

AMENDMENT TO THE CENTRAL VIGILANCE COMMISSION ACT, 2003

1. In section 8, following shall be inserted:

8(1)(i) ensure that there is no discrimination in public procurement against any person or organization who acts as an whistle-blower in matters of corruption concerning transactions with public authorities for a period not less than three years.

(j) ensure that in all matters relating to tax assessment, the percentage of appeals upheld by appropriate appellate authorities shall form part of the Annual Performance Appraisal Report of the concerned officers.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

In the current situation, a whistle-blower against corruption in the public procurement process is being victimized later-on by discrimination against him in the subsequent tendering process. This amendment strives to prevent that discrimination by ensuring an independent authority monitors the procurement process.

Similarly, there is a high amount of harassment of citizens in the tax administration. The tax assessee could be threatened with a tax levy unless they pay a bribe. The assessee will be compelled to pay a bribe because their only other option is to appeal at a higher authority, which is an expensive and slow process. By including the number of appeals upheld in the annual performance appraisal report, this form of harassment and corruption can be reduced.

AMENDMENT TO THE LOKPAL AND LOKAYUKTAS ACT, 2011

1. The following section shall be inserted:

The Lokayukta shall, at the state level,

(i) ensure that there is no discrimination in public procurement against any person or organization who acts as an whistle-blower in matters of corruption concerning transactions with public authorities for a period not less than three years.

(ii) ensure that in all matters relating to tax assessment, the percentage of appeals upheld by appropriate appellate authorities shall form part of the Annual Performance Appraisal Report of the concerned officers.