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*Dear colleagues,*

The second refund fortnight drive has concluded successfully with far reaching results and interventions by all our officers. I am happy to share the refund details with you which has already been published in the press release dated 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2018. The total refunds of IGST during this fortnight as extended till 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2018 is Rs 21,142 crore, RFD-01A claims sanctioned by Centre is Rs. 9,923 crore. States sanctioned Rs 6,997 crore during this period. I would like to congratulate each and every officer and staff of the department who have contributed to this success. Needless to say, the same sense of enthusiasm and vigor should continue unabated for each and every case of refund.

On 1<sup>st</sup> July of 2017, as we started the journey of implementing the historic reform of GST, it was natural for all of us to be slightly apprehensive as well as anxious about the same, since the change was all about ushering in an entirely new system of indirect taxation. We are now about to complete the first year of GST and I can confidently say that the year has been remarkable as well as successful. In this journey of a year, we faced teething problems, particularly on the IT front. But, through the pro-active and swift decision making process, solutions were found for most of the issues. For example a simplified return form was designed which helped tax payers to get used to this new system. As a result, revenue realisation stabilised during the Financial Year 2017-18. Similarly, a new part manual refund process was implemented as a result of which refund could be sanctioned with greater speed. We are using concepts like special refund fortnights to make a concerted effort to settle refund claims under this new system as early as possible.

In order to recognise the hard work put in by each and every officer, it has been decided to celebrate 1<sup>st</sup> July as GST Day. I request all my colleagues to celebrate the day to mark this special occasion. Events and programs may be conducted in coordination and association with the State Government. The overall objective should be to publicise the efforts put in by the department to make the transition seamless. Efforts may also be continued to spread awareness about GST and to understand issues being faced by various stakeholders. I am sure you would come up with innovative ideas to celebrate the day. A broad outline about the GST Day has already been issued by Member (GST) vide his DO letter dated 21<sup>st</sup> June 2018. I once again congratulate all of you for making GST a success by sheer dint of hard work and sincerity.



This week, I along with the Members of the Board visited the IT facility at NBCC Saket. It was a wonderful experience for all of us to see what the automation wing of the department has done so far. We all are so impressed by the highly technical work being carried out by our very own officers of DG Systems. I would like to congratulate every officer and staff member of the DG Systems for the tremendous behind the scene work which has been and will always be so critical for the department. I would also request officers to visit this facility whenever feasible to appreciate the kind of work being done here. Also, this week I had the pleasure of interacting with the CEO and other senior officers handling different wings of GSTN. This interaction was highly informative and educational and helps us understand the various tasks being handled by them.

Wish you all a very happy weekend.

Yours sincerely,



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To,

All officers and staff of Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs