

	<p>केंद्रीय अप्रत्यक्ष कर और सीमा शुल्क बोर्ड Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs विधि कार्य निदेशालय Directorate of Legal Affairs</p>	
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F. No.1080/54/DLA/SC/2021 | 1546 — 1550

Date: 10/09/2021

To

1. **The Joint Secretary (Review),
CBIC, 4th Floor, Hudco Vishala Building,
R. K. Puram, New Delhi – 110066.**
2. **The Commissioner (Legal)
CBIC, 5th Floor, Hudco Vishala Building,
R. K. Puram, New Delhi – 110066.**
3. **The Pr. Chief Commissioners/Chief Commissioner of CGST (All)
The Pr. Chief Commissioners/ Chief Commissioner of Customs (All).**
4. **The Pr. Director General, Directorate of Revenue Intelligence,
7th Floor, Drum Shape Building, D- Block, I.P. Estate,
New Delhi-110002.**
5. **The Pr. Director General, GSTI, West Block 8, Wing No.6,
2nd Floor, R.K. Puram, New Delhi-110066.**

Sir/Madam,

Subject: Reducing delay in litigation management – reg.

Please refer to letter of even no. 1455-1459 dated 31.08.2021 informing that recently, the Hon'ble Supreme Court has expressed displeasure on delay in filing of Appeals by the department and has suggested adoption of technology based solutions to avoid such delays.

2. The Department of Revenue has issued O.M. F. No. C-18018/2/2021-Coord dated 26.08.2021 (copy enclosed) to carry out certain modification in LIMBS (Legal Information Management & Briefing System) and increasing use of e-office system by officers responsible for litigation management.
3. In view of the above, you were requested to give your suggestions by 09.09.2021 for making changes in the LIMBS for the ultimate objective of faster filing of appeals.
4. However, no reply has been received. Since the matter is time bound you are requested to give your inputs latest by 15.09.2021.

Yours faithfully,

Encl: As above


(Pankaj Jain)
Additional Commissioner

F. No. C-18018/2/2021-Coord
Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Revenue

North Block, New Delhi
Dated 26th August, 2021

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Reducing delay in litigation management.

1. During the course of hearing in the CA No. 674 of 2021, Hon'ble Supreme Court was pleased to observe delay in filing of SLPs against orders of lower courts/ High Courts/Tribunals beyond the stipulated limitation period of 90 days and has required for adoption of technological solutions, amongst other measures, to avoid such delays and better litigation management.
2. The Legal Information Management Briefing System (LIMBS) is an IT platform developed by National Information Centre and piloted by Department of Legal Affairs, Ministry of Law and Justice for management of court cases. Central Government has already been making efforts to increase adoption of LIMBS for case management within the Government.
3. In the case referred to in paragraph 1, Hon'ble Supreme Court is pleased to examine the proposal of Government that certain modifications should be carried out in LIMBS and it should be used extensively for litigation management. These changes include—
 - (a) Integration of LIMBS with e-courts system and other IT Systems of various judicial bodies including Supreme Court and Tribunals and with a view to enrich LIMBS and make it a comprehensive platform for litigation management.
 - (b) Integration of LIMBS with e-office system to automate the process of decision making in Government offices in the course of litigation management and managing cases not only in a particular judicial forum but across the litigation hierarchy.
 - (c) Make changes to the current platform to ensure greater usability by cross section of departments including generation of MIS, user alerts etc. for effective exceptional handling.
4. In addition to the changes in the LIMBS platform, certain changes would have to be brought within the offices vested with the responsibility of litigation management like increasing use of e-office system of NIC. In addition, increased adoption of technological solution by judicial bodies like courts and tribunals and

their closer linkage with LIMBS would have immense positive impact on litigation management and faster filing/disposal of cases.

5. For preparing an effective system, optimal implementation of various changes in the case management within the shortest possible period of time and to coordinate amongst all stake holder departments/Boards for the said purpose, a Committee is constituted comprising of various stakeholders with following composition—

- i) Shri Ashish J. Shiradhonkar, Sr. Technical Director, NIC
- ii) Shri Rajinder Kumar Kaul, Sr. Technical Director, NIC
- iii) Shri R.K. Srivastava, Addl. Legal Adviser, MoL&J
- iv) Shri Pankaj Jain, Additional Commissioner, Directorate of Legal Affairs, CBIC
- v) Shri Gaurav Bansal, Joint Director, Supreme Court Cell, Directorate of Legal & Research, CBDT
- vi) Dr. N. Gandhi Kumar, Director (Coordination), Department of Revenue [Convenor]

to—

- (a) guide the changes required in LIMBS to make it more effective for litigation management.
- (b) ensure integration of LIMBS with the IT system of Courts, Tribunals etc. including e-Courts system of NIC.
- (c) guide the process of integration of LIMBS with e-office
- (d) guide universal adoption of LIMBS and e-office in the relevant offices under Department of Revenue.
- (e) suggest changes in the IT solutions adopted in the Courts/ Tribunals etc. that could significantly improve litigation management for suggesting other measures to remove roadblocks in efficient litigation management
- (f) To finalize and operationalize the effective system within 3 months from today and appraise the Hon'ble Supreme Court accordingly.



(Xavier Toppo)
Under Secretary to
Government of India

To

- 1. DG, NIC
- 2. Law Secretary
- 3. Chairman, CBDT/CBIC