

CBDT constitutes committee to fine tune transfer policy

In view of large scale cadre restructuring being effected in the Income Tax department recently, the CBDT has constituted a committee to review the existing transfer and posting policy in the organisation.

The restructuring has brought about largescale changes in the jurisdiction of I-T officers and also changes in the assessment ranges for a number of taxpayers.

The seven-member committee, constituted recently and headed by a Delhi-based Principal DG rank officer, has been tasked to submit its report by this month end.

However, its tenure can be extended if the need arises.

According to an order issued by the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), the restructuring "has resulted in creation of new functional divisions and hierarchies and the transfer and posting policy should also lay down norms for regulation of postings in these new created divisions and hierarchies."

Hence, the committee, the order said, will go into the details of fine tuning the existing policy of the department in this regard.

"After restructuring, two new levels (ranks) have been created in the hierarchy of the I-T department, namely, Principal Chief Commissioner or Principal Director General and Principal Commissioner or Principal Director of Income Tax. These two levels have been mostly created by upgradation of certain number of pre-existing posts of Chief Commissioner or Director General and Commissioner or Director respectively.

"After restructuring, the tenures of posting on these posts have been now divided. As the existing transfer and posting policy does not contain any provision for the newly created posts, there is a need to incorporate in the policy the norms for the same," the order issued by CBDT and accessed by PTI said.

The CBDT is the apex policy making body of the I-T department.

The committee has been asked to "examine" all these issues and "prescribe" a standard and uniform policy for implementation in the department across the country henceforth.

The cadre-restructuring in the I-T department, with the creation of over 20,700 posts recently, has brought about a number of changes in the existing jurisdictions of assessing officers (AOs) of the department across the country.

The aim of the I-T department restructuring, according to a blueprint prepared in this regard, is "to check the skewed distribution of posts in the department and to ensure identical hierarichal structure so that the department can effectively tackle taxpayers grievances and issues and ensure better tax collection."

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