GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

ABSTRACT

VIGILANCE DEPARTMENT - STRENGTHENING OF VIGILANCE SET UP IN GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND PUBLIC SECTION UNDERTAKING-

ORDERS ISSUED.

VIGILANCE (C) DEPARTMENT


Read :- (1) G.O. (P) No. 65/92/Vig. dated 12-5-1992.
(2) G.O. (Rt.) No. 104/96/Vig. dated 18-7-1996.
(3) G.O. (P) No.18/97/Vig. dated 5-4-1997.

ORDER

The committee constituted by the Government in the G.O. reads as second paper above to suggest measures to improve the working of the Vigilance machinery in the state has, among other things made several recommendations for toning up the administrative vigilance set up in the various Departments.

Government have examined the recommendations of the Committee in this regard and are pleased to issue the following orders :

(a) The administrative vigilance set-up in all departments including those of the Secretariat and all Public Sector Undertakings will be known uniformly by the nomenclature ‘Vigilance Cell’.
(b) Officers of adequate seniority, preferably number two level in each organisation will be designated as Vigilance Officer to head the Vigilance Cell.
(c) The Vigilance Cell will be provided with supporting staff, wherever, necessary, for office work as well as resources for field work.
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(d) The Vigilance Officer will be answerable to the Head of Department or Chief Executive only.
(e) Appointment of vigilance officers will be ordered by the Vigilance Department of Secretariat after obtaining Vigilance clearance from the Director, Vigilance and Anti Corruption Bureau (VACB).

(f) Complaints/Petitions relating to departmental irregularities which prima facie do not amount to criminal misconduct as defined in the P C Act 1988 will be entrusted with the Vigilance Cell for enquiry and report. If the enquiry by Vigilance Cell discloses adequate grounds for action by the Vigilance and Anti Corruption Bureau, a request will be made to the Vigilance Department in the Secretariat.

(g) Activities of the Vigilance Officers will be co-ordinated by the Vigilance Department of the Secretariat, by prescribing periodical reports and returns, arranging training, conducting review meetings etc.

(h) Training will be given to the Vigilance Officers at regular intervals. This could be done by the I.M.G. according to a well-devised training programme. Alternatively, the training could be undertaken by the Director, VACB himself with the faculty drawn from various disciplines.

(i) There should be an annual conference of all Vigilance Officers, presided over by Minister in charge of Vigilance Department. At this conference, all important issues relating to the departmental vigilance will be discussed and appropriate decisions taken.

(j) Government will consider providing some incentives to Vigilance Officers.

It is ordered that the Subordinate Staff for office work as well as field work will be found by suitable deployment of the existing personnel in each Department/Institution without any additional financial commitment.

By order of the Governor

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