

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Abstract

PUBLIC SERVICES - State Vigilance Commission -
Constitution of - Orders issued.

PUBLIC (SERVICES-B) DEPARTMENT.

G.O. Ms. No. 2133.

Dated the 8th November, '65.

ORDER:

Following the recommendations of the Committee on the prevention of corruption, presided over by Sri K. Santhanam, an independent Vigilance Commission has been set up by the Central Government with jurisdiction over Central Government Employees. Similar Vigilance Commissions on the Central model, have since been set up in most States, presided over by retired Judges of the High Court or retired senior administrative officers. The main purpose of the Commission is to advise the Government on the major administrative problem of prevention of corruption in public services in general and the manner in which individual cases of corruption brought to light, should be dealt with. In tendering such advice, the Vigilance Commission is expected to bring to bear a measure of detachment and freedom, similar to that of the Public Services Commission.

2. As a first organised measure towards tackling corruption in Public administration, a Directorate of Vigilance and Anti-Corruption has already been set up in this State and is now functioning satisfactorily. The Government have now decided to constitute a Vigilance Commission.

3. The State Vigilance Commission will have jurisdiction and powers in respect of matters to which the executive power of the State extends -

- (i) to undertake an enquiry into any transaction in which a public servant is suspected or alleged to have acted for improper purpose or in a corrupt manner.
- (ii) to cause an enquiry or investigation to be made on any complaint that a public servant has exercised or refrained from exercising his powers, for improper or corrupt purposes.
- (iii) to collect such information or statistics as may be necessary.
- (iv) to call for any information from any department or undertaking of Government or from any public servant, on matters within its jurisdiction, including information on the action taken on the recommendations.

4. Public Servants under the administrative control of the High Court are for the present kept outside the jurisdiction of the State Vigilance Commission.

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5. The Administrative departments of ^{the} should forthwith initiate action to bring the ^{of} public corporations like the State Electricity Board, State Housing Board, State Khadi and Village Industries Board, Hindu Religious Endowment Board, etc., within the jurisdiction of the State Vigilance Commission.

6. The Vigilance Commission will submit an annual report to the State Government about its activities drawing attention to the various recommendations made by it in the discharge of its duties. This report may be reviewed by the Government and placed before the Legislature.

7. The State Vigilance Commission shall be headed by a Vigilance Commissioner. He will be responsible for the proper performance of the duties and responsibilities assigned to the Vigilance Commission. He will be appointed by the Governor and will hold office for a term of five years. The Vigilance Commission will be attached to the Public Department of the Secretariat.

8. Separate orders will issue regarding the salary, allowances and terms of service of the Vigilance Commissioner and the staff required for the Commission.

9. The expenditure will be debited to a new Sub-head "Vigilance Commission" to be opened under "19. General Administration - C. Secretariat and Attached offices of Civil Secretariat. The expenditure on the setting up of the Vigilance Commission is on instrument of New Service and approval of the Legislature will be obtained in due course through the presentation of a Supplementary Estimate. Pending approval of the Legislature, the expenditure will be met by an advance from Contingency Fund application in regard to which should be made in the prescribed form to Finance (B.G.) Department.

10. This order issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department in their U.O. No.131895-A/EI/65-1, dated 4.11.1965.

(By order of the Governor)

T.A. VARGHESE,
Chief Secretary to Government.

- To
- The Departments of Secretariat.
- All Heads of Departments including Collectors.
- The Public (Special) Department
- The Public (S.C.) Department.
- Finance Department.
- The Director of Vigilance and Anti-Corruption, Madras.
- The Inspector-General of Police, Madras.
- The Accountant-General, Madras-18.
- The Accountant-General, Madras-9.
- The Pay and Accounts Officer, Madras-9.
- The Private Secretary to Governor.
- The Private Secretary to the Chief Minister.
- The Registrar, High Court, Madras. (with covering letter).
- The Tribunal for Disciplinary Proceedings, Madras.
- The Additional Tribunal for Disciplinary Proceedings, Madurai.
- The Secretary, Madras Public Service Commission, Madras.
- The Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi. (with covering letter).

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S. Ganesan
SUPERINTENDENT.