

Guidelines for Lodging Public Interest Disclosure and Protection of Informer (PIDPI) / Whistle Blower Complaints:

1. Department of Personnel and Training's Resolution No. 89 dated 21st April, 2004, commonly known as Public Interest Disclosure and Protection of Informers Resolution, 2004, envisages a mechanism by which a complainant can blow a whistle by lodging a complaint and also seek protection against his victimization for doing so. The Central Vigilance Commission and the CVO of Ministry or Department is the designated agency to receive complaints from whistle blowers under the PIDPI Resolution.

2. In pursuance of the aforementioned Resolution, the CVC had issued the following public guidelines relating to the receipt of Public Interest Disclosure and Protection of Informer (PIDPI) complaints:-

(i) The complaint should be in a closed/ secured envelope and should be addressed to Secretary, Central Vigilance Commission. The envelope should clearly be inscribed with "Complaint under the Public Interest Disclosure" or "PIDPI"

(ii) The complainant should give his/her name and address in the beginning or end of complaint or in an attached letter. The name and address should NOT be mentioned on the envelope.

(iii) Only complaints pertaining to employees of the Central Government or of any corporation established by or under any Central Act, Government companies, societies or local authorities owned or controlled by the Central Government fall under the jurisdiction of the Commission. *Personnel employed by the State Governments and activities of the State Governments or its Corporations etc. will not come under the purview of the Central Vigilance Commission.*

(iv) Complaints should be sent via post only. Complaints received through emails, Complaint Management Portal or any other electronic medium will not be entertained.

(v) In order to protect the identity of the person, the Commission will not issue any acknowledgement and the whistle-blowers are advised not to enter into any further correspondence with the Commission in their own interest. The Commission assures that, subject to the facts of the case being verifiable; it will take the necessary action,

as provided under the Resolution mentioned above. If any further clarification is required, the Commission will get in touch with the complainant.

(vi) The complaints should have vigilance angle and should not be for grievance redressal.

(vii) PIDPI complaints should not include details that identify the complainant. If the inclusion of such details is unavoidable then a normal complaint may be lodged in the CVC portal.

(viii) The circulars and letters on PIDPI are available on the website of the Central Vigilance Commission and may be referred to for further details. A link to the website of the Central Vigilance Commission is available under “Useful Links” of this portal.