To

(i) The Secretaries of All Ministries/Departments of Government of India
(ii) All Chief Vigilance Officers of Ministries/Departments/Banks/PSUs/UTs/Autonomous Bodies/Insurance Sectors.

Subject: References to the Commission seeking second stage advice.

The Central Vigilance Commission is empowered to exercise superintendence over the vigilance administration of the various Ministries of the Central Government or Corporations established under any Central Act, Government Companies, Societies and local authorities owned or controlled by that Government in terms of para 3(V) of the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, DOPT Resolution No. 371/20/99-AVD.III dated 4th April 1999.

2. Though there is no categorisation of public servants for determining the Commission's jurisdiction, in view of the magnitude of the total employee strength the Commission had delineated certain levels for making references to the Commission for advice, both first and second stage. It was also directed that this delineation would not operate in composite cases cutting across levels.

3. The Commission observes that, after seeking the Commission's first stage advice in composite cases, the concerned departments/organisations fail to seek second stage advice in the cases of all covered by the first stage advice ostensibly on the ground that certain employees do not come within the purview of the Commission.

4. In view of the comprehensive jurisdiction of the Commission and instructions regarding handling of composite cases, it is hereby clarified that, irrespective of level of the public servant, Commission's second stage advice should be sought in the case of all employees where first stage advice has been rendered by the Commission.

5. This issues with the approval of the Commission.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-
(C.J. Mathew)
Deputy Secretary