

eGovernance Initiatives at the Excise Directorate, West Bengal

- ✓ Implementation of xPERT (eXcise Programme for Effective Revenue Tracking), the web-enabled software application, designed and developed by National Informatics Centre, Govt of India, marks the initiation of the e-Governance endeavour in the Excise Department.

- ✓ Launching of an RTI Act compliant, comprehensive and citizen-friendly website of the Excise Department will not only fulfil the aspirations of the citizens as well as other users as enshrined in the RTI Act, but will also ensure transparency, accountability and responsiveness in the functioning of this Department.

- ✓ With the inauguration of the streamlined IPBS (Import Permit for Bulk Spirit) module of xPERT by the Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Finance & Excise, Dr Amit Mitra, the licensees of Foreign Manufacturing Units, Country Spirit Bottling Plants who import, transport and export spirit in bulk form, will be able to obtain the Import Permits in a few minutes by means of an effective G2B web-enabled interface.

- ✓ With the widespread use of the ePayment system for all types of Excise Duty and fees through the e-Payment gateway of the State Bank, over 85% of the State's Excise Revenue is being collected online. Licensees have adopted this hassle-free and time-saving system and deposit of Excise revenue is a matter of a few mouse-clicks now.

