

Government of Orissa
Political & Services Department.
(Vigilance Branch)

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No.3224(205)/VL., dated Cuttack the 6th Oct. '67.

To

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

Sub:- Departmental procedure for references
to Vigilance Organisation.

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In Home Department's Notification No.19872/Ref., dated 13th August, 1962, Government specified the nature of offences that are to be investigated by the Vigilance Organisation. It has been brought to my notice that the Vigilance Organisation has been receiving a large number of references from Departments for enquiry although these are not within their scope as specified in the above notification. Matters calling for disciplinary proceedings by appropriate authority appear to have been referred to Vigilance Department for enquiry. Offences of the nature of Criminal misappropriation, Breach of trust, Cheating and the like, which are to be normally referred to the local police for investigation, are being referred to the Vigilance Organisation. In consequence of such references the work-load of the Vigilance Organisation has considerably increased. I would like to impress upon you that it is the responsibility of the Secretaries and Heads of Departments to maintain the efficiency and integrity of the Government Servants' working under them and if they find in course of their inspections, tours, from Audit Reports and other sources that there has been any failure in the discharge of the duties properly on the part of any subordinate officer working under them, they should initiate disciplinary action immediately in accordance with the Orissa Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1962 and if the lapses fall within the definition of any offence, these should promptly be referred to the local police for investigation and due legal action. The tendency of shifting this responsibility to the Vigilance Organisation should cease forthwith.

If the Secretary/Head of the Department thinks that any case is of such a special nature as to be referred to the Vigilance Organisation, he should refer the matter to me or discuss with me indicating the reasons for such a course. If I consider that the reference deserves Investigation/Enquiry by Vigilance, I shall pass specific orders for such a course.

Sd/- A.K. Barron.
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Chief Secretary to Government.

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