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The 1st quarter meeting of the J.C.M. for FY 2019-20 was held at 03.30 p.m. on 22.08.2019 in the Custom House. Shri Mohd Yousaf, Commissioner presided over the meeting.

The following members were present.

1. Dr Harish J, Joint Commissioner
2. Dr Raji N S, Deputy Commissioner
3. Shri Koshy Alex, Asst. Commissioner
4. Shri V J Rajmohan, Superintendent of Customs (General)
5. Smt Pushpavally Kaithakattil, Administrative Officer
6. Shri K.K. Thankachan, Administrative Officer

Staff Side:

S/Shri/Smt

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| 1. Baiju Daniel | Customs Appraising Officers' Association |
| 2. V L A Prasad | Customs Appraising Officers' Association |
| 3. Harish Kumar | Cochin Customs Preventive Service Association |
| 4. Arun K Chhari | Cochin Customs Preventive Service Association |
| 5. K P Suresh Kumar | Cochin Customs Preventive Service Association |
| 6. Jimmy Mathew | Cochin Customs Preventive Service Association |
| 7. K V Vivek | Cochin Customs Ministerial Officers' Association |
| 8. Minimol Pathrose | Cochin Customs Preventive Service Group C Officers' Association |
| 9. Joseph Hygiene | Cochin Customs Preventive Service Group C Officers' Association |

The minutes of the meeting is enclosed.

(कोशी अलेक्स / KOSHY ALEX)

सहायक आयुक्त / ASST COMMISSIONER (ESTT)

F.NO: S.45/30/2007-Estt. Cus.Pt.I

Dated: 20.09.2019

Copy to:

1. All Service Associations.
2. All Nominees from the Staff Side.
3. Concerned Asst./Dy. Commissioners for necessary action on points
4. All Nominees from Official side.
5. Caretaker for necessary action.
6. Commr./Joint. Commrs. /A.C. (P)/ S.C. (Gen).
7. The Chief Commissioner of Central Tax, Excise & Customs, Thiruvananthapuram Zone, C.R.Building, I.S.Press Road, Cochin-682 018

MINUTES OF THE JCM MEETING HELD ON 22.08.2019 AT CUSTOM HOUSE, COCHIN

Sl. No.	POINTS	COMMENTS
I	OUTSTANDING POINTS	
1.	Customs Appraising Officers' Association	
a.	The members claimed that representations that have been submitted wrt implementation of Parmar Judgment are pending and revision of seniority lists needs to be examined.	Raised the issue again as a fresh point. See point at II.1.iii. – Point Closed.
b.	Delay in grating of ACP to Appraising Officers in spite of CAT's Order.	Raised the issue again as a fresh point. See point at II.1.i. – Point Closed.
c.	Delay in settlement of Tour TA claims and arbitrary reduction of the amount payable to Staff.	Best efforts have been made to clear the pendency as per TA Rules. The TA claims pertains to 2018 almost cleared. (Action – AC (Admn))
d.	Consideration of Officers who are working in sections like PAD, Appraising, Audit etc for reward scheme.	Raised the issue again as a fresh point. See point at II.1.ii. – Point Closed.
2.	Cochin Customs Preventive Service Association	
a.	All Group B Officers are eligible for Brief Case Allowance PAO has not sanctioned the amount for lack of CBIC Circular.	Raised the issue again as a fresh point. See point at II.2.i. – Point Closed.

