

SALIENT FEATURES OF ACE RULES 1985

Following are the two salient features of these rules:-

I) OFFICER BASED

The Establishment has been made an officer based organization vide Punjab Anti-Corruption Establishment Rules, 1985 and decision making is exercised at officers level through Director General, Additional Director General, Additional Directors and Deputy Directors whereas the enquiries & Investigations are also conducted through Assistant Directors and Circle Officers, besides Deputy Directors.

II) EX-OFFICIO ANTI-CORRUPTION MECHANISM

Anti-Corruption mechanism has also been provided in the Administrative Departments, Government of the Punjab, with the posts of ex-officio Additional Directors, ex-officio Deputy Directors and ex-officio Assistant Directors ACE. The area of jurisdiction of ex-officio Deputy Director Anti-Corruption (DCO of the District Government) is the District of his posting while that of ex-officio Additional Director Anti-Corruption is over his Department and attached Department in which he is assisted by the ex-officio Assistant Directors Anti-Corruption. The ex-officio Additional Directors or ex-officio Deputy Directors are to deal with the category of cases which may be assigned to them by the government from time to time by notification. Presently they can decide cases of bribery, embezzlement or misappropriation involving petty amounts. If ex-officio Additional Director and Ex-officio Deputy Director receives a complaint or gets information through reliable source regarding a serious case which does not fall within the category of the notification issued by the government, he shall refer the same to Director General ACE for appropriate action under the law. However, with the up-gradation of District Set-up of ACE and appointments of regular Deputy Directors at district level, the office of ex-officio Deputy Director ACE has been rendered redundant.