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To

All Principal Secretaries to Government,  
Secretaries to Government.

Sub: Expeditious disposal of references made by  
the Vigilance Department for sanction of  
prosecution and taking Departmental action.

Sir,

During a recent review of the activities of the Vigilance Department, it is revealed that proposals for sanction of prosecution are not cleared promptly by the Departments and the Heads of Departments, Public Sector Undertakings and Sub-ordinate Offices under their control. In some cases proposals are kept pending for several months resulting in delay in filing of charge-sheet by the Vigilance Department. As you know the longer the delay, the less is the chance of success of the case in the Court of Law.

2. The experience in respect of proposals sent by the Vigilance for taking Departmental action is still worse. These are not only delayed but also end up in many cases in exoneration of the delinquents as a consequence of improper enquiry. In most of the cases the Vigilance Department is also not kept informed of the out-come of such references.

3. In order to tide over such situation it is imperative that the Departments/Heads of Departments/Public Sector Undertakings/Sub-ordinate Offices should ensure that all proposals for sanction of prosecution should be cleared by them within 2 months. During this period any clarification required from the Vigilance should be obtained and this should in no case be a plea to delay the matter. Similarly the proposals for departmental actions should be cleared within 6 months positively and the disciplinary authorities should take care to see that the enquiries are properly held before passing their final orders. The IVOs/CVOs in the Departments/Heads of Departments/Public Sector Undertakings should

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be made responsible to monitor all these references on day to day basis.

4. The above instructions should be brought to the notice of the Heads of Departments/Public Sector Undertakings and Subordinate Offices under your control. This should also be periodically reviewed by you to ensure that vigilance cases/enquiries reach their logical end expeditiously.

5. Progress of sanction of prosecution and departmental action arising out of vigilance cases/enquiries would be reviewed once every 3 months in the fortnightly meeting of Secretaries and Special Secretaries to which Director, Vigilance would be invited to participate with a departmentwise pending list.

Yours faithfully,

CHIEF SECRETARY, ORISSA

Faint, mirrored text from the reverse side of the page, including phrases like 'During a recent review of the activities of the Vigilance Department...', 'The experience in respect of proposals sent by the Vigilance for taking Departmental action is still worse. These are not only delayed but also end up in many cases in exoneration of the delinquents as a consequence of improper enquiry. In most of the cases the Vigilance Department is also not kept informed of the outcome of such references.', and 'In order to tide over such situation it is imperative that the Department/Heads of Departments/Public Sector Undertakings/Subordinate Offices should ensure that all proposals for sanction of prosecution should be cleared by them within 1 month. During this period any clarification required from the Vigilance should be obtained and this should in no case be a plea to delay the matter. Similarly the proposals for departmental actions should be cleared within 6 months positively and the disciplinary authorities should take care to see that the enquiries are properly held before passing their final orders. The IVGs/CVDs in the Department/Heads of Departments/Public Sector Undertakings should