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Government Of India  
Department of Personnel & Training  
Ministry of Personnel, Public  
Grievances and Pensions

D.O. No. 32/2026-EO(MM.II)

Dated 30<sup>th</sup> December, 2025

Dear Sir / Ma'am,

I am writing to invite nominations of officers for appointment on deputation to the posts under Central Staffing Scheme(CSS) and for the posts of Chief Vigilance Officers (CVOs) in Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) and other organizations under various Ministries/Departments. The detailed guidelines to this effect are given in Appendix-I and Appendix-II, respectively. The details of stations where posts of CVOs are located are indicated at Appendix-III.

CS (Busy) 2. As you are aware, nominations for both CSS and CVO posts are invited through a single interface namely SUPREMO portal. This portal also gives option to officers to opt for being considered for the Non-CSS posts (i.e. posts in PSU/Autonomous Body/Registered Society/Statutory Body etc.) for which vacancies are available from time to time.

3. The qualifying service for empanelment of IAS officers to Joint Secretary level posts at the Centre is now 16 years, aligning it with the period prescribed for grant of Super Time Scale by the Government of India's Decision (DoPT letter No. 20011/4/92-AIS II dated 28<sup>th</sup> March 2000) under Rule 3 of the IAS (Pay) Rules, 1954. Moreover, having regard to the need for creating a strong cadre of professionally trained corps of officers, with experience at the Centre and the State, it was decided that not less than two years Central Deputation experience at Under Secretary/Deputy Secretary/Director level shall be mandatory for empanelment at Joint Secretary level at the Centre in respect of IAS officers. Further, as per empanelment guidelines for evaluating suitability of IAS officers for their inclusion in the panel of Additional Secretary, the officers fulfilling the prescribed benchmark will be excluded if they are in the following categories:-

- those who are not included in the panel of officers to hold JS level posts (for empanelment at the level of AS) at the Centre, or
- those who have not worked on Central deputation for a minimum period of three years at the level of DS and above.

4. The online application form is available in the supremo portal (<https://supremo.nic.in/>) and the format of the same is enclosed. Annexure-I of the form along with photograph needs to be filled online by the officer. Annexure II, III and IV have to be filled online by the Nodal Officer designated for this purpose by the Cadre Controlling Authority (CCA) and forwarded online to DoPT. I would request that the guidelines brought out in Appendix I and II are strictly adhered to while forwarding the applications of officers. The supremo portal for receiving applications for 2026 will be operational only from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026.

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5. Further, I would also like to draw your kind attention to the Central Deputation Reserve (CDR) data for IAS officers which determines the extent to which officers could be sent on deputation to the Government of India. Proper cadre management requires an adequate number of the officers to be deputed to the Centre under the Central Staffing Scheme. You would also agree that the movement of the officers from the States to the Centre and back is crucial for building up the capabilities at the State level and contributing towards developing State perspectives in the Government of India or National perspective in the State at the decision-making levels. This will also ensure that every eligible officer has an opportunity to serve at the Centre at least once at the middle management level. Further, it is requested to ensure that an officer, once placed on the offer list, continues to be available for consideration throughout the year.

6. It is observed that the applications of officers, who have applied for the posts under CSS or that of CVOs or both, are often forwarded for some other posts without consulting the office of the Establishment Officer. It is, therefore, requested that the names of officers forwarded for consideration for the above posts, may not be recommended for other posts without consulting this Division.

7. The Government of India has been following a policy of debarring an officer for five years, if, he/she fails to join the Central deputation as per orders of DoPT either on personal grounds or the refusal of the Cadre to relieve him. It may be noted that withdrawal of the name of an officer after a panel has been recommended by the Civil Services Board results in debarment for five years. As per instructions contained in letter No. 14/1/98-FA(UN), dated 26.2.1998 and No. 1/1/2003-FAS, dated 8.5.2003 of the Department of Personnel and Training, an officer who is debarred from being taken on deputation to a post is also to be debarred from being given Cadre Clearance for foreign assignments/consultancies abroad during the period of debarment. Therefore, nomination of officers debarred from central deputation should not be forwarded for appointment to above posts till the period of debarment is over.

