

## **Welcome Changes in CESTAT**

**THERE** is no President for CESTAT now. The Senior Vice-President is holding charge. Keeping in view of the difficulties pointed out by the various Members of CESTAT Bar Association, and in order to clear heavy pendency, changes in Cause Lists are proposed from 5 th September 2011.

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++ Two Single Member Benches will sit alternatively on every Friday in CESTAT, Delhi Bench and CESTAT, Mumbai Bench.

++ In Ahmedabad, one DB will sit every day (including Friday) and one single Member Bench will sit every day.

++ In CESTAT, Chennai, Kolkata and Bangalore Benches, DB will function from Monday to Thursday and Single Member cases will be listed before both the Members on every Friday.

It is not clear whether short matters will be listed every day in Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Chennai and Kolkata?

It is strange that Courts in India hear short matters involving stay, waiver, adjournment, etc., first thing in the morning when everybody is fresh. By the time the more important regular final matters are heard, everybody is tired, hungry and sleepy. Why can't the more important main appeals be heard in the mornings and the short matters be heard later in the day? But with unreasonable and huge demands being confirmed by Revenue biased adjudicators, stay matters are vitally important in the Tribunal.

**F.No. 01(24)/Reg/Misc./CESTAT/2011  
Customs, Excise & Service Tax Appellate Tribunal  
West Block-2, R.K. Puram, New Delhi-110066**

**Dated: 17.08.2011**

### **CIRCULAR**

Keeping in view of the difficulties pointed out by the various Members of CESTAT, Bar Association, and in order to clear heavy pendency, it is proposed to bring about the following amendments in the Cause list of all CESTAT, Benches with effect from 5th September, 2011 onwards.

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**(S. Chandran)**  
**Registrar**