

HISTORY OF THE HP SVACB

Vigilance Department was created in Himachal Pradesh in the year 1965, when the State was still a Union Territory. At that time, the jurisdiction of the Central Bureau of Investigation and the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) extended to the whole of Union Territory and procedures laid down in the CVC Vigilance Manual were followed in dealing with disciplinary cases against government servants. On 25th January 1971, consequent to attainment of statehood, the functions of the CVC were taken over by the Himachal Pradesh Vigilance Department and the investigation work was assigned to its Anti-Corruption Unit.

To deal with economic offences, and to prevent and detect leakage of revenue in Forest, Industries, Excise & Taxation, Transport, Civil Supplies and Cooperative Departments, Directorate of Enforcement was created in the state vide Govt. of H.P. letter No. Per (Vig) A.1 (1)/81 dated 27.3.1981. It was headed by Director of Enforcement and it had two Zones i.e. North & South with Zonal Hdqrs at Dharamshala and Shimla, headed by Deputy Directors. Besides police officers, it had officers from different departments on deputation. In the year 1983, I.G. Police (Enforcement & Vigilance) was appointed vide H.P. Govt. Notification No. Karmik (A.1) B (6)-3/83-D, dated 5.5.1983, and the Director of Enforcement was brought under his supervision. Subsequently, vide notification No. Per (Vig) B-7 (3)/81, dated 7.11.1983, the posts of Director of Enforcement and other police officers were re-designated as DIG Police (Enf), SP (Enf) etc. The I.G. Police was additionally entrusted with the work of control & supervision of Anti Corruption Unit, and for all practical purposes, the Directorate of Enforcement, though created as an independent Department, was made a wing of the Vigilance Department of the Govt.

In the year 2006, the erstwhile Anti-Corruption Unit and Enforcement Department were merged vide HP Govt. Notification No. Per (Vig) A (4)-2/99 dated 15.11.2006, and a new organization i.e. H.P. State Vigilance & Anti-Corruption Bureau (SV&ACB) came into existence, which it started functioning as separate organization w.e.f. 1st April, 2007, consequent to allocation of separate budget. It now comprises of 3 Ranges i.e. Southern Range Shimla, Central Range Mandi & Northern Range Dharamshala, and Special Investigation Unit (SIU) at Shimla; and 12 police stations.