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प्रेषक

From

मुख्य सतर्कता अधिकारी
Chief Vigilance Officer

To

सीएसआईआर के सभी राष्ट्रीय प्रयोगशालाओं/संस्थानों के निदेशक
The Directors/Heads of all National Labs./Instts. of CSIR

विषय : Availability of Questioned Document Examination and Computer Forensic facility at CSFL Unit, Railway Board Building, Shimla-171003, HP(earlier known as 'Laboratory of Government Examiner of Questioned Documents') reg.

महोदय/Sir,

उपरोक्त विषय पर केन्द्रीय न्यायालयिक विज्ञान प्रयोगशाला, शिमला द्वारा प्रेषित दिनांक 08-03-2017 के पत्र संख्या जीई/वी/11011/2017-333 दिनांक 08-03-2017 की एक प्रति सूचना एवम मार्गदर्शन हेतु अग्रेषित कर रहा हूँ। कृपया सभी संबन्धित अधिकारियों के सज्जन में लाया जाए।

I am to forward herewith a copy of the Letter No.GE/V/11011/2017-333 dated 08-03-2017 of the Central Forensic Science Laboratory, Shimla-171003 (HP), on the subject cited above for information and guidance. Please bring it to the notice of all concerned.

भवदीय/Yours faithfully,

(इन्दु भास्कर/ Indu Bhaskar)

मुख्य सतर्कता अधिकारी/ Chief Vigilance Officer

संलग्न: यथोपरि

प्रतिलिपि :

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7. प्रमुख आईटी विभाग इस पत्र को सीएसआईआर वेबसाइट पर उपलब्ध करने हेतु ।

O/o CVO, CSIR
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No.GE/V/11011/2017 - 333
To

Dated: 8/3/17

The Chief Vigilance Officer,
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New Delhi, Delhi 110001.

Subject: - Availability of Questioned Document Examination and Computer Forensic facility at CFSL Unit, Railway Board Building, Shimla-171003, HP (earlier known as 'Laboratory of Government Examiner of Questioned Documents')

Sir, 16/3/17

This is to inform you that the laboratory of CFSL Unit, Railway Board Building, Shimla, HP under DFSS, MHA, Govt. of India, (earlier known as Laboratory of Government Examiner of Questioned Documents) is catering the need of questioned documents examination of various police and investigating agencies since last more than 100 years. The glory and illustrious service of this laboratory is still basking under historical background of this laboratory and continuous quality service in the field of forensic document examination and digital forensics is still continuing for the investigation of white collar crimes/ computer crimes on one hand and therefore contributing immensely in the administration of criminal justice system in the country on the other.

The British Government of Bengal felt the necessity of identifying the handwritings on the secret documents connected with the Indian independence movement and, therefore, created a post of Government Handwriting Expert of Bengal. Mr. C R Hardless, the then Superintendent in the Accountant General's office in Bengal, was appointed to this post in 1904. This set-up was shifted to Shimla (the then summer capital of British India) in the year 1906 and was placed under the control of the Director, Criminal Intelligence Department. A post of Handwriting Expert for the Government of India was created and Mr. C R Hardless was appointed to this post. He was replaced by Mr. F Brewster, a police officer from the West Bengal CID, and was designated as the Government Examiner of Questioned Documents (GEQD).

At first, the work of this office was mainly confined to the identification of writings on secret documents. Later, as the application of this branch of science was felt in many other cases, the services of this office were thrown open to criminal as well as civil court cases. As the work of this office increased further, Mr. R Stott, an officer of the Military Accounts Department was appointed as Assistant Government Examiner of Questioned Documents in 1920. In 1925, Mr. Brewster retired and Mr. R Stott took over as the GEQD. He was replaced by Mr. V O J Hodgson in 1944 and Mr. S N Sen, the first Indian to hold this post, took over in 1949. During the World War II, this organization took up the additional work of secret censorship, including the

detection of invisible writings and training of military personnel in this field of science. Due to enactment of Special Police Establishment (SPE) Act in 1941, followed by Delhi Special Police Establishment Enactment Act, which was brought into force in 1946, the work of this organization increased manifold.

The basic function of this laboratory is to discover, reveal and demonstrate physical facts contained within the questioned documents and in digital storage media in all aspects. The Document Examiner and computer forensic expert is often required to appear before various courts of law to testify his findings in pursuance of the opinions furnished. However, there has been a continuous expansion of the functions of this institution over the last several years.

Some of the problems pertaining to questioned documents and computer forensics undertaken for scientific examination in this institution are as under:-

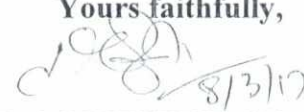
- a) Examination of writings of unknown authors and their comparison with writings of known authors with a view to fix their identity.
- b) Determination of forgery including traced and simulated forgery.
- c) Examination of type scripts, rubber stamp impressions, seal impressions of unknown origin and their comparison with sample of known origin with a view to fix their identity.
- d) Determination of interpolations, substitutions, additions, overwriting, if any, on the questioned documents and decipherment of the original writings.
- e) Decipherment of obliterated, obscured or invisible ink writings.
- f) Examination of torn or serrated edges of paper and comparison with their counterparts with a view to determine if the two sheets were parts of one and the same sheet of paper.
- g) The examination of documents pertaining to bank frauds, disproportionate assets as well as the documents seized by the income tax Department, Revenue Intelligence etc.
- h) The examination of the exhibits related with Computer Forensic- examination of computer hard disk, flash memories, pen drives, CDs/ DVDs, floppy drives, SIM cards etc.

Also, in past this laboratory was actively involved in the training of State Police Officers, Vigilance Officer of Banks, ONGC, GAIL, NTPC, Judicial Officers etc. It has imparted training to the Judicial Officers of HP, Punjab, Haryana & Chandigarh. Some of the Judicial Officers were of the opinion that such type of training will definitely increase conviction rate in the country which is very low at present. It has also been participating in the academic affairs of various universities as well as in the research Work conducted by their research scholars in the field of Forensic Science.

Keeping in view the aforesaid institutional background, I take this opportunity to request your good self to submit white collar crimes cases and computer forensic cases, if need arises at your end, for scientific examination and quality forensic conclusion of great evidentiary value. Hoping to receive forensic need based references as per the aforesaid work profile of the laboratory and to provide us an opportunity to render quality forensic services always and in time to your organization.

With regards

Yours faithfully,



DY. DIRECTOR & SCIENTIST 'D'