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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Strengthening of vigilance mechanism – giving wide publicity to Government's anti-corruption policies.

It is the endeavour of the Government to eradicate corruption from public life in a progressive manner. In pursuance of this goal, the Government of India as well as the Central Vigilance Commission take various measures from time to time to effectively tackle the menace of corruption. However, in order to make such effort more result oriented concerted efforts are required, and the vigilance units in the Ministries/Departments/PSUs/Organisations have to act as a focal point in curbing corruption. The Second Administrative Reforms Commission in its report "Ethics in Governance" has recommended that the Government agencies can help the media in the fight against corruption by disclosing details about corruption cases regularly.

2. All Ministries/Departments are, therefore, requested to continue giving emphasis on anti-corruption mechanisms and give due publicity to various anti-corruption measures taken, through both electronic and print media. Special emphasis may, in particular, be laid on publicizing systemic reforms for reducing opportunity for corruption, minimizing scope for discretion, streamlining procedures and bringing about improvement in transparency using web based technology etc. Cases of deterrent punitive action which have reached finality both in regard to conviction and major penalties of dismissal, removal from service and compulsory retirement may also be appropriately publicized on a periodic basis. However, it will also be necessary to notify the change in status, if any, on account of any further orders including those passed in Appeal/Revision/Review or by the CAT/Courts in regard to these cases. It will also be necessary to ensure that the details regarding individuals may not be divulged till the cases have reached finality keeping the due sensitivities involved in the matter in view.


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