

This file deals with appointment of Shri Sanjiv Chaturvedi as Dy. Secretary and Chief Vigilance Officer.

Shri J.P. Nadda, MP (RS) had written a letter to DOPT on 8.5.2013 objecting to the appointment of Shri Sanjiv Chaturvedi as Dy. Secretary and Part Time CVO of AIIMS. In September 2012, Shri Brijesh Pathak, MP, Chairman, Parliamentary Standing Committee on Health wrote a letter to HFM pointing out that Sh. Sanjiv Chaturvedi should be allowed to discharge his official duties without interruption as committed before the Parliamentary Committee.

Then Health Secretary Sh. Pradhan, had given a specific commitment before the Parliament Committee on 8/6/2012 that Shri Sanjiv Chaturvedi, appointed as Deputy Secretary would be made CVO of AIIMS. Accordingly, orders were issued by AIIMS, New Delhi on 7.7.2012 making Shri Sanjiv Chaturvedi as CVO, AIIMS, and this was intimated to the Ministry and CVC. The name of the officer is since then being displayed on the official website of CVC as CVO, AIIMS.

On perusal of the file, it is seen that the issue of creation of a post of Chief Vigilance Officer was considered in 195th meeting of SFC of AIIMS in July 2010, which recommended that in view of the nature and quantum of the work, a full time CVO is not required in AIIMS and that the officer joining the newly created post of Deputy Secretary/Director would be made CVO. This recommendation of the SFC was approved in 144th meeting of Governing Body held in November 2010 chaired by HFM and the same was finally ratified by the Institute Body in its 144th meeting held in January, 2012.

AIIMS is a fully autonomous institution created by an Act of Parliament. There are no full time CVOs in any other AIIMS/PGI under the Ministry. All the statutory requirements in the creation and appointment to the post of Chief Vigilance Officer have already been completed and therefore the matter should be closed here itself.

Performance of Shri Sanjiv Chaturvedi has been exemplary and he is known for absolute integrity. He has been instrumental in exposing corruption and based on his finding inquiries have been initiated against some officers by investigating agencies like CBI. As CVO of Ministry, I am aware of the record number of penalties imposed/disciplinary proceedings initiated by him during the last 2 years of his functioning as part time CVO of AIIMS.

There is another file (kept below) which was submitted by Director, AIIMS, New Delhi to HFM in his capacity as President, AIIMS on 31.7.2013, which has been returned by the office of HFM with instructions to Secretary(HFW) to go through. However, it seems that file has come back without seen by the then Secretary (HFW). This file may be returned to AIIMS as the issues raised in the file are of administrative nature and to be handled by AIIMS alone & does not warrant a separate enquiry by CVO of the Ministry.

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Secretary (HFW)

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