To

1. Chairman, State Bank of India
2. Chairman, Life Insurance Corporation of India
3. MD & CEOs of all Public Sector Banks
4. CMDs in all Public Sector Financial Institutions
5. CMDs of all non-life Public Sector Insurance Companies
6. CVOs of all Public Sector Banks/Financial Institutions/Insurance Companies

Sub: Advisory Board for Banking and Financial Frauds (ABBFF) – Extension of Scope – Rs. 3 crores to Rs. 50 crores – reg.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to say that in order to alleviate fear of any unwarranted hardship to decisions of officials/Executives of PSBs and PSFls, Central Vigilance Commission vide Office Order No. 02/01/22 issued vide No. 006/MSC/038 dated 06.01.2022 [copy enclosed], in consultation with Reserve Bank of India and Department of Financial Services, has extended the scope of the existing Advisory Board for Banking and Financial Frauds (ABBFF) to cover all fraud cases involving amount of Rs. 3 Crore and above and examine the role of all levels of officials/Whole Time Directors (including ex-officials/ex-WTDs) in Public Sector Banks and Public Sector Financial Institutions.

2. Henceforth, all Public Sector Banks, Public Sector Financial Institutions and Public Sector Insurance Companies [life insurance/non-life insurance] shall now scrupulously adhere to the following instructions in case of the matters cited in the subject above:

Cases to be referred to ABBFF:

(a) The ABBFF will examine all cases of total amount involving Rs.3.00 Crore and up to Rs.50.00 Crore also, which are classified as Fraud and reported to RBI by PSBs and in case of PSFls, fraud declared, on or after 06.01.2022.

(b) The cases of total amount involving Rs.3.00 Crore and up to Rs.50.00 Crore, which are classified as Fraud and reported to RBI by PSBs and in case of PSFls, declared as fraud prior to 06.01.2022 but have reached the Disciplinary Authority through IAC and CVO on or after 06.01.2022, shall also be referred to ABBFF.

(c) The cases of total amount involving Rs. 3.00 Crore and up to Rs. 50.00 Crore, where FMR is filed by PSBs or declared as fraud by PSFls prior to 06.01.2022 but criminal complaint is yet to be filed with the investigating agencies, are also to be reported to ABBFF.

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Terms & Conditions:

All other terms and conditions of CVC Office Order No. 14/08/21 dated 19.08.2021 shall remain the same.

SOP:

SOP for making references to ABBFF issued vide e-mail dated 16/17.09.2021 and addendum vide letter 006/MSC/038/496385 dated 10.11.2021 for fraud cases above Rs.50.00 Crore shall also be applicable to the fraud cases of Rs.3.00 Crore and up to Rs.50.00 Crore.

3. These instructions shall be disseminated to officers/officials of all levels in the institution.

4. Strict compliance of the above may be ensured.

Yours faithfully,

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Encl.: As above

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