

CONFIDENTIAL***Procedure for dealing with
anonymous/Pseudonymous
complaints by Anti-Corruption
Bureau.*****GOVERNMENT OF GUJARAT****HOME DEPARTMENT**

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The procedure for dealing with anonymous/pseudonymous complaints by Government has been under review for some time. After careful consideration, Government has decided that the following revised procedure should be adopted for making inquiries into anonymous/pseudonymous complaints by the Anti-Corruption Bureau of this State.

2. Ordinarily, no enquiries would be made by the State Anti-Corruption Bureau into the following categories of information or complaints, except for special reasons--
 - (i) Anonymous/pseudonymous complaints;
 - (ii) Information or complaints containing vague and general allegations;
 - (iii) Where the allegations relate to minor service matters which can be more easily and more appropriately looked into by the departmental authorities;
 - (iv) Where the allegations are so trivial or insignificant that they can be left to departmental authorities to deal with.

Complaints of the above categories should be forwarded to the authorities concerned for necessary action or may be filed by the Anti-Corruption Bureau if no action is deemed necessary.

3. The wordings 'except for special reasons' should be applied by the Anti-Corruption Bureau only in respect of such inquiries as may be entrusted to it by the Gujarat Vigilance Commission, or by the Sachivalaya Department of Government. The Anti-Corruption Bureau will undertake no inquiry whatsoever on its own initiative in respect of anonymous/pseudonymous information or complaints received by it directly. As and when the Bureau feels that an inquiry by it is necessary in respect of such information or complaints, it should obtain the orders of the appropriate department of Government before undertaking such inquiry. The Heads of Offices and Heads of Departments should also not entrust any inquiry into complaints of such a anonymous/pseudonymous origin to the Anti-Corruption Bureau, except after receiving approval from, and through, their respective administrative departments in Sachivalaya. The administrative department in Sachivalaya

should give approval to investigate a complaint by ACB only after obtaining approval in this respect from the Secretary of the Department or the Minister or Deputy Minister concerned on the subject.

4. Any person furnishing information should on his request that his identity be kept secret, be given an assurance that his identity will not be disclosed during preliminary and formal inquiries. However, in certain cases the identity of an informant may need to be disclosed for purposes of proper inquiry and his evidence may have to be used. In such cases, the departments concerned should ensure that an informant is not victimised. At the same time, if any informant is found to have indulged in malpractices or to have obtained any undue advantage, he should not be afforded such protection, but may be dealt with, within the normal course on merits, as far as possible.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Gujarat,

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