



GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
OFFICE OF THE PR. COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS (AIRPORT & ADMIN.)
AIR CARGO COMPLEX, N.S.C.B.I AIRPORT, KOLKATA – 700052

F. No. S60 (Misc)-93/2017CCI/9799

Date: 08.02.2019

To,

Shri Jaswant Singh,
S/o- Ved Prakash,
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Subject: Reply of your RTI application dated 20.11.2018 (C.C.O. Reg. No. 04/CCO/KOL/CUS/RTI/2019 dated 03.01.2019) – reg.

Please refer to your online RTI application dated 20.11.2018 (C.C.O. Reg. No. 04/CCO/KOL/CUS/RTI/2019 dated 03.01.2019) seeking information under Right to Information Act'2005. The RTI application was received at Air Cargo Complex, Kolkata on 11.01.2019 (vide RTI Cell letter F.No. S-RTI-05-01/2019-A&A dated 04.01.2019 and CCO letter dated 03.01.2019) from Custom House, Kolkata. The information (import and seizure of Cigarettes) pertains to Special Investigation Branch, ACC Kolkata and the data on seizure made during the period 2017-2018 was obtained from SIB, ACC Kolkata.

Point-wise reply to your RTI application is as follows :

1. Import of several brands and types of cigarettes from several nations is allowed into India. The specific information on brands of cigarettes imported is not available with this office. Cigarettes fall under H.S. Code 2402 and depending on the type (length / filter / tobacco / substitute) of cigarette, Customs Tariff Heading is decided by Customs. Duty Structure for cigarettes is : 30% or 60% Basic Customs Duty (30% or 60% depending on the type of Cigarette), 10% Social Welfare Surcharge and 28% IGST. Accordingly, Total Customs Duty is 70.24% or 112.48% of Assessable Value.
2. Import of Cigarettes is subject to provisions contained in the "Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products (Packaging and Labelling) Amendment Act 2003", as amended from time to time and notified by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (available on www.mohfw.nic.in). Import Policy restrictions/conditions in this regard are provided vide DGFT Notification No. 36 dated 17.01.2017. Goods which do not conform to the COTPA Act 2003 are dealt with according to due procedure of law (seizure, confiscation, disposal / destruction / auction).
3. NIL reply from Air Cargo Complex, Kolkata.
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5. Appropriate action is taken for violations of the COTPA Act 2003 in terms of provisions given under Section 110, 111 and 112 of the Customs Act 1962.
6. Two cases of smuggling of cigarettes (in violation of the COTPA Act 2003) were detected at Air Cargo Complex in past five years. On 06.09.2017, total 22,69,600 sticks of cigarettes having estimated value of Rs. 1.82 Crores were seized by SIB. On 04.05.2018, total 14,000 sticks of cigarettes having

