

## Performance during August, 2013

- (i) Commission advised issuance of sanction for prosecution in respect of **14** officials of various Ministries/Departments/Organizations during the month which include an IAS officer [i.e. the then Vice-Chairman and Managing Director of Andhra Pradesh Industrial Infrastructure Corporation (APIIC)].
- (ii) Prosecution sanctions were issued by the Competent Authorities in respect of **10** officials of various Ministries/Departments/ Organizations during the month which include two IAS officers (i.e. Secretary, Health Department, Govt. of Jharkhand and the then Development Commissioner, Baramula).
- (iii) Commission processed **2036** complaints (including **55** whistle blower complaints) during the month and sought investigation/factual report in **100** complaints from the concerned Ministries/Departments/Organizations.
- (iv) Commission advised initiation of major penalty proceedings against **81** officials of various Ministries/Departments/Organizations which include four Principal Scientists of Indian Council of Agricultural Research, a Director of Ministry of Railways and an Executive Director of Pawan Hans Helicopters Ltd.
- (v) Commission advised imposition of major penalty against **33** officials of various Ministries/Departments/Organizations, which include a Scientist, Grade-F from Bureau of Indian Standards.
- (vi) On the advice of the Commission, the Competent Authorities imposed major penalties in respect of **67** officials of various Ministries/Departments/Organizations, which include a General Manager from Syndicate Bank, a General Manager from Oriental Bank of Commerce and a Chief Engineer from Coal India Ltd.
- (vii) Intensive Examination of **7** works carried out by Chief Technical Examiner's Organization resulted in recoveries to the tune of Rs.10,30,51,030/- during August, 2013.
- (viii) Commission provided inputs in respect of **21** cases for vigilance clearance of officials for Board level appointments in CPSE's. In addition, references of **145** officials of All India Services and Central Services were considered for vigilance clearance in matters of empanelment, promotion etc. and inputs provided by the Commission.
- (ix) **21** officers were considered for appointment/empanelment as full time/part time CVOs in various organizations and recommendations were given by the Commission.

**B. Important activities:**

- (i) During the month, the Commission convened four Annual Zonal/Sectoral Review Meetings with the Chief Executives/CMDs and Chief Vigilance Officers. The meetings with Education, Health & Family Welfare and Information & Broadcasting Sectors were held on 08.08.2013, Posts, Telecom & Shipping Sectors on 13.08.2013, Petroleum Sector on 22.08.2013 and Urban Development & Local Bodies and GNCTD on 30.08.2013. During these meetings, Commission emphasized on various aspects of vigilance administration, the need for bringing greater transparency and accountability in the functioning and for undertaking systemic improvements, leveraging of technology through e-procurement, reverse auctions etc. The Commission also underscored the need for updation of Manuals, sensitization of officials by conducting training programmes, effecting rotational transfer of officials, scrutiny of annual property returns. Further, matters pertaining to pendency of complaints/cases, delay in processing of vigilance cases and cases pertaining to sanction of prosecution were also reviewed by the Commission.
- (ii) Shri Pradeep Kumar, Central Vigilance Commissioner, inaugurated 19<sup>th</sup> Book Fair at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi on 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2013. In his inaugural address, Shri Pradeep Kumar observed that it is a great opportunity for book lovers of Delhi to browse through lakhs of books at one place. He mentioned that libraries are great place to gain and share knowledge. On the theme of the year's fair, 'Libraries and Readership', he stated that it will help promote the concept of libraries and strengthen the prevailing libraries be it a commercial or public or community library.
- (iii) Shri Pradeep Kumar, Central Vigilance Commissioner inaugurated Delhi NCR Chapter of Vigilance Study Circle on 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2013 at New Delhi. On the occasion, he called on all institutions and organizations working in vigilance sector to collaborate with like minded people and organizations for strengthening vigilance administration. He said vigilance officers have an increase responsibility as the level of acceptance and tolerance towards corruption in the society is going down with the spread of education, civil society movements and vigilant media. He said accountability institutions like CAG and CVC play an important role in containing corruption in the administration. Vigilance Study Circles play a vital role in the fight against corruption and in promoting ethics and transparency within the government. The Mission of Vigilance Study Circle is to spread vigilance awareness and promote integrity in public life. It also aims to upgrade and develop skills and knowledge base of vigilance professionals in their fight against corruption. Shri R.Sri Kumar, Vigilance Commissioner, Shri J.M. Garg, Vigilance Commissioner, Dr. Syamal Kumar Sarkar, Secretary, Department of Personnel and Training and Shri Anil Sinha, Special Director CBI also addressed the participants on the occasion.

- (iv) Shri R.Sri Kumar, Vigilance Commissioner attended 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration function of Vigilance Study Circle, Kolkata Chapter at Kolkata on 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2013.
  
- (v) Shri J.M. Garg, Vigilance Commissioner addressed the participants of the Annual Conference of CVOs of Public Sector Banks/Financial Institutions on Corporate Governance in Public Sector Banks and Insurance Sector on 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2013 at CBI Headquarter, New Delhi. Shri Garg observed that corporates both in public and private sector play a major role in the economic growth of a country and new avenues and opportunities have been witnessed during the last 20 years. He noted that public sector banks as well as insurance companies have been given greater autonomy to do business and they have shown substantial growth. However, with economic slowdown banks are faced with increasing trend of stressed assets and corporate frauds. On corporate governance, he observed it is about promoting corporate fairness, transparency and accountability and is simply doing good business. Shri Garg desired that all corporates to move into the realm of global practices for better corporate governance.

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