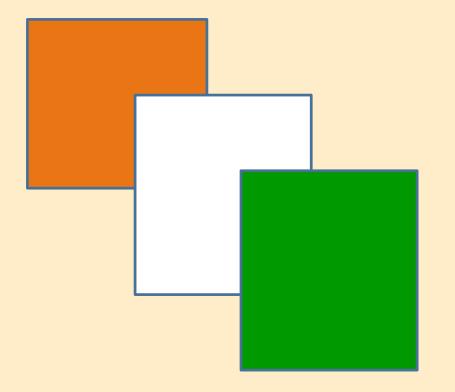
CONDUCT and DISCIPLINE in GOVT SERVICE



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CONDUCT- BASIC RULES

- SPECIFIES YOUR CONDUCT IN OFFICE, PUBLIC AND AT HOME
- CCS (CONDUCT) RULES 1964
- CCS (CCA) RULES 1965

CCS CONDUCT RULES-1964

- Contain rules 1 to 25
- Rule 3
 - General, covers integrity, devotion to duty
 - Amdt 3A- promptness and courtesy
 - 3B- Observance of Govt Policies,
 - 3C- proh of sex harassment at work place
- 5- taking part in politics
- 11- communication of official information
- 18- movable/ immovable property
- 22-consumption of alcohol and drugs

WHY D&V IS IMPORTANT

- HANDLING LARGE AMOUNT OF GOVT FUNDS
- BASICALLY ENGINEERS- IGNORANCE OF RULES
- ERROR IN D&V MATTERS IRREPEARABLE
- COMES UNDER JUDICIAL SCRUTINY
- GOVT EXPECT HIGHEST LEVEL OF INTEGRITY
- INACTION IS ALSO AN OFFENCE
- ERROR IN ACTION HELPS
 - CULPRITS TO ESCAPE
 - INNOCENT GETS PUNISHED
- TO NIP THE PROBLEM IN THE BUD

WHAT IS D&V

- CONTINUOS PROCESS
 - REGULAR CLEAR POLICIES
 - COUNSELLING
 - CAUTIONING
 - CONTINOUS VIGIL
 - ADMONITION
 - IMPOSITION OF PENALITIES
 - CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS

HOW YOU ARE CONNECTED

- AS A DISCIPLINARY AUTH
- AS AN OFFICER HANDLING DISCIPLINE
- AS A PART OF AN INQUIRY
 - INQUIRY OFFICER
 - PRESENTING OFFICER
 - WITNESS
- AS A CHARGED OFFICIAL

GENESIS OF A D&V CASE

- Complaints
- Points brought out during inspections
- Routine Vigilance Checks
- Failures or errors noticed
- Cases reported by external agencies

COMPLAINTS

- COMPLAINTS, REGULAR CHECKS
- COMPALINTS: ANY INFO OF MISDEED FROM ANY SOURCE
 - ANONYMOUS AND PSEUDONYMOUS COMPLAINTS
 - EVEN CVC REFERED COMPLAINT IF PSEUDONYMOUS- REF BACK
 - IS THERE A VIGILANCE ANGLE
 - ILLEGAL GRATIFICATION
 - ABUSE OF OFFICIAL POSITION
 - DISPROPORTIONATE ASSETS
 - FORGERY, CHEATING, CRIMINAL OFFENCES
 - FALSE COMPLAINTS
 - COMPLAINTS WITH VERIFIABLE FACTS

