

CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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CHIEF COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE

Introduction:

The erstwhile Bengaluru Customs zone was created on 17.11.1997 with the posting of Shri N Obhrai as the first Chief Commissioner of Customs & Central Excise Bengaluru Zone. A separate Customs Zone has been carved out of this zone w.e.f. 01-11-2002 as per Notification No.14/2002 (as amended). The Zonal office is located at Bengaluru.

Jurisdiction:

The jurisdiction of this Zone originally comprised of the States of Karnataka & Kerala. The jurisdiction of the Zone has been revised and now consists of only two Commissionerates of Bengaluru Customs and Mangaluru Customs in Karnataka State vide Notification No. 26/2008 - Customs (N.T) dated 12.03.2008. The territorial jurisdiction of the Zone extends to the whole of Karnataka. In addition, there are two Commissioners (Appeals) in this Zone located at Bengaluru & Mangaluru, who are independent Appellate authorities dealing with appeals filed against the orders of the officers lower in the rank to that of a commissioner. A bench of Customs, Excise & Service Tax Appellate Tribunal (CESTAT), which deals with appeals against orders passed by the officers of the rank of Commissioner, is also set up in Bengaluru. In the jurisdiction of this Zone there are two International Airports located at Bengaluru & Mangaluru & one major sea port at Mangaluru, besides a number of minor ports. There is one Air Cargo Complex & one Inland Container Depot at Bengaluru.

Functions:

The Chief Commissioner exercises supervision and control over the Customs Commissionerates of this Zone and is responsible for monitoring revenue collection, disposal of pending cases, redressal of grievances etc. The Chief Commissioner also ensures greater coordination among the Commissionerates within the Zone and more effective interaction with the Central Board of Customs & Excise, New Delhi. Further he also discharges certain statutory functions bestowed on him under the Customs statute.

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