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Subject: Second stage consultation with the CVC in disciplinary cases involving consultation with UPSC - Amendment to the Vigilance Manual -reg.

The Commission, at present, is being consulted at two stages in vigilance cases/disciplinary proceedings, i.e. first stage advice is obtained on the investigation reports, and second stage advice is obtained before a final decision is taken at the conclusion of the proceedings. The Department of Personnel & Training (DoPT) had issued guidelines vide OM No.372/19/2011-AVD-III(Pt.) dated 26.09.2011 regarding dispensing with second stage consultation with the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) in disciplinary cases involving consultation with Union Public Service Commission (UPSC).

2. In order to ensure speedy finalisation of disciplinary matters and to avoid possibilities of difference of opinion between UPSC and CVC, it has been decided as a policy to prescribe only one consultation (either with UPSC or with CVC). The Commission therefore, in supersession of all its existing instructions/provisions in the Vigilance Manual hereby prescribes that in disciplinary cases involving Group 'A' officers of the Central Government, members of All India Services and such categories of officers where an original order is to be issued by the President imposing any of the penalties wherein, the UPSC is required to be consulted as per extant rules, the Central Vigilance Commission need not be consulted for second stage advice on conclusion of the disciplinary proceedings. In all such disciplinary cases, in which it is necessary to consult the UPSC, the disciplinary authorities concerned would forward the records of the disciplinary case to the UPSC for its advice and take further action taking into consideration, the advice of the UPSC.

- 3. However, in disciplinary cases wherein, the disciplinary authorities tentatively propose not to impose any of the statutory penalties at the conclusion of the disciplinary proceedings, (i.e. cases where the UPSC are not required to be consulted), the second stage consultation would continue to be made with the Central Vigilance Commission, involving Group 'A' officers of the Central Government, members of All India Services and such other categories of officers of the Central Government involved in composite cases. In other words, all disciplinary proceedings in which the disciplinary authorities propose to exonerate or drop the charges, the consultation at second stage would continue to be made to the CVC by the concerned administrative authorities.
- 4. The above dispensation would not be applicable to the disciplinary cases being referred to the Commission involving officials of the CPSEs/PSBs/Public Sector Insurance Companies/Societies/Local Authorities/Autonomous Organisations etc. and such cases would continue to be referred to the Commission for its second stage advice as per existing prescribed procedure.

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