

No.98/MSc/23  
Government of India  
Central Vigilance Commission  
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Satarkta Bhawan, Block 'A',  
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New Delhi 110 023  
Dated the 25<sup>th</sup> March 2003

To

All Chief Vigilance Officers

**Subject:- Utilising the services of outsiders including retired officers for conducting Departmental Inquiries.**

Sir/Madam,

Attention is hereby invited to the instructions contained in the Commission's circular letter No.98-MSc-23 dated 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2002 on the subject cited above.

2. The matter relating to appointment of outsiders including retired officer as Inquiry Officer has been considered further in the Commission and in supersession of all the instructions issued on the subject, it has now been decided that the disciplinary authority may appoint outsiders including retired officer as Inquiry Officer with the approval of the CVO. In case the CVO does not agree to his appointment as Inquiry officer and the DA/management insist on his appointment, only then the approval of the Commission should be sought.

3. However, before doing so, the organizations should lay down clear cut guidelines for appointment of Inquiry Officers.

4. In view of the aforesaid instructions, the Commission does not find the need to maintain a centralized panel.

Yours faithfully,

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