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Dear *Colleagues,*

Today, the AEO Web Application (<http://www.aeoindia.gov.in>) was launched and the first ever digitally-signed AEO Certificate was delivered online. This *online platform* is designed, maintained and curated by the Directorate of International Customs, CBIC. As on date, over 2100 AEOs have been certified by Indian Customs and many more are likely to get certification. This facility for potential AEOs is in line with PM's vision of implementing 'Digital India' & ensuring 'Ease of Doing Business'. By this web application, the entire AEO process has been digitized to allow the application filing, processing & digitally-signed delivery of AEO certification on digital platform. I extend my congratulations to the entire team of DIC and the officers and staff of Chennai Customs Zone, who have successfully delivered this web application within a very short span of time to ensure that the benefits of seamless processing via digitization reaches the Indian Exporters and Importers.

A praiseworthy effort of NACIN signifying a major leap in assessment of our Officer Trainees deserves a special mention. For the first time, a computer-based examination was conducted for the 68th/69th Batch of IRS Probationers. Certainly, a new era has begun towards greater transparency, objectivity and speed in the departmental examination process!

Yesterday, I had the pleasure of interacting with Mr. Kristian Vanderwaeren, Head of the Belgian Administration of Customs & Excise,

during his visit to Delhi. There were discussions and presentations on diverse issues, ranging from application of non-intrusive technologies in Airports / Ports in India to sharing of best practices in field of Artificial Intelligence, Block-chain technology and I.T. forensics. Both of us acknowledged the importance of strengthening the collaboration between our institutions and exchanging expertise. I would like to see that our Customs administration continues to collaborate with global leaders in the field of machine learning and Artificial Intelligence so as to achieve the fine balance between trade facilitation and enforcement.

I am happy to inform about yet another initiative of CBIC field formations in enhancing departmental infrastructure. I was privileged to lay the foundation stone for the construction of 726 residential quarters for CBIC officers & staff at Anna Nagar, Chennai. This is for the first time in India that CPWD will be using the 'Tunnel Form Technology', whereby one flat can be built every day. That being so, it should be only a '726 day' project, and will optimistically be delivered ahead of the scheduled date of December, 2021. My sincere congratulations to the team led by the CC, Chennai Customs Zone and DG, HRD for this important task.

I would congratulate all the officers who have been promoted to the grade of Principal Chief Commissioner / Principal Director General (Apex Grade) and wish them all the very best in their assignments. On the same note, I am happy to share that, after the DPC in UPSC, a proposal for promotion to the grade of Principal Commissioner / Principal ADG - (HAG) against the vacancy year 2016-17, 2018 and 2019 has been submitted to the ACC for approval. I shall keep you informed of the other developments in the HR front soon.

With *best wishes,*

Yours sincerely,


(S. Ramesh)

To,

All officers and staff of the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs.