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To
The Zonal Chief Commissioner of Customs / CGST (All),
The Principal Commissioner/Commissioner of Customs/Central GST/
Customs (Preventive) (All),
The Pr. Director General /Director General (All) under CBIC.

Sir/Madam,

Subj: All India workshop to be organised by NACIN, Hyderabad on “Sensitizing Customs Officers On Human Trafficking”- Reg.

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Human Trafficking has been identified as the fastest growing criminal industry in the world. It is the world’s third largest crime after drugs and arms trafficking. Human trafficking jeopardizes the dignity and security of trafficked individuals, and severely violates their human rights.

1. Though trafficking is largely a borderless organised crime, India like many other South-Asian countries is fast becoming a source, transit point as well as a destination for the traffickers. The crux of the problem is that human trafficking, being a highly secretive and clandestine trade, remains mostly under-reported and untraced. The linkages of human trafficking with other transnational crimes have led to the emergence of several international initiatives including those under UNODC to impel governments into action.

2. The stringent checks on cross border trafficking, Secure Vigilance in Trafficking routes and proper social accountability is needed. This requires multiagency cooperation and approach. We as customs officers, controlling the entry and exit points of the country especially in airports as well as land customs stations and ports, have a major role to play in preventing cross border human trafficking. The officers in the field are required to be sensitized in identifying the victims and the legal know how to deal with such cases like reporting the incident to the police and securely handing over the custody of the victim to NGO/police etc.
3. NACIN Hyderabad proposes to conduct an **All India Workshop**, the first of its kind on **Sensitizing Customs Officers On Human Trafficking** on **19.02.2019**. It is requested that **Group A and Group B officers** may be **nominated by 05.02.2019** from all the field formations in large numbers so that maximum number of officers benefit from the workshop.

4. NACIN, Hyderabad looks forward to the enthusiastic participation from officers across the country.

Yours faithfully,

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