Office Order No.14/3/05

To,

(i) The Chairman-Cum-Managing Directors of all Public Sector Banks.
(ii) The Chief Vigilance Officers of PSBs/CBI/ABBCF

Sub: Reporting of frauds perpetrated by bank employees and others to local police/CBI.

Sir/Madam,

Reference is invited to Office Order No. 45/7/04 dated 5th July, 2004 on the above subject. This order raised the limit of cases to be necessarily referred to CBI from Rs. 25 lakh to Rs. 1 crore. Some Banks have been enquiring whether only such frauds in which prima facie involvement of bank employees is evident are to be referred to the CBI or all cases of bank frauds involving Rs. 1 crore and above are to be referred.

2. In this regard, it is clarified that CBI has two separate divisions i.e. Anti-Corruption Division and Economic Offences Division. If a bank fraud case has prima facie involvement of bank employees, the cases need to be referred to Anti-Corruption Branches and if the case does not have prima facie involvement of bank officials, it can be referred to EOW (Economic Offences Wing) of the CBI. For frauds involving more than Rs. 5 crores, the cases are to be referred to Banking Security and Fraud Cell, which is specialized cell of the Economic Offences Wing of the CBI for major bank fraud cases.

3. It is further clarified that cases which need to be referred to CBI/BS&FC units of CBI and Police are as follows:-

I. Cases to be referred to CBI
(a) Cases of Rs. 1 crore and upto Rs. 5 crore
   - Where staff involvement is prima facie evident CBI (Anti Corruption Branch)
   - Where staff involvement is prima facie not evident CBI (EOW Branch)
(b) All cases of Rs. 5 crore and above

II. Cases to be referred to local police

Cases below Rs. 1 crore

4. In addition to the above mandatory references, CVO in consultation with CMD may refer a case involving less than Rs. 1 crore or a case which cannot be classified on monetary limits, to the CBI, if, in the opinion of the CVO, the case is of serious nature and/or has an inter-state or International ramification.

5. Relevant provision of para 6.3 of the Special Chapter on Vigilance Management in Public Sector Banks would stand amended to that extent.

Yours faithfully,

(Anjana Dube)
Deputy Secretary