b.	Non availability of vehicle on tarmac at Airport restraining the capability of Officers. Similarly gate to gate transit is time consuming for officers. Additionally refreshment facilities are not available for officers who stay late for duty in Airport.	<p>CIAL informed that there is no fund allocation for the Customs in the matter. Commissioner informed that he will take up the matter again with the CIAL. No further developments reported from Airport.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action – AC (Airport))</p>
c.	Restoration powers of POs to board the vessels.	<p>The powers of POs to board the vessels have been restored vide Office Order No. 96/2019 dated 19.07.2019. – Point Closed.</p>
d.	Creation of Centralised Reward Section in Custom House.	<p>Creation of Centralised Reward Section - may be examined. No further development reported.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Action – DC (Prev))</p>
e.	Revival of AIU Admin for post seizure follow-up and reward processing.	<p>Raised the issue again as a fresh point. See point at II.2.vii. – Point Closed.</p>
f.	Cafeteria at Airport for Customs Staff.	<p>Raised the issue again as a fresh point. See point at II.2.vi. – Point Closed.</p>
g.	Implementation of First in First Out System for bill settlement in Administration Section.	<p>Raised the issue again as a fresh point. See point at II.2.xi. – Point Closed.</p>
h.	Implementation of CGHS in Kochi.	<p>SC(G) informed that with regard to the implementation of CGHS in Kochi, the building and other infrastructure are at finishing stage at Chelavanoor, Kochi. Commissioner directed to ascertain the exact status.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Action – DC (Prev))</p>

i.	Inclusion of relaxation clause Superintendents RR.	RR amended and relaxation clause included vide GSR No. 176 dated 10.06.2019. – Point Closed.
j.	Automated Duty payment kiosk at Airport.	Commissioner directed to conduct a study on automated duty payment kiosk at other Airports in metro cities. No further development reported. (Action – DC (Prev))
3.	Customs Preventive Service Group ‘C’ Officers Association	
a.	The Uniform allowance of Rs.10,000/- as per 7 th CPC has not been extended to Havaldar/Head Havaldar.	Dress Allowance of Rs.5000/- admissible to non-executive staff already disbursed. A letter has already been sent to Board for clarification regarding whether Dress Allowance of Rs.10,000/- admissible to executive staff is also admissible to Havaldars and Head Havaldars. No communication from the Board received. Contacted other Commissionerates and confirmed that they are also giving Rs.5,000/- only as Dress Allowance to Havaldars and Head Havaldars as per the guidelines under 7 th CPC. (Action – AC (Admn))

4.	Cochin Customs Ministerial Officers' Association	
a.	Stagnation in TA Cadre due to the increase in qualifying service from 3 years to 10 years for promotion to the grade of Executive Assistants.	In view of Board's direction to review all DPCs conducted during the period 2013 onwards for promotion from LDC to TA, TA to STA, STA to PO/EO etc, they are not pursuing the issue further.
b.	The STA post now re-designated as EA which was earlier 100% promotional post has now been made to 40% by direct recruitment through the same qualifying examination with minimum qualification as graduation.	-- do --
c.	The requirement of qualifying service of 5 years in EA Cadre for the promotion to the post of Inspector may be reduced to 2 years as earlier.	-- do --
d.	The combined service of MTS/Havaldar with LDC may be counted for promotion to the grade of TA and eligibility service may be reduced to 5 years as in CBDT.	-- do --
e.	Abolition of the post of LDC and merger with the post of TA as done in CBDT.	-- do --

II	FRESH POINTS	
1.	Customs Appraising Officers' Association	
i.	Delay in grating of ACP to Appraising Officers in spite of CAT's Order.	Only Baiju Daniel, Appraiser case is pending. In this regard the CAT Order has been forwarded to the Cadre Controlling Office - Chennai, Custom House for implementation. In view of non-receipt of any orders on implementation, Commissioner informed that he will take up the matter with Principal CC, Chennai. (Action - AC (Estt))
ii.	Consideration of officers who are working in Sections like PAD, Appraising, Audit etc for reward scheme.	Commissioner informed that as per the general guidelines for granting rewards, case of all eligible officers will be considered.
iii.	Publication /Revision of Seniority Lists of all cadres (Wherever Direct Recruitment is prescribed) as per Parmar Judgement.	A draft seniority list issued. As the matter is sub judice in view of SLPs pending before the Hon'ble Supreme Court Board vide letter dated 26.10.2018 in F No. A 32022/57/2016-Ad.III.A (Part-4) to maintain status quo. Further direction from the Board is awaited. (Action - AC (Estt))
iv.	Re-fixation of seniority of Appraisers - The seniority lists of Examiner has been revised at Cochin Custom House consequent to the Hon'ble CAT Order, but the same has not been revised at Chennai Custom House.	Status of re-fixation of seniority of appraisers consequent to the revision of seniority of Examiners at Cochin Custom House may be ascertained from Chennai Custom House. (Action - AC (Estt))

