

CENTRAL VIGILANCE COMMISSION

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sub: Processing of PIDPI complaints by the Screening Committee of the Commission - Reg.

As per the provisions of “Public Interest Disclosure and Protection of Informers Resolution” dated 21.04.2004, Government of India has declared the Central Vigilance Commission as the ‘Designated Agency’ to receive written complaints from Whistle Blowers for disclosure on any allegations of corruption or misuse of office and recommend appropriate action.

2. As per the provisions contained in Para 4(ii) of the PIDPI Resolution dated 21.04.2004, the Central Vigilance Commission has the responsibility of maintaining confidentiality about the identity of the complainant. Para 4(ii) of the PIDPI Resolution states that “*The identity of the complainant will not be revealed unless the complainant himself has made the details of the complaint either public or disclosed his identity to any other office or authority*”. Thus, it is clear that **the complainant has also to ensure that he should not disclose his identity to any other office or authority.**

3. While processing the complaints received under the “Public Interest Disclosure and Protection of Informers Resolution”, it has been observed that there are certain categories of complaints where it is not possible to maintain confidentiality about the identity of the complainants and “No Objection Certificate” is obtained from them before processing their complaints. On receipt of the No Objection Certificate, the complaints are processed and placed before the Screening Committee for consideration. Such complaints are considered as **Non Public Interest Disclosure and Protection of Informers (Non PIDPI) Complaints**, but before processing such complaints, the identity of the complainant is masked, thus taking adequate safeguard in an attempt to maintain confidentiality about the complainant’s identity. Some categories of complaints, which one similarly dealt with are as under :-

- (i) The complaint has been received in an open condition.
- (ii) The complaint has been addressed/endorsed to several authorities.
- (iii) The issues raised in the complaint had earlier been taken up with other authorities.
- (iv) The information has been sought / obtained under the provisions of RTI Act, by the complainant himself.

- (v) The complainant had earlier taken up the issue with this Commission in the form of an ordinary complaint, under the Commission's Complaint Handling Policy.
- (vi) The complainant makes a complaint through email or seeks status/information regarding his earlier PIDPI Complaint by sending an email, thus making his identity public, which is violation of the guidelines issued by the Commission for making complaints under the provisions of PIDPI Resolution.
- (vii) The complaint has been addressed/endorsed to many authorities of the Central Vigilance Commission, thus, disclosing his identity.

4. Issued in Public Interest by the Central Vigilance Commission, INA, Satarkta Bhawan, New Delhi.

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