Sub: Cooperation with Vigilance team in discharge of its duty during conduct of preventive check.

Instances have come to notice that during Preventive Checks conducted by teams from the Vigilance Directorate of Railway Board, full cooperation is not being extended by the officials of zonal Railways, for eliciting requisite information and collecting relevant documents, thereby, hampering smooth and effective working by the Vigilance officials.

2. It may be mentioned that Investigating Inspectors of the Vigilance Directorate of Railway Board are authorized to enter any of the Railway offices, record statements of the officials concerned, who are expected to render them all possible assistance in the proper discharge of their official duties. They are also empowered to seize all relevant documents against issue of proper 'Seizure Memo'.

3. As preventive checks are an effective way of monitoring the system, there is a need to extend full cooperation by the officials of the concerned Zonal Railways to the Vigilance team conducting the check, by providing them requisite information, documents etc. This will go a long way in strengthening the vigilance administration.

4. This letter supercedes Board's letter No.2007/V1/PC/1/1 dated 25.4.2007 (RBV No.04/2007).