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F. No.278A/07/2019-Legal
Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Revenue
Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs
(Legal Cell)

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Bhikaji Cama Place, R. K. Puram,
New Delhi-18.02.2019

To,

1. All the Chief Commissioners of Central GST & Central Excise, Customs & Customs (Prev.),
2. The Pr. DG, DRI, New Delhi
3. The Web Master, Dte. General of Systems, New Delhi with the request for uploading this letter on the CBEC website.

Sub: Constitution of regular panel of Senior/Junior Standing Counsels for handling cases of Indirect taxation of CBIC before the various High Courts and other fora; Renewal/Fresh appointment of Counsels – reg.

Sir/Madam

Kind attention is invited to Board's order F.No. 278A/21/2015-Legal dated 9.6.2016 (copy available on CBIC website), wherein a panel of 251 Senior/Junior Standing Counsels had been drawn for a period of three years w.e.f. 9.6.2016 to 8.6.2019 for handling CBEC, (now CBIC) cases of Indirect taxation before the various High Courts and other fora. Subsequently, the names of 111 Sr./Jr. Standing Counsels were rescinded vide order dated 18.6.2016 (copy available on CBIC website) read with Note dated 22.6.2016 (copy available on CBIC website) with the approval of the Competent Authority in M/o Finance. Kind attention is also invited to Board's order F. No. 278A/33/2016-Legal dated 05.10.2017 (copy available on CBIC website), wherein a panel of 120 Sr./Jr. Standing Counsels against existing slots had been drawn for a period upto 08.06.2019 for handling CBEC, (now CBIC) cases of Indirect taxation before the various High Courts and other fora.

2. It has been decided with the approval of the competent Authority now to draw a fresh panel keeping in view the requirement of a particular zone for handling CBIC cases of Indirect taxation before the various High Courts and other fora.

3. Eligibility and other terms and conditions will be as contained in Board's D.O F. No. 278A/43/2007-Legal dated 5.12.2007 (copy enclosed) and F.No. 278A/50/2011-Legal dated 14.9.2012 (copy enclosed).

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The criteria for selection of the fresh panel will be as under:-

- a) The Committee should interview all eligible applicants.
- b) The Committee should assess the Legal knowledge of the applicant especially as regards indirect taxation and emerging taxation areas like GST, Anti-Profiteering, NCLT, NCLAT, etc.
- c) The Committee should note the communication skills of the applicant.
- d) The Committee should see the success ratio.
- e) The Committee should make overall assessment of the applicant keeping the performance as the key criteria.
- f) The Committee should discreetly examine applicant's reputation/standing.

5. In supersession of letter dated 01.08.2016 vide which Committees of Chief Commissioners for the purpose of examining the suitability, interview etc. of the Counsels for appointment as Sr./Jr. Standing Counsels of CBIC for conducting Indirect Tax matters for a particular High Court/Bench and other fora and sending self-contained recommendations to the Board, new Committees of Chief Commissioners for the said purpose is enclosed herewith as Annexure-A. In case some zones have vacant slot of Chief Commissioners, then the Review Committee of Chief Commissioners set up under the Central Excise/Customs/Finance Act shall act as the Committee of Chief Commissioners for this purpose.

6. I am, therefore, directed to request you to immediately advertise the requirement of Sr./Jr. Standing Counsels for your jurisdiction in the Newspapers and circulate amongst the concerned Bar Associations. The work of publishing Advertisement should be completed by 28.02.2019 and a copy of the Advertisement should also be uploaded on CBIC website timely. The recommendations after receipts of applications, scrutiny, interview etc. must reach Board latest by 15.04.2019.

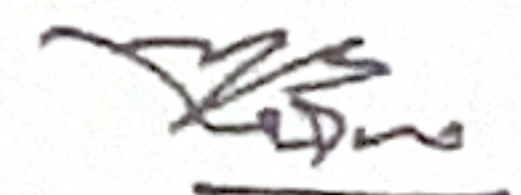
7. In this regard, it may be mentioned that the following information may also be furnished: -

- (i) Performance report in r/o existing Sr./Jr. Standing Counsels from the date of last appointment order to till date in format Annexure-B.

8. Clarification, if any, in this regard can be sought from the undersigned, who can be consulted on 011-26195406 and also at karoo.yadav@nic.in.