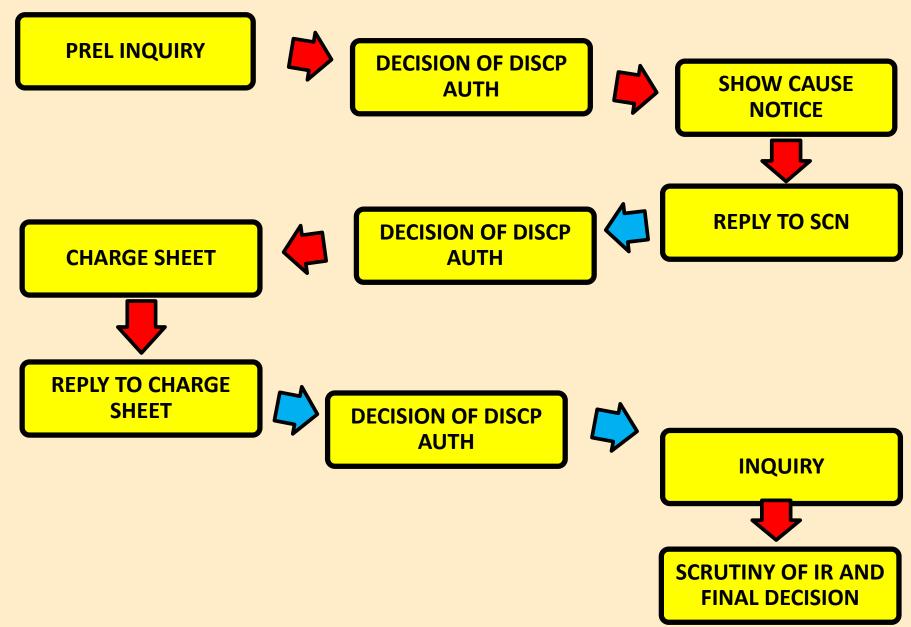
DISCIPLINARY AUTHORITY

- APPOINTING AUTH IS DISCIPLINARY AUTH
- ROLE:
 - ADVANCE WARNING
 - CONSISTENCY
 - IMPERSONAL
 - IMMEDIATE ACTION
- FUNCTIONS
 - EXAMINATION OF COMPLAINTS
 - DECIDE IO AND PO IN A CASE
 - TO DECIDE ON SUSPENSION

DISCIPLINARY AUTHORITY

- FUNCTIONS
 - **REVIEW PRELIMINARY INQUIRY REPORT**
 - WARNING, COUNSELLING
 - INITIATION OF DISCP PROCEEDINGS
 - CONSULTATION WITH CVC
 - ISSUE CHARGE SHEET
 - DECIDE PENALTY
 - PASSING FINAL ORDERS
 - PASSING ANY NEW INSTRUCTION TO AVOID REPETITION

STAGES OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION



STAGES OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION

- PRELIMINARY INQUIRY/ FACT FINDING INQUIRY/
 ONE MAN INQUIRY
 - NOT MANDATORY BUT PREFERRED
 - TO CHECK VERACITY OF COMPLAINT
 - TO COLLECT EVIDENCE
 - TO PINPOINT NAMES OF RESP PERSONS

PRELIMINARY INV REPORT

- SHOULD BRING OUT FACTS AND FIGURES
- SHOULD CLEARLY SHOW RULES VIOLATED
- SHOULD NAME THE PERSONS INVOLVED
- SHOULD BRING OUT LAPSES OF EACH PERSON
- REASONED CONCLUSION
- TIMELY COMPLETION (3 MONTHS)

PRELIM REPORT

- INTRO
- GIST OF ALLEGATION
- POINTS NEEDING PROOF
- ACTION TAKEN BY INV OFFICER
- EVIDENCE COLLECTED
- EVALUATION OF EVIDENCE
- VERSION OF THE ACCUSED IF RECORDED
- PEOPLE RESPONSIBLE
- CONCLUSION (SHOULD NOT RECOMMEND WHAT ACTION IS TO BE TAKEN BY DA)

ACTION ON PREL REPORT

- CLOSE THE CASE
- ACTION
 - ADMINISTRATIVE
 - DISCIPLINARY
 - CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS
 - REF TO CVC
- ACTION AGAINST FALSE COMPLAINTS – MALICIOUS, VEXATIOUS, UNFOUNDED



SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

- ISSUE A DETAILED SHOW CAUSE NOTICE
 - WITH ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS BASED ON WHICH THE CHARGES ARE BEING SUSTAINED
 - SPECIFIC CHARGES WITH FACTS AND FIGURES
 - CHANCE FOR OFFICIAL TO VERIFY DOCUMENTS
 - SPECIFIC TIME 10 DAYS MORE IF LARGE VOL OF DOCUMENTS ARE INVOLVED
 - IF REPLY IS NOT RECD, GIVE ONE MORE FINAL NOTICE
 - NOT REQUIRED IF THE GOVT SERVANT IS DUE FOR RETIREMENT AND TIME IS NOT SUFFICIENT

ACTION ON REPLY TO SCN

- CLOSE THE CASE
- ACTION
 - MINOR PENALITY UNDER RULE 16
 - ISSUE IMPUTATION OF CHARGES WITH DOCUMENTS
 - ALLOW 10 DAYS FOR REPLY
 - ALLOW INSPECTION OF DOCUMEMENTS
 - ON GETTING REPLY ISSUE SPEAKING ORDER

ACTION ON REPLY TO SCN

- ACTION
 - MAJOR PENALITY
 - ISSUE CHARGE SHEET.
 - ALLOW 10 DAYS FOR REPLY
 - ALLOW INSPECTION OF DOCUMEMENTS
 - ON GETTING REPLY EITHER CLOSE THE CASE AND ISSUE ORDER
 - OR ORDER AN INQUIRY UNDER RULE 14.



- TO BE ISSUED WITHIN 2 MONTHS OF RECEIPT OF INV REPORT/ ONE MONTH OF CVC ADV
- NO TIME LIMIT BETWEEN OCCURRENCE AND ISSUE
- CONSIST OF MAIN MEMO
- Annexure I- article of charges
- Annexure II statement of imputation
- Annexure III- List of documentary evidence
- Annexure IV List of witnesses

- ARTICLE OF CHARGES
 - EACH ARTICLE TO BE VERY SPECIFIC, QUOTE RULES
 - EACH ACT OF MISCONDUCT TO BE A SEPERATE ARTICLE
 - ONLY THE MISCONDUCT AND RULES VIOLATED TO BE SPECIFIED
- STATEMENT OF IMPUTATION
 - FOR EACH ARTICLE ABOVE, DETAILS OF HOW THE MISCONDUCT WAS DONE AND DETECTED
 - SHOULD CONNECT THE EVIDENCES AND WITNESSES LISTED TO EACH CHARGE,

- LIST OF DOCUMENTS
 - ONLY THOSE DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO BE SPECIFIED
 - ALL DOCUMENTS SPECIFIED SHALL BE AVAILABLE WITH THE DEPT
- LIST OF WITNESSES

- IMPORTANT POINTS
 - BASIS IS PRELIM REPORT
 - LANGUAGE IS VERY IMPORTANT
 - CAN BE AMMENDED DURING INQUIRY BUT CANNOT ADD MORE FACTS OR NEW CHARGES
 - CHARGES TO BE LISTED IN THE ORDER OF SERIOUSNESS
 - DEEMED TO BE ISSUED ONCE DESPATCHED
 - IO AND PO BE APPOINTED ONLY AFTER CO DENIES CHARGES OR DO NOT RESPOND



WHY INQUIRY IS REQUIRED

- FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT AS PER CONSTITUTION
 - **RIGHT TO KNOW THE CHARGES**
 - RIGHT TO KNOW EVIDENCES LED TO THE CHARGE
 - **RIGHT TO INSPECT THE DOCUMENT**
 - RIGHT TO DEFEND AND PROVE INNOCENCE
 - RIGHT TO CROSS EXAMINE THE WITNESSES
 - RIGHT FOR LEAD EVIDENCE IN DEF
 - RIGHT TO BE HEARD- REASONABLE OPPORTUNITY

WHY INQUIRY IS REQUIRED

- NATURAL JUSTICE
 - NO ONE CAN BE CONDEMNED UNHEARD
 - NO ONE CAN JUDGE HIS OWN CASE
 - JUSTICE TO BE DONE AND SHOULD APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN DONE
 - ALL ORDERS SHALL BE SPEAKING ORDERS

