Press Statement 30th August 2015

Department of Revenue Intelligence (DRI), Mumbai WithdrawsNotice to AIIMS

This is response to news reports in the print media, criticizing AIIMS, New Delhi on receipt of a notice u/s 108 of Customs Act issued by DRI Mumbai Unit seeking attendance of the Director AIIMS in Mumbai for not making due payments to the Department of Customs regarding imports of microscopes since 2011 for various departments and centers of AIIMS, New Delhi.

In this regard the AIIMS Administration hereby clarifies that AIIMS has always rigidlyadhered to all tariff regulations laid down by the Department of Customs, paid customs tariff regularly and would be sharing with DRI, Mumbai the details regarding these payments as requested by them.

It is to also state that vide a letter received from DRI Mumbai dated 29th October 2015,the summons issued to the Director AIIMS to attend the hearing in personal capacity has been withdrawn herewith.

Department of Revenue Intelligence has further clarified that this issue is a classification dispute resolution matter covering more than 50 Institutions and AIIMS is not the only entity which is a subject matter of this verification and the exercise is largely technical in nature.