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Sub: CVO – Instruction on furnishing of timely reports on complaints especially on officers nearing retirement – Initiation of disciplinary proceedings against officers nearing retirement – Reg.

It has been observed that in a number of cases where the Departments were instructed to enquire and report on the complaints, the Departments are not furnishing the report in time. This results in withholding of vigilance clearance in respect of officers who are proceeding on retirement. As vigilance clearance can be denied only on specific grounds in consonance with the DoPT guidelines, those officers either retire without any action or the cases become time barred as per the provisions of CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972.

- 2. The Department are therefore, instructed to ensure that such cases are monitored closely and reports are submitted well before the retirement so that the officers/ officials who are found to have been involved in misconduct shall not be allowed to go scot free or institution of disciplinary proceeding would not become time barred.
- 3. Further, all near retirement cases where charge sheet is to be issued should be closely monitored by and charge sheet must be issued well before retirement.
- 4. In the eventuality of any cases become time barred, the responsibility will be fixed on concerned officers / officials including Head of Department.

/ BY ORDER OF THE CHIEF VIGILANCE OFFICER /

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