## No.002/VGL/61 Government of India Central Vigilance Commission

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Satarkta Bhawan, Block 'A', GPO Complex, INA, New Delhi-110 023 Dated the 16<sup>th</sup> March 2005

## Office Order No.12/3/05

Subject: Action taken on Advices tendered/Complaints referred by the Commission.

The Commission has observed that some of the Govt. Departments were not following the prescribed guidelines as regards action taken on Commission's lst/IInd stage advices. It is also seen that some of the departments are closing the complaints on their own which were forwarded by the Commission for investigation and report.

- 2. Para 22 of Chapter X of Vigilance Manual provides that all cases pertaining to Gazetted Officers (may be read as Group A Officers after passing of CVC Act-2003), in respect of whom the Central Vigilance Commission is required to be consulted, will be referred to the Commission for advice (first/second stage advice). The major penalty cases pertaining to such officers envisage consultation with the Commission at two stages. The first stage of consultation arises while initiating disciplinary proceedings, while second stage consultation is required before a final decision is taken at the conclusion of the proceedings. It follows that the CVC should also be consulted in cases where the disciplinary authority have initiated action for major/minor penalty proceedings and propose to close the case on receipt of Statement of defence.
- 3. As regards the complaints, para 4.1 of Chapter II of CVC Manual envisages that the complaints forwarded for inquiry to the administrative Ministries/ Departments, the CVO concerned will make an inquiry or have an inquiry made into the complaints to verify the allegations and will submit his report together with the relevant records to the Central Vigilance commission. The reports of investigation should normally be sent to the Commission within three months from the date of receipt of the reference from the Commission. In cases where the CVO need more time, an interim reply should be sent to the Commission. It is reiterated that no complaint is to be closed by the department on its own without consulting the Commission, in case the same has been forwarded by the Commission for a report.

The above may be noted for strict compliance by the Ministries/ Departments.

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