

SUCCESS STORY

Brief of the case regarding confiscation of “Holy Quran” by Addl. Commission of Customs, Jawaharlal Nehru Custom House, Raigad, Maharashtra.

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The National Commission for Minorities has received a complaint dated 27.12.2011 from Shri V. B. Singh, Advocate, High Court, Mumbai, alleged that the Addl. Commissioner of Customs, Jawaharlal Nehru Custom House, Raigad, Maharashtra has confiscated 306 Pieces of “Holy Quran” imported by the ‘Konkan Muslim Education Society’ valued at Rs. 2,95,843/- as per Para 2.17 of Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) 2009-14.

As per the decision of the Commission, the matter was taken up with the Ministry of Commerce & Industry vide Commission’s letter dated 01.03.2012 and by Chairperson, NCM with Hon’ble Minister of Minority Affairs and Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India, New Delhi vide D.O. letter dated 12.02.2012. The matter was then taken up by the Hon’ble Minister of Minority Affairs with the Hon’ble Minister of Finance for appropriate action vide his d.o. letter dated 03.04.2012.

As per the action taken report received in the matter from the Ministry of Finance, Deptt. Of Revenue, CBEC (Tariff Unit), Govt. of India, New Delhi, vide their O.M. dated 14.05.2012, they enclosed a copy of the permission letter dated 08.05.2012 issued by the office of the Dy. Director General of Foreign Trade, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, granting approval the import of 306 pieces of old “Holy Quran” valued at Rs. 2,95,843/- by the ‘Konkan Muslim Education Society’ in exemption of Para 2.17 of FTP.