INQUIRY OFFICER

- SHOULD NOT BE THE IMM BOSS OF CO
- TO BE AN OFFR SENIOR TO IO
- SHOULD NOT HAVE EXPRESSED AN OPINION IN THE CASE EARLIER
- SHOULD NOT HAVE A BIAS
 - PERSONAL BIAS
 - PECUNIARY BIAS
 - SUBJECT MATTER BIAS

PRESENTING OFFICER

- AN OFFICER FROM DEPT / LEGAL PRACTIONER
- NOT THE OFFR OF PRELIM INQUIRY

• ACTIONS BY PO

ACTION BY IO

- VERIFY APPOINTING ORDER + ACK
- CHECK CHARGE MEMO + DOCUMENTS
- BRING OUT ANY DISCREPANCY
- NOTICE TO CO + PO
- DAILY ORDER SHEETS- SERIALLY NUMBERED
- PRELIMINARY HEARING WITHIN 10 DAYS
- DEFENCE ASST
- CHECK REPLY BY CO- CORRECT REF ETC
- CAN BRING OUT PATENT ERROR
- NO COMMENTS QUALITATIVE/ EVIDENCE/ LOGICAL INACCURACY

ACTION BY IO

- PRELIMINARY HEARING
 - QUESTION OF FAITH
 - DO YOU ACCEPT ALL THE CHARGES
 - INSPECTION OF DOCU- 5 DAYS
 - FIX DATE OF INSP
 - LIST OF WITNESSES & DOCU BY CO
 - IO TO DIRECTLY ASK FOR ADDITIONAL DOCU
- DEFENCE ASSISTANT
 - LEGAL PRACTITIONER
 - GOVT EMPLOYEE FROM SAME HQ /STATION

ACTION BY IO

- **REGULAR HEARING**
 - EXAMINATION OF DOCU EVIDENCE
 - EXAMINATION OF WITNESSES
 - EXAMINATION IN CHIEF
 - CROSS EXAMINATION
 - **RE EXAMINATION**
 - LEADING QUESTIONS PROHIBITED IN Ex IN Ch
 - MANDATORY QUESTION BY IO
 - WRITTEN BRIEF BY PO FIRST, THEN CO
 - FORM
 - FACTS & EVIDENCE
 - LOGIC
 - LANGUAGE

EVIDENCE

- PROPONDACE OF PROBABILITY
- CLEAR AND CONVINCING
- PROOF BEYOND DOUBT

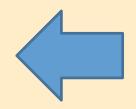
FINAL REPORT

- INPUT
 - CHARGE SHEET
 - DOCUMENTARY PROOF
 - **STATEMENT OF WITNESS**
 - STATEMENT OF DEFENCE
 - CONCLUDING STATEMENT OF PO
 - CONCLUDING STATEMENT OF CO

FINAL REPORT

• CONTENTS

- INTRODUCTION
- CHARGES
- CHARGES ADMITTED AND DROPPED
- CHARGES INQUIRED INTO
- STATEMENT OF DOCUMENTS
- STATEMENT OF DISP AUTH
- STATEMENT OF DEFENCE
- POINT FOR DETERMINATION
- ASSESSMENT OF EVIDENCE
- FINDINGS



QUANTUM OF PENALTY

- MINOR OR MAJOR
 - COMMENSURATE WITH THE LOSS TO STATE
 - IF INTEGRITY IS IN QUESTION- PENALTY TO BE MAXIMUM
 - IF VIG ANGLE IS PROVED- MAX PENALTY
- REMEMBER
 - THE FINAL ORDER MAY COME UNDER
 - APPELATE REVIEW MERIT
 - JUDICIAL REVIEW- LEGALITY & PROCEDURAL

EVERY SAINT HAS PAST

EVERY SINNER HAS A FUTURE