

FOREWORD

The previous CBI (CRIME) Manual was published in 1991. Since then, the forces of liberalization and globalization have rapidly transformed our society, economy, politics, the whole country and the world in ways we had never imagined. Today, technology has come to pervade every aspect of our life and the working environment. Paralleling this globalization movement has been the globalization of crime. **Criminals are adapting new technology and exploiting liberal policies to perpetrate crime with greater speed, accuracy and anonymity.**

In such a scenario, **it has become imperative for the CBI to adapt itself to the fast-changing environment.** Higher standards of investigation and prosecution can only be sustained if we focus our attention on the development of new skills relevant to the techno-driven society. With this in mind, we have consulted some of the most experienced and wisest persons involved in working of the Criminal Justice System to compile a new set of **“Standard Operating Procedures” for the CBI.** The changes brought about by the *Vineet Narain Judgement* of the Supreme Court in 1997, Information Technology Act, 2000, Central Vigilance Commission Act, 2003, Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1994, and a host of other laws, have been taken into consideration while re-drafting the CBI Manual. **The establishment of the CBI Academy, the Directorate of Prosecution, the Command Centre and Regional Training Centres in CBI have added new dimensions to the working of the organization.** Today, the CBI has the legal mandate and the capability to investigate and prosecute crime and criminals not only throughout India, but even abroad.

The functional and geographical expansion of CBI has led to a revision of the jurisdiction of its Branches/Regions and Zones. New sets of instructions relating to emerging areas of concern like Economic Offences and Cyber Crimes have been added. Protocols for using the Technical Units and Command Centre have been laid down. **These are likely to improve the quality, precision and speed of investigation.** The new Manual also lays stress on the foundational principles of the organization. **The Motto, Mission and Vision of the CBI have been clearly defined to guide the organization and its officers in future.**

I take this **opportunity to place on record my appreciation of all the Officers of CBI and others,** who volunteered in updating this Manual and worked as a team to complete this exercise in due time. **I am happy to write this foreword for the CBI Manual-2005.**

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