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- Sub: 1. Reduction of Custom Duty to 5% and CVD Nil for Dental Equipments & Materials on par with the list 37,38 and 39 of the same Custom Notification No. 21/2002 CUS Dt. 1.3.2002.
- 2. Central Excise continuing effective rate of 4% on Chapter No. 9018.00 & 9022.10 without availing MODVAT.
- 3. Reducing effective rate of Duty to 4% on items covered under Chapter 9402.10 also.

Sir, dental science is advancing very fast. But, unfortunately most of the precision dental equipment, instruments and materials are still not manufactured in India. The present custom duty is totalling to 39% (BCD-15%, CVD-16%, SADC-4%) on the majority of the dental equipment, instruments and materials.

We appeal to you sir, that atleast Duty on some of the vital, essential Equipment, Instruments & Materials should be reduced to Custom Duty 5%, CVD - NIL, on par with list 37,38 and 39 of the Notification No. 21/2002.

Sir, as you know, ^{of} today there are 150 dental colleges in the country and as many as 10,000 ^{dentists are graduating} graduates are coming out every year. Out of this, 99% graduates are getting self-employed by opening their dental clinics in cities as well as in towns and villages. There are some vital equipments &

materials which every dentist use on every patient. All these are basic equipments and materials used irrespective of patient in the village or town. Many of these equipments and materials are very small and miniature in size, but ^{very often} ~~costly~~ ^{expensive} in nature.

Sir, ^a many times public at large have a wrong impression that Dentistry is Cosmetic in nature, but, in reality only ^{the} small percentage of the patients may use Dentistry for Cosmetic consideration but ^{reasons} ~~rest~~ majority of the patients use it as a vital, oral health treatment, Specially, in small towns & ^{essential}

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