To

All Chief Vigilance Officers of Ministries/ Departments of Government of India/ Nationalised Banks/ PSU’s Autonomous Bodies, Societies etc.

Subject: Advance copy of CVO investigation reports to CVC.

The Commission finds that there is a disturbing trend noticed in certain organisations under its purview to shield corrupt public servants especially at the senior levels. The modus operandi is not to respond to the CVC’s communications and delay the report as far as possible. Secondly when the CVOs report is submitted, attempts are made to dilute the gravity of offence before reference is made to CVC, if it all made.

2. In order to reduce such in-built safety nets for the corrupt public servants, it has been decided that with immediate effect all CVOs, when they complete their investigation in vigilance cases, will endorse an advance copy of their report to the CVC while submitting their reports/ comments to the superiors in the organisations. The CVC in turn would analyse the reports/ comments and keep the course of action ready. As soon as the reference is received from the appropriate disciplinary authority, could be taken for giving the advice after taking into account the specific advice of the disciplinary authorities. If attempts have been made to dilute the CVOs report and shield the corrupt, this would also become clear.

3. After the CVO gives the investigation report generally the appropriate authorities must be able to send the report to the CVC within one month of the submission of the report. It is quite possible that a series of queries can be raised by way of scrutiny of the CVOs report which can sometimes be a deliberate attempt to shield the corrupt. In such cases, the CVC will be constrained to draw appropriate conclusion about the action being taken by the CVO.

Yours faithfully,

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