OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Central Vigilance Commission’s jurisdiction over employees of Multi-State Cooperative Societies like NAFED, KRIBHCO etc.

The undersigned is directed to say that a question has been recently raised as to whether Central Vigilance Commission functioning under the Central Vigilance Commission Act, 2003 has jurisdiction/superintendence over the Multi-State Cooperative Societies like NAFED, KRIBHCO etc.

2. A legal opinion of Learned Attorney General was obtained which has been accepted by the Ministry of Law & Justice. The Ld. Attorney General has opined that the Members, office bearers and employees of the Multi-State Cooperative Societies would fall within the purview of Section 2(c) of the Prevention of Corruption Act and that the Central Vigilance Commission is duly empowered to exercise jurisdiction over NAFED and KRIBHCO and similar societies under Section 8 (1) of the CVC, Act, 2003.

3. All Ministries/Departments are requested to take note of the legal position stated above in so far as the societies with which they are administratively concerned for taking appropriate action.

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To
1. All the Ministries/Departments of the Government of India.
2. The Secretary, Central Vigilance Commission, Satarkata Bhawan, New Delhi.
3. NIC for uploading of the Department’s website.