



Advisory Board for Banking Frauds (ABBF)

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The **Central Vigilance Commission (CVC)** has constituted an 'Advisory Board for Banking Frauds (ABBF)' **to examine bank fraud of over ₹50 crore** and recommend action.

- It is headed by the former Vigilance Commissioner, **T.M. Bhasin**.
- Besides the chairman, the Board consists of three other members. The tenure of the Chairman and members would be for a period of two years from 21st August, 2019.
- **Headquartered in Delhi**, the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** will provide required secretarial services, logistic and analytical support along with the **necessary funding to the board**.

Functions

- The four-member board's jurisdiction would be **confined to those cases involving the level of officers of General Manager and above in the Public Sector Banks** in respect of an allegation of fraud in a borrowal account.
- It would function as the **first level of examination of all large fraud cases** before recommendations or references are made to the investigative agencies by the respective public sector banks (PSBs).
 - Lenders would refer all large fraud cases above ₹50 crore to the board and on receipt of its recommendation or advice, the bank concerned would take further action in such matter.
 - The Central Bureau of Investigation may also refer any case or matter to the board where it has any issue or difficulty or in technical matters with the PSB concerned.
- It would also **periodically carry out frauds analysis** in the financial system and give inputs for policy formulation related to the fraud to the RBI.

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