Office Order No.08/08/2020

Sub.: Adherence to time limits for investigation of complaints referred by the Commission to CVOs of Departments / Organisations - reg.

Ref. Commission’s Office Order No.20/05/10 dated 19.05.2010.

In terms of the powers under Section 8(1) (d) of CVC Act, 2003, the Commission seeks reports from Chief Vigilance Officers (CVOs) of Departments/Organisations on complaints received by the Commission. The CVOs are required to furnish investigation reports on such complaints within three months from the date of receipt of references from the Commission. The Commission observes that the Departments/Organisations do not adhere to the laid down time limits, due to which such matters are inordinately delayed, whereby timely action on complaints is not possible. Many a time, no valid reasons or justification is provided by the CVOs for such avoidable delays in reporting to the Commission.

2. The Commission on review of the existing instructions would reiterate that the prescribed time lines of three months should be strictly followed by the CVOs of Departments/Organisations. The CVOs should personally review all such complaints pending for investigation in the Organisations in the first week of every month and take necessary steps towards expediting/finalisation of reports and its processing.

3. In case, if it is not possible to complete the investigations and refer the matter to the Commission within three months, the CVO should seek extension of time stating the specific reasons/constraints in each case, within 15 days of receipt of reference from the Commission. Such requests from the CVO should be with the approval of the Secretary/CMD/Chief Executive of the Department/ Organisation concerned as the case may be.

4. All CVOs should strictly adhere to the above guidelines and any instance of violation would be viewed seriously by the Commission.

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To: All Chief Vigilance Officers of Ministries / Departments/ CPSEs / PSBs / PSICs/ FIs / Autonomous Organisations / Local Bodies, etc.