Government of Jammu and Kashmir General Administration Department

(Vigilance) Civil Secretariat, Jammu/Srinagar

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Subject:

Seeking of Vigilance Clearance of Chief Vigilance Officers

(CVOs)/Departmental Vigilance Officers (DVOs).

Attention of all the Administrative Secretaries is invited towards the captioned subject. In order to make the institution of Chief Vigilance Officers (CVOs)/ Departmental Vigilance Officers (DVOs) more effective, instructions have been issued from time to time for appointment of CVOs/DVOs in the departments, who shall function in close coordination with Anti Corruption Bureau and are also required to take immediate cognizance of cases alleging misuse of authority or indulging in acts of omissions and commissions by the Government servants either through Anti Corruption Bureau or otherwise.

- Further, to keep the mechanism of CVOs/DVOs actively functioning, relating to Vigilance Administration in the Government Departments, an online "Satark Nagrik App and DVO portal" has also been launched by the Government and the data of all the CVOs/DVOs have been updated on the portal. CVOs/DVOs, so appointed are supposed to communicate with the ACB through this communication channel. Moreover, the CVOs/DVOs have already been apprised about the working of the said portal through webinars, which were organized recently by the ACB.
- 3. The Anti Corruption Bureau, J&K has brought into the notice of the Government that some of the CVOs/DVOs appointed by the different departments are having vigilance cases registered against them, which is not a healthy practice. The ACB has further requested that vigilance clearance in respect of the officers may be obtained by the Administrative Departments prior to their appointments as CVO/DVO.
- 4. On consideration of the matter in General Administration Department, it has been observed that the institution of CVOs / DVOs,

which has been given a mandate of dealing the vigilance matters in the respective Departments in a fair & transparent manner, should be fair enough and the officers so appointed should also be not involved in any vigilance case, which would have a negative impact on the functioning of the institutions and also impede the trust on these institutions and as such, the CVOs/DVOs need to be clear from vigilance angle.

5. Accordingly, it has been decided that vigilance clearance of the officers shall be obtained by the concerned Administrative Departments, from the GAD, prior to their appointment as CVO/DVO.

Consequently, it is enjoined upon all the Administrative Departments to strictly adhere to the above decision.

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All Administrative Secretaries.

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