8. I would request you to also take note of the following points, while forwarding the names of officers for appointment, under the Central Staffing Scheme or for the post of Chief Vigilance Officers(CVOs):

- i. Sufficient names of women and SC and ST Officers may be sponsored so that adequate representation can be provided to them.
- ii. Officers whose names are offered should have completed the prescribed 'Cooling Off' period.
- iii. The APARs completed upto 31.03.2025 must be uploaded online in Annexure-IV as it will be difficult to consider the names of officers with incomplete APARs.
- iv. The periods for which APARs are not available may clearly be pointed out. The reasons for non-availability of APARs or NRC for these periods may invariably be provided.
- v. The posting details should be complete from date of joining of service to till date.
- vi. The earlier deputations or debarment period may be clearly specified in Annexure III of the application.
- vii. Details of any inquiry/complaints/proceedings which may affect the vigilance status of the applicant may also be forwarded.
- viii. If an officer is currently working on any deputation (i.e., Ex-Cadre, Non-CSS, Inter-Cadre deputation etc.), 'NOC' of that Ministry/Department/State Government etc, where the officer is on deputation, may also be provided.

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9. Only those applications that have been validated electronically by the Nodal Officers will be accepted. All the Nodal Officers may be requested to ensure that details in Annexure-I to IV are duly filled in, complete and correct (up to date) in all respects. In case of change of the existing Nodal Officer, details along with e-mail I.D. of the Nodal Officer may be intimated to this Office and the same must be uploaded online in SUPREMO in the prescribed format.

10. The officer shall also be required to indicate choice of location(s) only (not CPSEs/Organizations) for CVO and choice of location(s) along with three indicative preferences for Departments/Ministries for CSS, while sending their applications. Even though officers are required to indicate their preference of station(s)/location(s) of posting, the Government reserves the right to take the final decision in the matter. Further, the actual appointments will be subject to availability of posts at various locations and the suitability of officers for the posts.

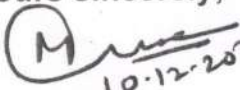
11. The extant guidelines relating to the CSS permit officers in the higher pay scale in their parent cadres to come on deputation under CSS in lower pay scale. Extant Rules and guidelines regarding fixation of pay under Central Staffing Scheme would apply. Officers appointed at Deputy Secretary level may get the benefit of pay fixation at higher level on grant of Level 13 or Grade Pay of Rs. 8700/- in their respective parent cadres and may be re-designated as Director on completing 14 years of service.

12. It is requested that names of only those officers should be forwarded who are not likely to be recalled on ground of availing promotion in the cadre for at least 2 years.

13. The names of officers nominated for Joint Secretary level for CSS/CVOs may kindly be sent to Director (SM) and those for Director/Deputy Secretary level for CSS/CVOs may be sent to Deputy Secretary (MM). Given the procedural delays in receiving offers from the CCAs and consequential time taken in finalizing the 'Offer List' for the year 2026, we presume your concurrence in operating the 'Offer List' of 2025 till 31.03.2026.

*With warm regards,*

Yours sincerely,

  
10.12.2027

(Manisha Saxena)

**The Chief Secretaries of All the State Governments.**

**Copy to:-**

NIC, DoP&T, with a request to upload this circular on the Department's website under: **"Online Services- Central Staffing Scheme and CVO"**.

Guidelines for the preparation of offer list for consideration for appointment under Central Staffing Scheme to the posts of Joint Secretary/Director/Deputy Secretary in the Government of India during the year 2026.

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### ELIGIBILITY

#### (A) JOINT SECRETARY

- (i) Officers adjudged suitable/empanelled for holding Joint Secretary level posts at the Centre, intimated to the Cadre Controlling Authorities.

#### (B) DIRECTOR

- (i) Officers who have completed 14 years of service and have been granted Level 13 or Grade Pay Rs. 8700/- in their Cadre.

#### (C) DEPUTY SECRETARY

- (i) Officers who have completed 9 years in the Indian Administrative Service.

### COOLING OFF

It may kindly be ensured that the names of only those officers are sponsored who have finished their prescribed 'cooling off'. An officer, who has previously been on deputation, will be considered for deputation under the Central Staffing Scheme only if he has completed mandatory 'cooling off' period as per extant guidelines. In the case of a woman officer whose husband is posted under the Government of India, 'cooling-off' period can be waived up to six months so that she may get posting at the station where her husband is posted.

The cooling off period would commence on the date on which the officer reports to his cadre on reversion from deputation including extended deputation arising out of proceeding on study leave, EOL, etc. while being on deputation without reverting to the cadre. The details of the 'cooling off' are to be given electronically in Annexure-III of the Application Form.

### VIGILANCE CLEARANCE

Only the officers clear from the vigilance angle should be placed on offer; in case anything adverse comes to the notice of the Cadre Controlling Authorities against the officer, the same should be conveyed to this Department immediately. A certificate of vigilance clearance (Annexure-II of the Application Form) needs to be electronically validated by the Nodal Officer.