Encls: as above

Yours faithfully,



(Y.S. Karoo)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

Tel: 011-26195406

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S. No.	Name of the High Court	Principal Seat	Bench(es)	Pr.CC/CC of the Zone required to send the proposal to Board	Committee of Pr.CC/CC
1.	Allahabad	Allahabad	--	CGST Lucknow	1.CGST Lucknow 2.CGST Meerut
2.	--do--	--	Lucknow	--do--	1.CGST Lucknow 2.Customs(Prev.) Patna
3.	Andhra Pradesh	Amravati	--	CGST Visakhapatnam	1.CGST Visakhapatnam 2.CGST Hyderabad
4.	Bombay	Mumbai	--	CGST Mumbai	1.CGST Mumbai 2.Customs Zone-I
5.	--do--	--	Aurangabad	CGST Nagpur	1.CGST Nagpur 2.CGST Pune
6.	--do--	--	Goa	CGST Pune	1.CGST Pune 2.CGST Nagpur
7.	--do--	--	Nagpur	CGST Nagpur	1.CGST Nagpur 2.CGST Pune
8.	Calcutta	Kolkata	--	CGST Kolkata	1.CGST Kolkata 2.Customs Kolkata
9.	--do--	--	Port Blair	--do--	1.CGST Kolkata 2.Customs Kolkata
10.	Chhattisgarh	Bilaspur	--	CGST Bhopal	1.CGST Bhopal 2.CGST Bhubaneshwar
11.	Delhi	New Delhi	--	CGST Delhi	1.CGST Delhi 2.Customs Delhi 3.Customs(Prev.) Delhi
12.	Guwahati	Guwahati	--	CGST Shillong	1.CGST Shillong 2.CGST Kolkata
13.	--do--	--	Aizwal	--do--	--do--
14.	--do--	--	Itanagar	--do--	--do--
15.	--do--	--	Kohima	--do--	--do--
16.	Gujarat	Ahmedabad	--	CGST Ahmedabad	1.CGST Ahmedabad 2.Customs Ahmedabad 3.CGST Vadodara
17.	Himachal Pradesh	Shimla	--	CGST Chandigarh	1.CGST Chandigarh 2.CGST Panchkula
18.	Jammu & Kashmir (both Jammu & Srinagar wings)		--	--do--	1.CGST Chandigarh 2.Customs(Prev.) Delhi
19.	Jharkhand	Ranchi	--	CGST Ranchi	1.CGST Ranchi 2.Customs(Prev.) Patna
20.	Karnataka	Bengaluru	--	CGST Bengaluru	1.CGST Bengaluru 2.Customs Bengaluru
21.	--do--	--	Dharwad	--do--	--do--
22.	--do--	--	Kalaburgi	--do--	--do--

Annexure

23.	Kerala	Ernakulam	--	CGST Thiruvananthapuram	1.CGST Thiruvananthapuram 2.CGST Chennai
24.	Madhya Pradesh	Jabalpur	--	CGST Bhopal	1.CGST Bhopal 2.CGST Bhubaneshwar
25.	--do--	--	Gwalior	--do--	1.CGST Bhopal 2.CGST Jaipur
26.	--do--	--	Indore	--do--	1.CGST Bhopal 2.CGST Jaipur
27.	Madras	Chennai	--	CGST Chennai	1.CGST Chennai 2.Customs Chennai
28.	--do--	--	Madurai	--do--	1.CGST Chennai 2.Customs(Prev.) Trichy
29.	Manipur	Imphal	--	CGST Shillong	1.CGST Shillong 2.CGST Kolkata
30.	Meghalaya	Shillong	--	--do--	1.CGST Shillong 2.CGST Kolkata
31.	Orissa	Cuttack	--	CGST Bhubaneshwar	1.CGST Bhubaneshwar 2.CGST Visakhapatnam
32.	Punjab & Haryana	Chandigarh	--	CGST Chandigarh	1.CGST Chandigarh 2.CGST Panchkula
33.	Rajasthan	Jodhpur	--	CGST Jaipur	1.CGST Jaipur 2.Customs(Prev.) Delhi
34.	--do--	--	Jaipur	--do--	1.CGST Jaipur 2.Customs(Prev.) Delhi
35.	Sikkim	Gangtok	--	CGST Kolkata	1.CGST Kolkata 2.Customs Kolkata
36.	Telangana	Hyderabad	--	CGST Hyderabad	1.CGST Hyderabad 2.CGST Visakhapatnam
37.	Tripura	Agartala	--	CGST Shillong	1.CGST Shillong 2.CGST Kolkata
38.	Uttarakhand	Nainital	--	CGST Meerut	1.CGST Meerut 2.CGST Lucknow
39.	Cases of DRI/GST Intelligence pending in all High Courts	--	--	Pr.DG, DRI	1.Pr.DG, DRI 2.Pr.DG, GST Intelligence