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Government of Orissa,
Political & Services Department.

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To

All Secretaries to Government,
All Heads of Departments;
All District Officers.

Dated, Bhubaneswar, the 10th November, 1959.

Sub:- Enquiry by Vigilance Organisation-Cooperation
of all needed.

In partial modification of Home Department Memo No.493(42)/C., dated the 27th February, 1951, the Government are pleased to issue this Circular for the information and guidance of all concerned.

Government attach very great importance to stamping out corruption from amongst public servants. The old Anti-corruption Organisation has been renamed as Vigilance Organisation and is manned by picked up Police Officers under the control of the Chief Secretary to Government. It would be easily realised that the Vigilance Organisation cannot function effectively without the fullest cooperation from all Heads of Departments and Heads of Offices and all honest public servants whose assistance may become necessary at any time for investigating i. to the conduct of dishonest officers. Government would have expected that no instructions or appeal from them would be necessary to secure for their vigilance organisation such cooperation of their officers, but they regret to have to say that instances have already come to their notice in which some Heads of Offices have either refused to allow the Officers of the Vigilance Organisation any facility for making enquiries or have demanded to know the purpose of the enquiry before deciding what facility to afford, despite the fact that the enquiring officers have already been armed with their identity cards which have been supplied to all the officers of the Organisation and which they have been directed to produce whenever their authority is questioned. Government, therefore, desire to impress on you that it shall be your duty to afford all necessary facilities and assistance to Officers of the Vigilance Organisation in their enquiries. If the enquiring officer finds it necessary to take any papers from your office in connection with his enquiry, he should be allowed to do so on signing a proper receipt. The Officers have been instructed not to ask for removal of papers from offices unless it is absolutely necessary for the purposes of their enquiry. If the Head of the Office is reasonably of the opinion that it would hamper his work if any papers are removed from his office, certified copies of the papers, if they could serve the purposes of enquiry, may be given to the enquiring officers by the Heads of the Office. In case, however, where the records required by the enquiring officer are themselves pieces of evidence in the enquiry, the records have to be handed over to the enquiring officer at once if it is considered that not taking charge of the charge of the records immediately will leave

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scope for them being tampered with. In case records duly requisitioned by Vigilance Officers are not made over to them expeditiously it shall be presumed that the Officer withholding the records does it with a view to shield the delinquent officer or he is personally involved in the case.

2. I am to assure you that the Vigilance Organisation would at all times assist you in fighting corruption among your subordinates, should you require their help. They would also at all times wish to take you into their fullest confidence when making enquiries against your subordinate officers, but you will agree that the nature of their work is such that upto a point they have to maintain the strictest secrecy of the purpose of their enquiry and the information available with them or collected by them and so if at any time they are unable to disclose those to you, you should not regard that as lack of trust in you but necessitated by the nature of this work. Moreover, the subordinate officers of the Vigilance Organisation who have to act under the direction of their superior officers are not authorised to disclose such information without taking the orders of the latter.

3. Government trust that after the issue of these instructions they will not receive any further report of lack of cooperation on the part of their officers with the officers of the Vigilance Organisation. If such instances unfortunately still recure. Government would have no option than to conclude that the defaulting officers do not attach the importance the task of stamping out corruption among public servants deserves and such they are not fit to be entrusted with offices of responsibility in the present juncture when corruption among public servants is becoming a vital danger to the welfare of the State and must, therefore, be rooted out with utmost speed and determination.

4. You are requested to communicate these instructions to officers subordinate to you and to acknowledge the receipt of this Circular.

Sd/-V. Ramanathan

Chief Secretary to Government.