### DEBARMENT

The names of officers who are under the period of debarment, may not be sponsored. The details of debarment are to be given electronically in Annexure-III of the Application Form.



## **CONFIDENTIAL ROLL**

The Confidential Rolls of the officers placed on offer must be made available complete upto 31.3.2025. The details of missing ACR(s), if any, may be clearly mentioned with reasons. Alternately, NRC(s) be specifically attached. Only those officers whose records are graded as 'Very Good' and above in the last five years of service would be considered for retention on offer and hence only such officers may be sponsored. The gist of the ACRs is to be given electronically in Annexure-IV of the Application Form.

## **CDR UTILIZATION**

In formulating the Offer List for 2026, care may be taken to offer officers at different levels in sufficient numbers so as to meet the gap in the utilization of Central Deputation Reserves in the Cadres.

## **PAY FIXATION**

Pay fixation would be as per extant guidelines.

## **DEPUTATION**

In case the officer(s) are presently on deputation, complete details of the post i.e. the nature of deputation as to whether it is a Ex-Cadre Deputation, Non-CSS Deputation, Inter-Cadre deputation etc. along with the tenure, the mode of appointment/selection process followed for appointment to the post and date of completion of 'cooling off' (if applicable) may be provided. Further, the cadre clearance from the current Department/Ministry may also be provided if the officer is currently on any Deputation (i.e., Ex-Cadre, Non-CSS, Inter-Cadre etc) post.

**NOTE:** It may be noted that for the officers whose applications have been forwarded to DoP&T for the Central Staffing Scheme, NOC of EO's Division of DoP&T should be taken before such officers are allowed to apply for any other deputation.

**Guidelines for the preparation of offer list for consideration for appointment under Central Staffing Scheme to the posts of Joint Secretary/Director/Deputy Secretary in the Government of India during the year 2026.**

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**(B) DIRECTOR**

- (i) Officers who have completed 14 years of service and have been granted Level 13 or Grade Pay Rs. 8700/- in their Cadre.

**(C) DEPUTY SECRETARY**

- (i) Officers who have completed 9 years in the Indian Administrative Service.

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## **Guidelines for the preparation of offer list for consideration for appointment to the posts of Chief Vigilance Officers during the year 2026.**

### **ELIGIBILITY**

Officers whose batches (of the service to which the officer belongs) have been empanelled to hold the posts of Additional Secretary in the Government of India or equivalent shall not be considered for the post of CVOs. An officer will not be considered for appointment as CVO in an organization to which he/she belongs. Further, the officer being considered should not have worked (in the preceding 3 years) in an organization/office in any capacity having direct official dealings with the concerned CPSE etc. in which he/she is being considered for appointment. The Cadre Controlling Authority, while forwarding the application of the officer, shall specify the CPSEs with whom the officer had official dealings in the last three years. The officers will be considered for appointment based on their past experience including experience in Personnel, Administrative Vigilance, Investigation, Legal and Public Procurement matters. The following categories of officers would be considered for appointment to the posts of CVO's

#### **(A) JOINT SECRETARY**

- (i) Only those officers:
  - a) drawing Senior Administrative Grade in their cadre and,
  - b) whose batches (of service to which the officers belongs) have been empanelled to hold posts of Joint Secretary in the Government of India or have completed 19 year of service.
- (ii) Officers of the All India Services who have been drawing pay in the SAG in their cadre continuously for 3 years.
- (iii) Officers of the CPSEs, who have completed 20 years on Group 'A' equivalent posts in a CPSE and are holding posts drawing pay equivalent to SAG in their organizations.

#### **(B) DIRECTOR**

- (i) The officers of Indian Administrative Service and officers working as Directors in the Government of India, who have completed 14 years of Group 'A' service and have been granted Non-Functional Selection Grade in the Cadre in Group 'A'.
- (ii) For officers of the CPSEs, only those who have completed 14 years on Group 'A' equivalent posts in a CPSE and are holding posts drawing pay equivalent to NFSG in their organizations.

#### **(C) DEPUTY SECRETARY**

- (i) The officers of All India Services and officers working as Deputy Secretaries in the Government of India, who have completed 9 years of Group 'A' service.
- ii) For officers of the CPSEs, only those who have completed 9 years on Group 'A' equivalent posts in a CPSE and are holding posts drawing pay equivalent to JAG in their organizations

## **COOLING OFF / VIGILANCE CLEARANCE/ DEBARMENT**

Extant guidelines on cooling off, debarment and vigilance clearance would be applicable as has been mentioned in Appendix-I.

