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Sub:- PE / QV Registration Report etc. – reg.

Preliminary Enquiry (or QV) has been legally validated by the Hon’ble Supreme Court especially in corruption cases. The idea is to check and verify before registration of a FIR under the PC Act. A PE is conducted basically to find out, prima facie, whether a cognizable offence has taken place. Once a cognizable offence takes place or discovered, a Vigilance Case is registered and detailed investigation is carried out.

02. A PE cannot be equated and compared with a VC in detail and size. VC is definitely larger than a QV.

03. Sometimes in the petition or in the information there will be allegations which may be more than one. There is no bar in registering more than one PEs on such petitions, allegations wise. But that shall be decided by the Directorate only.

04. Once it is decided a PE is to be registered, a Registration Report has to be drawn. The format of the Registration Report is enclosed. This shall be prepared by the Enquiry Officer and submitted to the Unit Head. Enquiry Officer may also take help of the Addl. Legal Adviser while drafting the Registration Report.
05. After the registration of the PE, a Plan of Action should be drawn up by the Enquiry Officer in consultation with the Unit Head. He should put time limit for each of points as contained in the Plan of Action. After the completion of the PE, a Final Report is to be prepared in the same format as prescribed for VCs and submitted to the Unit Head for further necessary action.

06. The Unit Head shall forward such report to the Directorate (through the Range SPs wherever it is required) and the competent officer in the Directorate will pass order after perusing the Factual Report. It may also remembered that an Enquiry may reveal commission of cognizable offences or omissions / commissions warranting departmental action / offences other than PC Act (then to be transferred to the Police).

07. Quick disposal of a PE is very important. Converting a PE, to a VC and which ends in conviction, the Enquiry Officer must be rewarded and also the Law Officer.

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To

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