ORDER

In the Government Order read as second paper above, Government constituted a committee to review the working of the Vigilance machinery in the state and make recommendations for its improvement. The recommendations contained in the report of the Committee have been examined by Government in detail. Government are now pleased to issue the following orders.

(1) The existing practice of conducting preliminary enquiry and detailed enquiry will be dispensed with. There will be only one form of formal enquiry viz., Vigilance Enquiry (VE).

(2) The Director, Vigilance & Anti-Corruption Bureau may conduct ‘Confidential Verification’ for ascertaining whether a particular information or complaint calls for a formal enquiry. This will be done without recording the statement of witness and in total confidentiality.

(3) Anonymous petitions containing specific allegations, when received by Government will be sent to Director, Vigilance & Anti-Corruption Bureau for necessary action and report. Those which are of a vague or general nature will be forwarded to him for necessary action.

(4) When a petition on the basis of which an enquiry is ordered by Government is found to be pseudonymous Director, Vigilance & Anti-Corruption Bureau will report the fact to the Government and such petition will be treated as anonymous.

(5) Petitions containing allegations of departmental irregularities, which do not involve questioning of witnesses outside the department, will be sent to departmental vigilance officers. Those containing serious allegations and involving questioning of outside witnesses will be sent to the Director, Vigilance & Anti-Corruption Bureau for enquiry.

(6) The Vigilance & Anti-Corruption Bureau should collect intelligence on corrupt officials and process the information with utmost confidentiality. The Director
of Vigilance & Anti-Corruption Bureau will personally arrange to get the
time confidentially verified.

(7) A list of officers of doubtful integrity will be maintained by the Vigilance &
Anti-Corruption Bureau.

(8) Petitions received in vigilance units of the Vigilance & Anti-Corruption Bureau
which do not have a vigilance angle will be sent to the district level officers of
the concerned departments. Such petitions received at the vigilance bureau
will be forwarded to the heads of departments concerned.

(9) The Vigilance & Anti-Corruption Bureau will pay better attention to trap cases.

(10) Vigilance & Anti-Corruption Bureau will bestow greater attention on cases of
disproportionate assets.

(11) In future only cases of misappropriation involving an amount of not less than
Rs.50,000/- will be investigated by the Vigilance & Anti-Corruption Bureau.

(12) The time limit for enquiry/investigation will be fixed as follows.

a) Vigilance Enquiry : 3 months
b) Investigation of trap cases : 3 months
c) Investigation of assets cases : 12 months
d) Investigation of other cases : 6 months
e) Enquiry by Vigilance Tribunal : 6 months

(13) The procedure for Surprise Check will be revised as follows:

The role of departmental officer conducting the Surprise Check will be
limited to preparation of the joint mahasser (Inventory) which will be signed
by himself and the officer of the Vigilance & Anti-Corruption Bureau. He need
not prepare a Surprise Check report or submit a report to the head of
department. The Surprise Check report will be prepared by the officer of the
Vigilance & Anti-Corruption Bureau after conducting necessary verification.

Officers of the Vigilance & Anti-Corruption Bureau will be allowed to
avail themselves of the service of technically qualified officials of the
Government agency to assist them in the conduct of Surprise Checks.

(14) Investigation of cases will be conducted by investigation teams headed by the
Deputy Superintendent of Police / Circle Inspector in the vigilance units and
assisted by other police personnel in the unit.

(15) Regular training will be given to police officers working in the Vigilance & Anti-
Corruption Bureau in order to familiarize them with latest techniques or
practices of investigation etc. They will be deputed to the Central Bureau of
Investigation Training Centre at Delhi for this purpose. In-service training will
also be organized by the Director, Vigilance & Anti-Corruption Bureau.
(16) The vigilance setup in the various departments of the Government will be adequately strengthened. Instruction will be issued separately.

(17) Vigilance department in the Secretariat will closely follow-up the vigilance enquiry cases referred to the departments for taking disciplinary action.

(18) A comprehensive Vigilance Manuel will be prepared by the Director, Vigilance & Anti-Corruption Bureau and submitted to Government for approval.

The orders content in the G.O read as 1st paper above will stand modified to the above extent.

By order of the Governor,

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