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The Government of India had setup a Forensic Science Laboratory at Delhi under the Ministry of Home Affairs which has been reporting to the Central Bureau of Investigation. The Government of India had also setup the Directorate of Forensic Science vide Resolution No.25011/41/2001-GPA.II/PM.II dated 31st December, 2002 which had been renamed as the Directorate of Forensic Science Services vide resolution No. 25020/50/2010-PM.II dated 29th November 2010. At present, there are six Central Forensic Science Laboratories at Bhopal, Pune, Guwahati, Kolkata, Hyderabad and Chandigarh under the administrative control of the Directorate of Forensic Science Services.

- 2. Realising the need to strengthen the Forensic Sciences capacities in the country, the Government has taken several measures for capacity building at Centre and States. One such measure, based on the recommendations of Experts Committee and the Justice Malimath Committee Report, has been to endeavour that the Forensic Science Laboratories in the country are independent in their functions from the investigation agencies.
- 3. The reporting structure of the Central Forensic Science Laboratory in Delhi, has been discussed with the stakeholder Ministry/ Departments, and it has been agreed that while the CBI needs a dedicated forensic science laboratory for handling its cases, the administrative control of the Central Forensic Science Laboratory in Delhi, similar to other Central Forensic Science Laboratories in the country, needs to be with the Directorate of Forensic Science Services. This is necessary to enable adherence to common national standards prescribed by the Directorate of Forensic Science Services, as well as allow better opportunities to the scientists in Central Forensic Science Laboratory in Delhi as well as sharing of scientific talent from other Central Forensic Science Laboratories.

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- 4. Accordingly, the Central Forensic Science Laboratory in Delhi, shall henceforth be known as the "Central Forensic Science Laboratory, Delhi", and will become the seventh Central Forensic Science Laboratory under the administrative control of the Directorate of Forensic Science Services. However, the Central Forensic Science Laboratory, Delhi, will continue to dedicatedly undertake forensic examination of cases of CBI.
- 5. The Directorate of Forensic Science Services shall undertake the merger activities, including revision of Recruitment Rules, common seniority list, reporting hierarchy, pay and allowances etc. in a time-bound manner. Till then, the existing Recruitment Rules, seniority list, etc. may continue to operate till their supersession or any other orders are issued in this regard.

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