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Sub:- Disposal of refund applications – Instructions issued – reg.

In spite of specific instructions regarding speedy disposal of refunds, the trade has been complaining of the delay in getting refunds from the department. Accordingly, the Minister for Finance, in Para 394 of Budget Speech, 2012 has announced that the refund processes will be accelerated.

Timely processing of refunds is a critical activity especially for exporter and other dealers who incur heavy capital expenditure and a slow refund process implies stagnation of working capital of a large segment of dealers.

With the implementation of e-Filing and e-Declarations, processing of refund applications has been made easy.

Hence, there is no reason to withhold any refunds when the dealer has filed the requisite documents, returns and enclosures.

In the circumstances for enabling the speedy disposal of refund applications the following instructions are issued:

Henceforth, all assessing authorities shall dispose off the refund applications in 21B, 21C, & 21CC received by them within two months from the date on which the dealer submitted all the relevant records rectifying the defects, if any pointed out.

Now that e-Filing has stabilized, the declaration in Form no.21J, which is a necessary document to be produced along with refund claim, is dispensed herewith.

Corresponding rule provisions will be modified suitably to meet the above requirements.

All district Deputy Commissioners / Inspecting Asst. Commissioners shall monitor the receipt and disposal of refund applications and the same should form part of their work review. Explanation of the officer should be called for in cases where the statutory time limit has exceeded. In cases where the explanation is not found satisfactory, disciplinary proceedings shall be initiated.

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