department to address non-payment or delay in payment of sanctioned rewards:
    - If yes, details thereof
    - If no, reasons for the same

Clarification regarding Third Party Information

It is respectfully submitted that the information sought relates only to **statistical data, procedures, rules, and departmental actions**, and **does not involve any personal or third-party information**. Therefore, this RTI application **cannot be rejected under Section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act, 2005**.

Declaration

The information sought does not fall under any of the exemptions under Sections 8 or 9 of the RTI Act, 2005. The information is sought strictly in **public interest** to ensure fairness, transparency, and timely payment of lawful dues to Government employees.