Sub : Recent GOI Circular setting up Committees to handle complaints against Secretaries etc – CVC’s Clarification.

* Department of Personnel and Training has issued Circular No. 104/100/2009-AVD.1 dated 14.1.2010 forming a Committee to deal with the complaint against Secretaries to Government of India.

* The Department of Public Enterprise has issued similar circular vide Office Memorandum No. 15(1)/2010-DPE(GM) dated 11th March 2010 forming a Committee to deal with the complaint against CMDs, Functional Directors of PSUs and Banks.

* An issue has been raised recently in the Press saying that these Circulars

   a) dilute the powers of the CVC

   b) seek to offer a measure of protection to certain class of officers in Government, PSUs and Public Sector Banks.

* It is clarified that

   a) The Committee so set up can only enquire into complaints referred to the Cabinet Secretary by the CVC.

   b) It is not incumbent on the part of the CVC to send all complaints against the officers so classified to the said committee.

   c) It has been the practice even before the setting up of the Committees, for the Commission to send complaints against the Secretaries to Government of India to the Cabinet Secretary. Similarly, complaints against CMDs and the Functional Directors of PSUs and Banks were sent to the Administrative Ministries concerned.

   d) The complaints so received from the Commission are to be enquired by the authorities to whom they were sent and report submitted and advice sought from the Commission.