The General Managers (Vigilance)
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Sub: Departmental Trap cases – Procedure & guidelines.

Para 307 of Indian Railways Vigilance Manual, 2006 lays down the procedures and guidelines for conducting departmental trap cases. Para 307.3 deals with the selection of the “decoy” and reads as follows:-

“The selection of the decoy has also to be done very carefully. If he is a Government Servant, he should have a clear past and should not have any enmity against the person who is to be trapped. If the decoy is a non-Government person, then he should be adequately informed of the purpose of this trap. The decoy should be one who would always stand with the Vigilance agency under all circumstances and not be bought over or pressurized by the trapped person. He would have to be told before-hand that his commitment in the case would last a long while, he would face cross examination in the subsequent inquiry process and, hence, should be willing to cooperate with the Vigilance till the very end.”

In a decoy check conducted by Vigilance on one of the Zonal Railways at a Health Unit, regarding demand of illegal gratification in lieu of issue of Sick/Fit certificates, a Khalasi from the Vigilance branch was sent as the “decoy” patient. In this case, CVC while furnishing its advice, had observed that the decoy was an employee of the Vigilance department and, in real terms, cannot be termed as an independent witness. The Commission has further observed that the decoy selected for departmental trap cases should be an independent person.

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In view of the above, it has been decided that the decoy selected for departmental trap cases should not be an official of the vigilance department. These instructions may please be noted for strict compliance.

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Railway Board

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New Delhi, dated December 16, 2008

Copy to :- The Secretary, {Kind Attention : Shri K.L.Ahuja, Director} CVC, Satarkata Bhawan, Block-A, GPO Complex, INA, New Delhi-110 021– for information w.r.t. their I. D. No. 0076/RLY/11-13356 dated 16.06.2008.

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