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Government of India  
Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying  
Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying  
Vigilance Division

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi

Dated: 6th July, 2026

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject: Nomination of officers from Vigilance Division as members of Inquiry/Investigation Committees – regarding.**

It has been observed that, in certain cases, officers of the Vigilance Division are being nominated as members of Inquiry/Investigation Committees constituted by various Divisions of the Department for examination of complaints, grievances or allegations.

2. The Vigilance Division is the designated nodal authority for processing, monitoring and overseeing vigilance complaints/cases in accordance with the extant vigilance framework of the Government of India and the instructions issued from time to time by the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) and the Department of Personnel & Training (DoPT). The Division is required to independently scrutinize vigilance matters, monitor inquiries, examine inquiry reports and process cases for further action. **Accordingly, its role is supervisory, advisory and independent in nature.**

3. Nomination of an officer of the Vigilance Division as a member of an Inquiry/Investigation Committee examining the various complaint, grievance or allegation may give rise to a conflict of interest and may compromise the independence, impartiality and objectivity expected of the Vigilance Division while discharging its vigilance functions. Such participation may also adversely affect the subsequent scrutiny of the inquiry report and processing of the vigilance case.

4. Accordingly, in order to preserve the institutional independence of the Vigilance Division and to ensure adherence to the principles of impartiality in vigilance administration, it has been decided that no officer of the Vigilance Division shall ordinarily be nominated as a member of any Inquiry/Investigation Committee constituted for examination of complaints, grievances or allegations. However, this restriction shall not apply where such nomination is specifically mandated under any statutory provision or where it is considered unavoidable with the prior approval of the Chief Vigilance Officer, Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying, for reasons to be recorded in writing.

5. All Heads of Divisions of DAHD are therefore requested to ensure strict compliance with the above instructions while constituting Inquiry/Investigation or any such Committees in the Department.

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Under Secretary (Vigilance)

All Divisional Heads,  
Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying.

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