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Government of India
Central Vigilance Commission

Satarkta Bhawan, Block-A,
GPO Complex, I.N.A.,
New Delhi – 110023
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Office Order No. 57/8/04

To

All the CVOs of:

- (i) Public Sector Undertakings
- (ii) Public Sector Banks

Sub: Time limit for investigation for complaints- regarding.

Sir/Madam,

The DOPT in their OM No. 27(12)(EO)/94/ACC dated 30.7.99 regarding guidelines for processing cases of Board level appointments in PSEs have taken cognizance of the fact that there are sometimes spate of complaints against individuals whose names are being considered/finalized by the PESB. It has also come to the notice of the Commission that sometimes when an official is due for promotion, some old complaints are taken cognizance of and investigations started against the official. This matter was also discussed in the meetings to review the performance of the CVOs wherein suggestions for modification in the time period were made.

2. The matter has been considered by the Commission and to avoid unnecessary harassment to the officials, against whom frivolous complaints are received at the time of their promotion/selection the Commission has decided that:

- (a) as a rule, complaints/cases which are more than 5 years old and no action has been taken till then, should not be investigated. However, the limit of 5 years will not apply to cases of fraud and other criminal offences; and
- (b) no cognizance should be taken of any complaint which is received 6 months prior to the initiation of selection process for senior posts.

Yours Faithfully,

Sd/-
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