## **CONFIDENTIAL ROLL**

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## **AGE LIMIT**

The officers coming directly from the cadre should not be more than 54 years of age as on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026. However, where the extension of deputation is sought through lateral shift or from an existing posting under CSS or Non-CSS post to posting as CVO, the age limit is 56 years.

## **PAY FIXATION**

- i. The officers who are appointed as CVO at Joint Secretary level would draw pay in the scale of Grade Pay of Rs. 10,000/- (pre-revised).
- ii. The officers who are appointed as CVO at DS/Director level would draw pay in the Grade Pay of Rs. 7600/- or Rs. 8700/- (pre-revised) in the appropriate pay band according to the level at which they are working at present.



Indicative locations of posts of CVOs at DS/Director/JS levels in CPSEs etc.  
upto 31.12.2026

S. No.	Location
1	Delhi
2	Kolkata, West Bengal
3	Mumbai, Maharashtra
4	Goa
5	Mangaluru, Karnataka
6	Bengaluru, Karnataka
7	Jaipur, Rajasthan
8	Chennai, Tamilnadu
9	Sambalpur, Odisha
10	Dhanbad, Jharkhand
11	Nepanagar, Madhya Pradesh
12	Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
13	Kochi, Kerala
14	Neyveli, Tamilnadu
15	Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh

**Personal Information**

Photograph

Application for the Post of

**Applied For**☐ CSS☐ CVO☐ NON-CSS**Level**☐ DS ☐ Director ☐ Joint Secretary☐ DS ☐ Director ☐ Joint Secretary☐ DS ☐ Director ☐ Joint Secretary

1	Service	
2	Cadre (only for AIS)	
3	First Name	
4	Middle Name	
5	Surname	
6	Domicile	
7	Gender	
8	Category	
9	Date of Birth	
10	Date of Superannuation	
11	Contact Details a) E-mail Id b) Office Phone Number (with STD code): c) Residence Phone Number (with STD code): d) Mobile Number:	
12	Exam Year	
13	Allotment Year	



14	Date of Joining	
15	Present Pay band+ Grade Pay OR Present Pay Level	
16	Basic Pay as on 01.01.2026	
17	Whether Spouse is working in a service participating under Central Staffing Scheme. a) Service of Spouse (if reply to above is Yes) b) Cadre of Spouse (if AIS)	
18	Whether spouse currently working under Central Deputation	YES/NO
19	Whether granted NFSG or Pay Level 13	
20	Date of grant of NFSG or Pay Level 13 (upload order)	
21	Whether he/she is Empanelled to hold the post of Joint Secretary to the Govt. of India.  if yes  Date of Empanelment (Upload Order copy)	Yes/No
22	Latest Batch to get Empanelled to hold the post of Joint Secretary to the Govt. of India	
23	Whether he/she is Empanelled to hold the post of Additional Secretary to the Govt. of India. If yes (Upload Order copy)	
24	Latest Batch to get Empanelled to hold the post of Additional Secretary to the Govt. of India	
25	Years of service in Group 'A' equivalent posts(for CPSE officers)	
26	Whether presently slotted for Foreign Assignments /Training	YES/NO
27	Whether presently working in the Cadre or on Deputation	

28	If on Central Deputation, Nature of Post	<input type="radio"/> CSS <input type="radio"/> Non-CSS <input type="radio"/> Ex-Cadre
29	Post Held	
30	Post Level	
31	Date of Start of Central Députation	
32	Date of Expiry of Central Deputation	
33	Whether worked on Central Deputation before,  If yes, Date of reporting to cadre	YES / NO
34	Whether cooling-off period completed a. Cooling-off period completion date	
35	Whether Debarred from Central Staffing Scheme Previously  If Yes,  <u>Date of debarment</u> a. Debarment from b. Debarment to	YES / NO
36	A brief note (not more than 100 words) highlighting significant/relevant qualifications and important achievements in support of eligibility.	
37	Whether retained in Offer List during previous years	2023: YES/NO 2024: YES/NO 2025: YES/NO
38	Preference of Ministries/Departments*	1. 2. 3.
39	A brief note (not more than 100 words) highlighting reasons for choice of Ministries/Departments.	
40	Preference of Stations*	
41	Whether applied for CVO during previous years	2023: YES/NO 2024: YES/NO 2025: YES/NO



42	Preference of stations for CVO*	
43	Date of grant of SAG/Pay level 14	
44	A brief note on why the applicant should be considered for the post of CVO	

\* **Note:** Even though officers will be asked to give their preference of station/location of posting, Government reserves the right to take the final decision in the matter. Further, while officers have the option to apply for both CSS and CVO posts, but the actual appointments will be subject to availability of posts and the suitability of officers for the posts.

