



Reward Scheme for Informers



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Central Board of Excise & Customs
Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance
Government of India

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- ▲ Government functions with the help of taxes collected from citizens and business entities. However, a lot of Government revenue is lost through evasion.
- ▲ To enhance the detection of evasion, Government has framed the system of rewards to the people who help in the detection of tax evasion.
- ▲ The following are a few guidelines for the people who would like to help detection of Customs/Central Excise Duty/Drawback /Service Tax evasion/frauds:
 - ▲ Under the existing Rewards Scheme, Government of India grants handsome rewards to informers who provide specific information leading to seizure of goods, currency, bullion or leads to detection of duty evasion including wrong declaration of quantity, description, value etc.
- ▲ **Manner of providing Information**
 - An Information is any useful message received from the public or any person for that matter revealing fraudulent evasion of duty. It is the message based on which the department officials conduct further enquiry and investigation leading to seizure/ detention.
 - An Information has to be given in writing addressed to the Head of the department.
 - An Information should contain details of the evasion known, such as name & address of the firm, method adopted for the evasion, the persons responsible and other relevant details.

▲ Rewards Scheme for Informers:-

- The maximum amount of rewards to the informers can be as high as 20% of the value of confiscated goods and penalty realised.
- The maximum reward in respect of gold is Rs. 50,000/- per kg., for silver it is Rs. 1,000/- per kg., for Opium it is Rs. 220/- per kg., for Heroin it is Rs. 20,000/- per kg., for Cocaine it is Rs. 40,000/- per kg. and for Hashish it is Rs. 400/- per kg.
- If the Information leads to detection of duty evasion, maximum reward of 20% of the duty evaded plus 20% of the fine/penalty realised can be given as reward to the informers.
- There is also a provision for sanction of advance reward in suitable cases.

▲ The reward scheme to the informer has been extended to the cases of recovery from tax defaulters.

- Reward is admissible to an informer who gives information regarding the whereabouts, assets, immovable properties etc. of persons from whom arrears of duty, tax, fine, penalty etc. are to be realised and the information results in recovery of arrears up to a maximum of 5% of the amount recovered.
- For details and further conditions of Reward Policy, relevant circulars available at various Customs and Central Excise websites may be referred to .

▲ **Contact us:-**

- In case you have any specific information to give, you can contact any of the officers of-
- Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) or Customs (Preventive) for information relating to evasion of Customs Duty and Narcotic Drugs/ Psychotropic Substances. *Email-drihqrs@nic.in, Phone: 011-23379590*
- Directorate of Central Excise Intelligence (DGCEI) or Officers of Central Excise (Anti Evasion) for Information relating to evasion of Central Excise Duty and Service Tax.
- For your convenience, some important addresses with Telephone Nos. have been listed at **cbec.gov.in** and at **dri.nic.in**.

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