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To

Sri. Pranab Mukherjee,  
Hon'ble Minister of Finance,  
Ministry of Finance,  
Government of India,  
C.S.Building, North Block,  
New Delhi-110001.

Respected Sir,

Subject: Acute stagnation and serious pay erosion suffered  
by Superintendent of Central Excise.

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It has been reported to me that 11481 numbers of Superintendent of Central Excise, the highest number of Group 'B' Gazetted Executive Officers in any of the department under the Central Government, are facing perennial problems of acute stagnation resulting serious pay erosion in comparison to their coevals in Income Tax Department in the same ministry.

Sir, your kind honour know that the most of the Superintendents who have been recruited as Inspectors of Central Excise are retiring from the same post after only one promotion in their service career in comparison to ministerial cadre and IRS Officers in the same department, who are getting 4-5 promotions. Even the Preventive Officers and Examining Officers in Customs side are getting at least three promotions in the same department.

Sir, our economy being resilient requires concerted efforts by the Law making authority and implementing agencies for smooth collection of tax to narrow the gap of fiscal deficit for the development of our country. The Inspectors and Superintendents of Central Excise are the cutting edge officers for collection of indirect taxes of Central Excise, Customs duty and Service tax and under the aegis of your able leadership they are ready to devote themselves in garnering maximum possible revenue provided your kind honour takes steps to ameliorate the problems of acute stagnation and resultant severe pay erosion in comparison to their coevals in Income Tax Department in the same ministry.

**The VI Pay Commission having understood that the ministry and department are in better position to restructure individual services to make them modern, professional and citizen friendly entitles that are dedicated to the service of the people, recommended to organize themselves.** The CBE&C appears to be very slow to organize it in conformity with the requirement of changed provisions of Law. It is also reported that while dealing a representation of

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Association, the Member (P&A) and Joint Secretary (Administration) of the Board were unanimous for making of a separate Service Rules for all the Group B (Gazetted and Non-Gazetted) officers and wanted to convince the other Board Officials in the Board Meeting on 30-01-2008 but the said meeting was not convened. Thereafter, the process is delayed by appointment of Committee and Study Groups.

In view of the above, I find no other alternative but to disturb you to draw your kind attention and requests to take urgent action to boost the morale of the officers.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

**(R.Dhruvanarayan)**  
Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha),  
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