#### 45. EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

(Please only mention Graduation and above).

Sl. No.	Qualification	Subject (1) Subject (2)	Year / Division	Institution University Place Country
1				
2				
3				

#### 46. TRAINING DETAILS

(Please mention trainings of duration of only more than 1 month )

Sl. No	(i) Training Name (ii) Institute (iii) Country	Training related to Specialization in Subjects	From Date To Date
1			
2			

3			

47. **EXPERIENCE DETAILS**

(Please provide up to date experience details)

(i) Cadre:

Sl. No.	Type of Posting	(i) Level/Pay Scale (ii) Designation	Ministry Department Office Place	Field of experience acquired during the posting (Major & Minor)	Tenure From & Tenure To
1					
2					

(ii) Central Staffing Scheme:

Sl. No.	Type of Posting	(i) Level/Pay Scale (ii) Designation	Ministry Department Office Place	Field of experience acquired during the posting (Major & Minor)	Tenure From & Tenure To
1					
2					

iii) Non-Central Staffing Scheme/Other Deputations:



Sl. No.	Type of Posting	(i) Level/Pay Scale (ii) Designation	Ministry Department Office Place	Field of experience acquired during the posting (Major & Minor)	Tenure From & Tenure To
1					
2					

The information furnished above by me is correct.

(Signature)

**To be filled by the Cadre Controlling Authority.**

(This should be filled by the competent authority of State Govt. / Cadre Controlling Authority as prescribed in the letter)

It is certified that the above information given is correct as per record.

Signature:

Name:

Designation:

**48. Vigilance Experience Details**

S.No.	Type of Posting (Cadre/Centre)	Level/Pay scale Designation	Ministry Department Office Place	Details of Experience in vigilance/disciplinary matters	Tenure from Tenure to

The information furnished above by me is correct.

(Signature)

**To be filled by the Cadre Controlling Authority.**

(This should be filled by the competent authority of State Govt. / Cadre Controlling Authority as prescribed in the letter)

It is certified that the above information given is correct as per record.

Signature:

Name:

Designation:



TO BE FILLED BY THE CADRE CONTROLLING AUTHORITY

NAME OF THE OFFICER:

SERVICE :

CADRE :

BATCH:

Date of Birth:

1. Whether any disciplinary proceedings have been initiated against the officer during his career, so far. If yes, details thereof
2. Whether any complaint including that of corruption, against the officer, which in view of the State Government/ Cadre Controlling Authority may have a direct bearing/relevance on the vigilance status/ Integrity of the officer as on date, is pending against the officer. If so, details thereof.
3. Whether any preliminary inquiry or any other vigilance related matter is pending against the officer. If so, full facts of the pending matter.
4. Whether any criminal proceedings were registered against the officer during his career so far. If so, the details/present status and the final outcome thereof.
5. Whether the name of the officer appears in the Agreed List.

**Signature of the officer certifying the proforma**

**Name**

**Designation**

**Stamp**

TO BE FILLED BY THE CADRE CONTROLLING AUTHORITY

NAME OF THE OFFICER:

SERVICE :

CADRE :

BATCH:

Date of Birth:

1. a) Whether the Officer has ever been debarred :  
from Central Deputation
- b) If Yes, period of debarment
2. Has the Officer been on any deputation before :
3. If yes -
  - a) Date of commencement of deputation
  - b) Date of completion of deputation
  - c) Date of completion of Cooling-off

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Name

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TO BE FILLED BY THE CADRE CONTROLLING AUTHORITYNAME OF THE OFFICER:SERVICE :CADRE:Batch:Date of Birth:

1	Whether APAR Dossier is Complete upto 31/03/2025							YES / NO
2	APAR(s) for any year (in the last 5 years) not available in the Dossier (Reason for non-availability or NRC be given)							
3.	Adverse entries if any (expunged or unexpunged) in Any APAR(s) If Yes, Year-wise details Thereof.							YES / NO
4.	Date of Filing Latest IPR							
5.	APAR grading of the last 05 years							
Year/ Period	IPR Submission date	Grading by Reporting Authority	Name/Desg of Reporting Authority	Grading by Reviewing Authority	Name/Desg of Reviewing Authority	Grading by Accepting Authority	Name/Desg of Accepting Authority	Final grading

Signature of the officer certifying the proforma

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