

CONFIDENTIAL***Procedure of dealing with
anonymous/pseudonymous
complaints.*****GOVERNMENT OF GUJARAT****HOME DEPARTMENT**

No. ACB-1078-2243-H,
Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar, 30th November, 1978.

Read :- Government Circular, Home Department, No. ACB-2864-2H,
dated the 7th February, 1967.

CIRCULAR

The procedure has been laid down in detail in Government Circular referred to in the preamble for dealing with anonymous/pseudonymous complaints to be inquired into by the ACB and other departmental agencies. According to the instructions contained in the said Government Circular, ordinarily, anonymous/pseudonymous complaints are not to be inquired by the ACB and other Heads of Department/Offices except after receiving approval of the administrative department in Sachivalaya concerned and such approval can be given by the administrative departments concerned only after obtaining orders of Secretary or Minister concerned. The Vigilance Commission can, however, get anonymous/pseudonymous complaints inquired into. Usually only when such complaints contain specific details of allegations which can be inquired into, approval may be given by the administrative departments concerned or the Vigilance Commission for getting them investigated.

2. In the Conference of the Senior Police Officers held at Gandhinagar on 9th March, 1978, the Vigilance Commissioner observed that while there was nothing wrong in inquiries being started on the basis of specific allegations made in anonymous/pseudonymous applications, in the absence of specific allegations such inquiries resulted in avoidable harassment and agony to the officers involved. The Vigilance Commissioner further observed that the normal procedure is that when an application appeared to be pseudonymous, a letter should be first addressed by registered post to the applicant and if the same is returned undelivered there would normally be no cause for pursuing the inquiry further. Government has decided to accept this procedure and is accordingly pleased to direct that the same should be followed by all Sachivalaya Departments concerned before deciding whether or not particular anonymous/pseudonymous complaint may be investigated. All the Sachivalaya Departments are, therefore, requested to follow this procedure before deciding to entrust inquiries into anonymous/pseudonymous complaints particularly when there are no specific allegations in such complaints.

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

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Under Secretary to the
Government of Gujarat,
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