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Ministry of Communications
Department of Posts

Dak Bhawan, Sansad Marg
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To,

All Heads of Circles
All Heads of Regions

Sub: Revision of the monetary limits for investigations in loss/ fraud cases by different authorities in the Department of Posts.

The monetary limits for conducting investigations in the loss/ fraud cases by different authorities were last revised vide this Directorate letter No. 8-03/2012-INV dated March 24, 2014. During various field visits and interactions with field staff, a need has been felt to consider revision of the monetary limits in this respect. Sr. DDG (Vig) & Chief Vigilance Officer also discussed this with the Heads of Circles in the HOC Conference-2019 where it was decided to obtain views from Circles.

2. Accordingly, all Circles were requested for their views vide this office letter of even No. dated 16.09.2019. Some of the Circles have communicated their views. The same have been considered and the following revised monetary limits for different authorities for conducting investigations in the loss/ fraud cases have been decided:

Sl. No.	Level of Investigating Officer	Present Monetary Limit (In Rs)	Revised Monetary Limit (In Rs.)
i.	Inspector Posts/ ASPs	Upto 50000	Upto 1 Lakh
ii.	Divisional Heads/ Sr. PM/ Chief PM/ Dy. Director of Mumbai/ Kolkata GPO*	> 50000 upto 1 Lakh	>1 lakh upto 2 lakhs
iii.	Asstt. Director/ APMG of Circle/ Regional Office	>1 lakh upto 2 lakhs	>2 lakhs upto 5 lakhs
iv.	Director (including Directors in GPOs or any other Director level officer)/ PMG/ CPMG	>2 lakhs	>5 lakhs

* Asstt. Director of HOs/GPOs may also conduct investigation, in case of non-availability CPM/ Dy. Director.

Note: These limits will be based on 'Principal Amount of Loss/ Fraud including Temporary Misappropriation'. Normal Interest and Penal Interest will not be part of amount involved for the purpose of deciding the investigating authority.

3. Further, it has been decided that:


- All loss/ fraud cases involving amount exceeding Rs.5 lakhs shall continue to be reported to ADG (Investigation) by the Circles at first instance i.e. immediately on detection of the case or when the amount exceeds Rs.5 lakhs. Further, cases of complex nature or with special features irrespective of the amount involved may also be reported to the Directorate.
- Investigation Reports of IPs/ ASPs will be reviewed by the Divisional PM/ Chief PM/ Dy. Director of Mumbai/ Kolkata GPO, as the case may be.

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- iii. Reports of investigations carried out by Divisional Heads/ Sr. PM/ Chief PM/ Dy. Director of Mumbai/ Kolkata GPO (including ADs of HOs/ GPOs) will be reviewed by Asstt. Director/ APMG of Regional/ Circle Office and submitted to DPS for information and orders.
 - iv. Where Circle Level Investigations are carried out by Asstt. Director/ APMG of Regional/ Circle Office, CLI reports will be reviewed by DPS and submitted to PMG/ CPMG for information and orders.
 - v. CLI reports where investigations have been conducted by DPS/ PMG/ CPMG will have to be submitted to Directorate. Review comments of PMG/ CPMG concerned should also be furnished along with the CLI report, in case the CLI is carried out by DPS.
 - vi. Revised limits of investigations as mentioned above will be effective from the date of issue of this letter. All cases detected prior to it will be investigated by the authorities concerned as per the limits existing on the date of detection of the case.
4. In addition, all cases of loss/ fraud will have to be reported by Divisions/ Units to Regional/ Circle Office followed by a detailed investigation report, as is being done presently.
5. Apart from the above, as prescribed vide letter No. 8-03/2012-INV dated 24.03.2014, there is no change in the following instructions:
- (i) Wherever investigation into fraud case relates to the work and the responsibilities of the office of Director of Accounts (Postal)/ General Manager (Finance), the Chief PMG/ Regional PMG should communicate various acts of omission and commission on the part of staff of Postal Accounts Office and call for the comments of the Director of Accounts (Postal)/ General Manager (Finance).
 - (ii) Wherever considered necessary, further investigations can be made either by deputing a senior officer from the Circle/ Regional Office or by the Chief PMG/ PMG themselves at their discretion.
6. This issues with the approval of Secretary (Posts).


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