v.	Publish an order towards office timings for the officers who are working at CFSs to clear the ambiguity.	At present issuing of an order towards office timings is unwarranted. – Point Closed.
2.	Cochin Customs Preventive Service Association	
i.	Brief Case allowance is not being sanctioned by PAO for lack of clarity in pay level. Request for early action to disbursal of the Brief Case Allowance.	Commissioner informed that he will take immediate action to resolve the issue. (Action – AC (Admn))
ii.	Urgent need for proper transfer and rotation policy for Preventive Cadre in Custom House, Cochin.	Commissioner directed DC (Prev) to examine the matter and frame a suitable transfer and rotation policy for Preventive Cadre. (Action – DC (Prev))
iii.	Proper seating arrangements with adequate infrastructure may be provided to Superintendents and POs as per DGHRD norms. Urgent attention sought at sections like CCU, Appeal, IAD, EOU, Review Cell and RR Cell.	Due to space crunch adequate space as per DGHRD norms cannot be provided at present however all other infrastructure facilities will be provided. (Action – DC (Prev))
iv.	Rotation time within general preventive may be reduced to one month from the existing three months.	Commissioner directed DC (Prev) to examine the matter. (Action – DC (Prev))
v.	Posting of POs in CFS need to be restored for discharging duties such as gate duties and stuffing / de-stuffing supervision.	Commissioner directed DC (Prev) to examine the matter. (Action – DC (Prev))

vi.	Cafeteria at Cochin Airport to provide refreshment facilities of officers posted at airport.	Commissioner observed that Cafeteria at Cochin Airport for few staff members is not required, therefore directed to provide a Coffee/Tea Vending Machine at Cochin Airport. (Action – DC (Prev))
vii.	AIU Admin for post seizure follow-up work and reward processing.	Since the post seizure follow-up work and reward processing work can be managed by the batch Superintendent, no separate arrangement is warranted. (Action – AC (Airport))
viii.	Request for arrear of dress allowance for the year 2017 as the same was paid at old rates after issuance of the Circular.	Commissioner directed to examine the matter and take necessary action. (Action – AC (Admin))
ix.	Lunch and special items finish early in Customs Canteen. Food to Customs Staff be ensured on priority basis. Bulk parcels of special items and snacks may be restricted.	Commissioner directed to examine the matter initiate necessary steps to avoid the complaints. (Action – DC (Prev))
x.	Installation of more Aadhar enabled Biometric Attendance Terminals in Custom House especially near UB Cell etc.	Commissioner directed to purchase adequate number of Biometric Attendance Terminals and also make necessary arrangements to provide good Wifi connections for its smooth functioning. (Action – DC (Prev))

xi.	Delay in clearance of TA/DA/Medical Reimbursement Bills. Open a register in Admin Section to record all receipts with date and also record all dates with respect to processing of each bill.	Commissioner directed to fix an action plan to clear all the pending TA/DA/Medical Reimbursement Bills at the earliest. (Action – AC (Admin))
xii.	Streamlining of deputation to places like Delhi Airport and other Directorates under CBIC.	Considering the acute shortage of staff in Custom House Cochin deputation to places like Delhi Airport and other Directorates under CBIC cannot be considered at present. – Point Closed.
3.	Customs Preventive Service Group ‘C’ Officers Association	
i.	Deployment of private security staff to man Customs gates at Custom House and Airport as there is a heavy shortage of Havaldars.	Considering the acute shortage Commissioner suggested to post only one Havaldar in the Custom House Gate during the night shift and to manage the duty with the help of Havaldar posted to Warehouse. It is also suggested to initiate action to recruit Havaldars through sports quota to reduce the shortage. (Action – AC (Estt))
4.	Cochin Customs Ministerial Officers’ Association	
i.	Consideration of Inter Commissionerate Transfer request submitted by two physically handicapped ministerial officers.	Due to the shortage of staff request for ICT/deputation cannot be considered at present. When the position improves the case can be reviewed. – Point Closed.