



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Vigilance (A) Department

CIRCULAR

No. 530/A1/76/Vig.

Dated, Trivandrum, 19th February 1976.

Sub:—Vigilance—Identity of the petitioners and contents of the petitions—keeping as confidential—instructions issued.—

Re/:—1. Government Circular No. 5804/A1/75/Vig. dated 12-8-1975.
2. Letter No. B6-1449/76 dated 13-1-1976 from the Director of Vigilance Investigation.

In the advertisements published in the newspapers and the appeal to the public made through the placards displayed in Government Offices by the Vigilance Department it has been assured that the members of the Public who come forward with information to assist the Vigilance Department in steps to ensure integrity in Public Services will be fully protected and their identity kept confidential. The response to such publicity has been considerable and a large number of petitions have been received and continue to be received by the Vigilance Department. Action on such petitions with a definite Vigilance angle is taken straight away by the Vigilance Department. Other petitions are forwarded to the Heads of Departments concerned for disposal.

2. There are complaints from a number of informants especially from those in Government Service that their identity has been disclosed to the superiors against whom they have made allegations and that they have had to run the risk of departmental harassment. Most of such complaints relate to petitions forwarded to the Departments for disposal. Evidently the Departments deal with such petitions in a routine manner by sending them to the lower authorities without taking proper steps to ensure that the identity of the petitioners is kept confidential.

3. It is absolutely necessary to honour the assurance given to the members of the Public by the Vigilance Department that when they come forward with information or complaints to assist the Vigilance Department they will be fully protected and their identity kept confidential. The Heads of Departments have a responsibility to give effect to the above assurance when such petitions are dealt with by

him. Petitions received from the Director of
vigilance investigation or from Government in
the vigilance Department should be suitably
dealt with by the vigilance Officer of the
concerned departments keeping in mind
the course given by the vigilance Depart-
ment to the petitioners instead of forwarding
such petitions in original to lower
administrative authorities.

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