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Government of India
Central Vigilance Commission

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To

All Secretaries to the Government of India
All Chief Vigilance Officers
Deputy Secretary (AVD III), DOPT

Subject:- Role of Disciplinary Authority in decision taken.

Sir/Madam,

The Commission vide its Office Order No. 51/9/03 dated 15.9.2003 stressed the need for self-contained speaking and reasoned orders to be issued by the authorities exercising disciplinary powers. The Commission has however, noticed that at the time of issuing final orders imposing a penalty on the charged officer on the advice of the Commission and/or at the time of deposing affidavits in the courts, some Disciplinary Authorities (DA) mention the Commission's reference. The Commission has observed that this leads to an unwarranted presumption that the DA has acted under the influence/pressure of the Commission.

2. The DAs are again informed that, their orders in the matter of disciplinary cases or affidavits to the courts, should in no case imply that any decision has been taken under the influence of the Commission; as the Commission is only an Advisory Body and it is for the Disciplinary Authority to apply its mind subsequent to obtaining the Commission's advice and take reasoned decisions on each occasion. The Disciplinary Authorities are required to strictly follow the above guidelines of the Commission at all stages.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-
(Anjana Dube)
Deputy Secretary