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Chief General Manager,
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Subject: Provision of Prosecution Witnesses in Major Penalty Inquiry cases.

It is seen that in quite a few major penalty inquiry cases, number of prosecution witnesses cited is NIL. This weakens the prosecution case at the outset as there is no one to properly support key prosecution documents during the proceedings, and eventually goes, in many cases, to unfair advantage of the Defence. In turn, this invites adverse attention of Commission, UPSC and DoT at later stages.

2. With immediate effect, therefore, it is laid down for strict compliance of all concerned that *under no circumstances, prosecution witnesses cited in major penalty inquiry cases shall be Nil*. In absence of any other prosecution witness, at least the current custodian(s) of prosecution documents should invariably be made prosecution witness(es) to support the case.

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