ADVISORY

The scheme for preparation of list of Public Servants of Doubtful Integrity envisages placing names of those officers in the list who have been found to be lacking integrity. It is further elaborated that the officers falling under one of the following categories thus will be included in the list of doubtful Integrity:

i) Convicted in a court of law on the charges of lack of integrity or for an offence involving moral turpitude but on whom, in view of exceptional circumstances, a penalty other than dismissal, removal or compulsory retirement is imposed.

ii) Awarded departmentally a major penalty a) on the charges of lack of integrity, and b) on charges of gross dereliction of duty in protecting the interests of government although the corrupt motive may not be capable of proof.

iii) Against whom proceedings for major penalty or court trial are in progress for alleged acts involving lack of integrity or moral turpitude.

iv) Who are prosecuted but acquitted on technical grounds, and in whose case on the basis of evidence during the trial there remained a reasonable suspicion against their integrity.

2. Vigilance Organisation of Ministries/Departments/Undertakings will prepare a list of public servants of Gazetted status against whom any disciplinary proceedings for a major penalty are in progress or who have been punished in disciplinary proceedings on a charge involving lack of integrity. A copy of these lists will be sent by the vigilance Organisation to the Central Bureau of Investigation every year in the last week of February.

3. The list of Public servants of Doubtful Integrity (DI) is intended to keep such officers away from the 'sensitive' posts/assignments by informing the concerned Head of the offices/reporting officers. As soon as the information against an officer of the nature mentioned in the scheme is received, the scheme envisages inclusion of the name of such officer in DI list and his transfer from a 'sensitive post'.

4. List of such officers is also being consolidated by Hqrs. on half yearly basis i.e. as on 30th September and 31st March and circulated to all the Zonal/Regional officers to keep them informed of the same.
5. However, instances has come to the notice of Hqrs. that officers who appear in the list of DI remained posted to the sensitive posts/assignments inspite of having issued with the major chargesheets by the concerned disciplinary on the plea of non-receipt/updation of list of DI, which is not desirable.

6. Therefore, the administrative authorities/reporting officers are to ensure that once a chargesheet under major penalty is issued from Vigilance division for serving upon an officer, posting/continuing such officer on a sensitive post/assignment should be refrained without waiting for any specific direction from the higher office.

Above should be brought in the knowledge of all concerned.

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