The issue pertaining to withholding of vigilance clearance was placed before the Government.

It has been decided by the Government that in cases for promotion no vigilance clearance will be issued in the following cases:

i) Government servants under suspension;

ii) Government servants in respect of whom a charge sheet has been issued and the disciplinary proceedings are pending;

iii) Government servants in respect of whom prosecution for a criminal charge is pending; and

iv) Government servants fails to submit his annual immovable property return of the previous year by 31st January of the following year, as required under Government of India decision under Rule 18 of the Central Civil Services (Conduct) Rule, 1964.

However if the officer submits his annual immovable property return after 31st January alongwith the reason in writing explaining the delay, the request for Vigilance Clearance will be considered only if the delay in submission is reasonably justified.

Further it is enjoined upon all the HoD’s that from 01/01/2018, whenever any Vigilance Clearance is made with respect to any officer, the date of submission of his annual immovable property return shall be simultaneously furnished, failing which the request will not be considered.

Further all the cases for Vigilance clearance will be governed by Department of Personnel and Trainings Office Memorandums dated 14/12/2007, 02/11/2012 & 21/06/2013.

The above instructions shall be complied with scrupulously and will be effective for all Vigilance Clearances sought after 01/12/2017 and all Vigilance Clearances given prior will require a revalidation after 6 months post their date of issue.

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