



'CORRUPTION, A CRIME AGAINST NATION'

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Sub:- Conduct of Preliminary Enquiries and discontinuing
of Quick Verifications – Guidelines issued - reg.

Ref:- Circular No.10/2008 dated 05.09.2008

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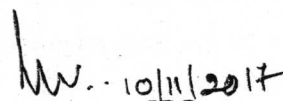
01. Whereas a large number of petitions are received directly in VACB for enquiry; same through Government and also through Courts. Vigilance Enquiries (VEs) are being conducted on the petitions received from the Government.

02. And whereas with regard to the petitions received in VACB, the essential object for conducting enquiry is to quickly verify basic facts as to whether the petition prima facie is disclosing any offence under Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 warranting registration of a Vigilance Case or disclosing only official misconduct, dereliction of duty etc., warranting departmental action. For this purpose, a system of "Quick Verification" was introduced vide Circular 10/2008 dated 05/09/2008 to quickly verify the basic facts in the petitions.

03. And whereas, the Hon'ble Supreme Court in its various judgments including Lalita Kumari Vs Government of U.P, the 2008 judgement and others have ordered conduct of the Preliminary Enquiry for ascertaining whether cognizable offence is disclosed or not from the information/petition received.

04. And therefore, whereas the necessity for a Quick Verification does not exist and the Quick Verifications are here by discontinued. No such word like Quick Verification has been used by the Hon'ble Supreme Court. All Quick Verifications are enquiries only, and therefore, there is no justification for a new work called "Quick Verification". Hereafter only "Preliminary Enquiries" will be conducted as per the judgement of the Hon'ble Supreme Court. The Preliminary Enquiry must be completed as per the guidelines of the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

05. Therefore, it is hereby ordered that the enquiries of Vigilance & Anti-Corruption Bureau will not be categorized as Quick Verification and all the enquiries (except Vigilance Enquiry/Confidential Enquiry and Surprise Checks) will be categorized as **Preliminary Enquiry** and will be complied by all concerned.


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