



Report on the Interactive Meeting with Mr. Subhash Chander, IRS, Chief Commissioner of Central Excise and Service Tax, Bangalore on April 27, 2010.

An Interactive Meeting was convened by Mr. Subhash Chander, IRS, Chief Commissioner of Central Excise and Service Tax, Bangalore on April 27, 2010 with the members of BCIC. The Chief Commissioner Chaired the meeting and the LTU and Service Tax Commissioners were also present on the occasion.

The main objective of the meeting was to address on the issue of pending refund of Service Tax claims. Mr. S Balakrishnan, Chairman, BCIC Expert Committee on Indirect Taxes along with representatives from ABB, Wipro, Toyota and other senior representatives from Member companies of BCIC participated in the Interactive Session.

The Chief Commissioner assured the industry representatives that the Officials were instructed to dispose off all the claims within three months in accordance with the provisions of Law. Accordingly refunds will be granted to the admissible claims rejecting the ineligible claims.

The Chief Commissioner requested the Department Officials to communicate with claimants and urged them not to reject claims in mechanical manner thus granting opportunity to explain any claim and remedy the defects, if any. The Officials pointed out that there had been few cases of duplicate claims and when it was questioned, the same were withdrawn. Hence they requested the Industry to avoid such duplicate claims and said that the Department is evaluating launching prosecution proceedings for inaccurate claims.

During the discussion, the issue of statutory auditors was raised and the Chief Commissioner clarified that the certification by the statutory auditors is mandatory and the statutory auditors have to certify the quantification part and the eligibility part will be examined by the Department. The officials also assured that the trade notices will be issued by the first week of May 2010 which would clearly specify what documents should be produced for processing the claims.

The Chief Commissioner urged the Trade and Industry to approach the refund claims with a result oriented mindset rather than pursue theories. He further emphasized that the Officials designated were experienced and well versed with the legal positions and would enable quick disposal of the claims if provided with required documentation.

The Interactive Session concluded with the Vote of Thanks to the Chair.

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