

CENTRAL VIGILANCE COMMISSION

File No. Conf/Misc/21/01

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Public Notice

Sub: Regarding closure of complaints which does not qualify prima-facie as PIDPI complaints without submission to Screening Committee - Reg.

Ref.: Public Notice vide File No. Conf/Misc/21/01 Dated: 30/07/2021 Regarding processing of PIDPI Complaints by the Screening Committee of the Commission.

It is observed that a large number of complaints received under "Public Interest Disclosure and Protection of Informers (PIDPI) Resolution" do not fulfil the eligibility criteria to be dealt under PIDPI Resolution, as keeping the identity of the complainant a secret is not possible due to some deficiency or the other. In this regard, necessary guidelines have already been issued and uploaded on the CVC website, despite this such complaints are still received in a large number.

2. The current practice being followed in the Commission for such complaints is as per Public Notice issued on 30.07.2021 and as per process, the complainant is asked to give confirmation regarding a complaint and then the complaint is filed due to some deficiency, which is leading to delay in meaningful processing of complaints.

3. The complaints which at first glance clearly do not fulfil eligibility criteria for some reasons are such as:

- a. Matter already addressed to other authorities,
- b. Enclosed documents received under RTI Act which will reveal his identity,
- c. Complaints received in open condition or vide email/online portal,
- d. Complaints personally related to the complainant.

4. It has been decided that at the onset itself, at the level of Confidential Section, the matter may be returned to the complainant, explaining that the matter cannot be treated as a PIDPI complaint, clearly enumerating the reasons.

5. The complainant has the avenue of resubmitting the complaint, if he so desires, either under the Complaint Handling Policy as general complaint or after removing the deficiencies as a PIDPI complaint under the provisions of "Public Interest Disclosure and Protection of Informers (PIDPI) Resolution".

6. Issued in Public Interest by the Central Vigilance Commission, INA, Sararkta Bhawan, New Delhi