

**Information Sought :** RTI Application under Section 6(1) of the RTI Act 2005  
To

The Central Public Information Officer  
Office of the Chairman CBIC  
New Delhi

Respected Sir

Subject-RTI query regarding mid term premature transfers of Superintendents in Kolkata Customs arising from non acceptance of ad hoc temporary promotion to the post of Assistant Commissioner  
CBIC issued Promotion Order No. 157 of 2025 dated 30.09.2025 granting ad hoc

temporary promotion to the post of Assistant Commissioner. Around 222 Superintendents across various CBIC formations did not accept the said promotion.

No instruction, rule or guideline was issued by CBIC or any Commissionerate stating that refusal of such ad hoc promotion would entail adverse consequences such as removal from sensitive postings or premature transfer.

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However, in Kolkata Customs, the Chief Commissioner reportedly directed Airport, Port and Preventive Commissionerates to remove officers who not accepted the promotion from sensitive postings. Consequently, these officers were transferred or are being transferred within five to six months, despite the Transfer and Posting Policy prescribing a minimum tenure of one year.

Further, in CCP West Bengal, GST deputed officers who also declined the promotion were not subjected to similar removal or premature transfers, unlike officers of the Sea Customs Wing, indicating differential treatment.

Information sought

1. Has CBIC issued any condition, rule or instruction stating that refusal of an adhoc or temporary promotion would attract adverse consequences such as premature or mid term removal from present posting.
  2. Were the mid term or premature transfers made in Kolkata Customs based on any specific rule, or were they outside the existing transfer and posting policy framework.
  3. Have any other Commissionerates under CBIC taken similar action against officers who declined the ad hoc promotion to Assistant Commissioner.
  4. If these transfers in Kolkata were made solely due to non acceptance of the ad hoc promotion and without supporting rules, will CBIC take cognizance of the matter.
  5. In view of written instructions dated 16.10.2025 directing removal of Superintendents from sensitive postings solely for refusing promotion, does CBIC consider such instructions punitive rather than administrative, and whether such instructions be declared as ultra vires.
  6. Is there any administrative justification for the differential treatment in premature or mid term transfers between GST deputed officers and Sea Customs Wing officers in CCP West Bengal.
  7. In view of the above, Will CBIC issue directions to restore the affected officers to their original postings till completion of their normal tenure in the interest of fairness and administrative propriety.
- Yours faithfully

**Information Provided :-**

The above RTI application has been transferred to CGST & CX, Jaipur Zone, Jaipur for point No. 3 only and the reply of point No. 3 is as under :-

**Point No. 3:** In CGST & CX, Jaipur Zone, all officers who were promoted as Assistant Commissioner vide Order No. 157/2025 dated 30.09.2025 have accepted and joined on their promotion. Hence, the information sought is NIL in respect of this Zone.