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

New Delhi, the 1st June, 2017

To

All Chief Commissioner of Central Excise,
All Chief Commissioner of Customs & Service Tax,
All Directors General in CBEC.

Subject:-Proposal for seeking relaxation of guidelines on Air Travel on Tours/LTC.

Sir,

The Department of Expenditure vide O.M.No.19024/1/2009-E.IV dated 13th July,2009 provides that all cases of Air travel, both domestic and international, where the Government of India bears the cost of air passage, the officials concerned may travel only by Air India.

2. The Department of Expenditure vide O.M.No.19024/1/2009-E.IV dated 16th September, 2010 provides certain guidelines for travel on tours/LTC, etc.

3. The Board has been receiving a number of references from the different Commissionerate/Directorates, in a routine manner, seeking relaxation of guidelines in respect of travel by airlines other than Air India and also seeking relaxation of rules allowing purchase of tickets from sources other than those specified in Department of Expenditure O.M.No.19024/1/2009-E.IV dated 16.09.2010. On examination, references are further sent to the Department of Expenditure, through IFU for concurrence, wherever necessary.

4. On one such proposal, the Department of Expenditure has advised this Department to ensure strict compliance of extant air travel guidelines by all officials/offices under their administrative control, as relaxation on account of ignorance/unawareness about these guidelines would not be considered in future.

5. Accordingly, all Chief Commissioners/Director Generals are requested to bring the extant guidelines of Department of Expenditure on air travel, to notice of all concerned, for strict compliance.

Yours faithfully,



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