

Minutes of the Annual Zonal/Sectoral Review Meeting with the CMDs/Chief Executives and CVOs of Railways and Aviation Sectors held on 15.03.2011 in Satarkta Bhawan, CVC, New Delhi.

Shri R. Sri Kumar, Vigilance Commissioner, [VC(S)] and Shri J.M. Garg, Vigilance Commissioner,[VC(G)] chaired the meeting.

List of participants is at Annex.

A. Introductory remarks:

1. Shri R. Sri Kumar, Vigilance Commissioner, [VC(S)] and Shri J.M. Garg, Vigilance Commissioner,[VC(G)] welcomed the participants and explained the purpose of the meeting as to how efficiently all can work together in the present economic scenario and globalization. Further, they emphasized on the need of use of technology for overall development of the organisation. In this context, attention of the participants were drawn by VC(S) on methodology being used in Swiss Challenge Model and State of Karnataka Transparent procurement initiatives. VC(S) emphasized on the need to change the negative mind setup about vigilance units in Ministries/ Departments/ Organisations and explained that vigilance units are actually eyes and ears of the management and provide an effective proactive role in the overall development of the organisation.
2. VC(S) emphasised on need for an effective internal vigilance mechanism in the organisations as a tool of preventive vigilance. Keeping in view the vital role being played by PSUs in the Indian economy, the Commission advised participating organisations to follow the principle of “Achieve Best Value for the Money” especially in the tendering system. On clarification sought by the CVOs on furnishing information on metrics/ parameters by the Commission, it was clarified that though some CVOs had attempted very well, however, in case any further assistance is required in this regard, there should be no hesitation in approaching the Commission.
3. Shri Anil Singhal, CTE made a presentation during the meeting and emphasised on following points:
 - (i) Timely Submission of QPR.
 - (ii) Uploading of tenders on website.
 - (iii) Reply of I/E Reports preferably within 30 days and maximum within 60 days.
 - (iv) Vigilance investigation reports within 3 weeks time.

CTE also highlighted deficiency/ cases studies based on the Intensive Examinations especially relating to tendering procedures.

B. Organization Specific

1. M/o Railways:

Shri A.K. Maitra, Advisor, Railway Board informed the Commission that the management is giving full support to the vigilance units. He requested the Commission to provide support in simplification of service / conduct rules pertaining to Railway officials. Railway Board informed that they have prepared a centralised panel of inquiry officials for all vigilance units

of Railways. VC(S) complemented Advisor (Vigilance) on the work done by Railway Board in the area of leveraging of technology in the organisation.

2. IRCON:

Smt. Saswati Bandopadhyay, CVO informed that the organisation mainly focused on periodic/ preventive type of inspections during the year 2010 which resulted in handsome recoveries. Training programmes were conducted for creating awareness of various systems and procedures and educating staff regarding do's and don'ts while handling tenders and executing works.

3. IRCTC:

Smt. Manju Pandey, CVO informed that IRCTC in collaboration with IIT, Kanpur developed a software on E-payments and all efforts are being made to make maximum payments through this system. VC(S) emphasised on need to do a lot of work in the area of leveraging of technology especially implementation of Commission's guidelines on leveraging technology (second phase) by IRCTC.

4. CONCOR:

Shri K. Rajeswara Rao, CVO informed about processing of online vigilance clearance cases in the organisation. He highlighted the system improvements undertaken during the year 2010 in the area of tendering procedures. It was informed that the CONCOR had issued guidelines to all regions on management of handling of transportation contracts, acceptance of tenders / quotations, use of Ordinary Port Land Cement (OP Cement) in civil contracts etc.

VC(S) mentioned about 'VIGEYE' Project and requested all organisations to give their full co-operation to ensure its success. He further highlighted the importance of Global Project Monitoring System (GPMS).

5. Ministry of Civil Aviation:

Shri Alok Sinha, JS & CVO stated that Managements of various PSUs are not openly supporting the vigilance departments. Lack of training facilities for IO/PO in PSUs was an area of concern. All CVOs under the MOCA were asked to ensure participation in the training programme being organised by the ISTM /CBI Academy at regular intervals for anti-corruption and disciplinary matters. In order to cut down waiting time for flight during landing, the Ministry is adopting Flight Track System and to start with it is being introduced in the Mumbai- Delhi route. Taking cognizance of latest forgery in the Pilot licensing case, the Commission pointed out that role and responsibility of regulatory authorities and asked JS, Civil Aviation to convene a separate meeting alongwith DGCA and other concerned authorities to address the issues in order to avoid such incidence in future. VC(S) emphasised on need for integration of all databases in the organisation and asked the Ministry to prepare a full fledged leak proof system.

6. Airport Authority of India (AAI):

Shri B. Pradhan, CVO informed the Commission about use of IT in the tendering procedure and systematic improvements adopted in other areas like recruitment, vigilance clearance etc.

7. NACIL:

Smt. Urmila Subbarao, CVO requested the Commission for guidance on posting of outside staff in vigilance units on deputation basis. It was clarified that such issue may be taken up

with the DPE being the administrative Ministry through the Ministry of Civil Aviation for taking clearance for taking outside staff on deputation basis in NACIL.

8. Air India Charters Ltd.(AICL):

Shri Hemant Rao, CVO informed that vigilance unit has no support from the Management and it is totally dependent on NACIL for support.

9. Pawan Hans Helicopters Ltd (PHHL):

Shri Samir Sahai, CVO informed that in order to implement the Commission's guidelines on Leveraging of Technology in its spirit, PHHL has adopted E-ticketing, E-payments and E-tendering systems. Software for computerised file tracking system is also under development.

Revised manual of policies and procedure for procurement of Goods, works and consultancy have been approved by the Board and implemented by PHHL.

10. DMRC:

Shri S. C. Jindal, CVO informed that in order to increase transparency in existing system and procedure a number of preventive steps has been taken in areas like allotment of space at Metro stations, allotment of parking spaces, transportation, recruitments etc

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Commission & the participants.

List of Participants for the meeting dated 15/03/2011:

1. Shri Alok Sinha, JS & CVO, Ministry of Civil Aviation
2. Shri A.K. Maitra, Advisor (Vig.), Railway Board
3. Shri Mohan Tiwari, Managing Director, IRCON International Ltd.
4. Smt. Saswati Bandopadhyay, CVO, IRCON International Ltd.
5. Shri Anil Kumar Gupta, Managing Director, CONCOR
6. Shri K. Rajeswara Rao, CVO, CONCOR
7. Shri S.B. Malik, CVO, RITES
8. Shri Rakesh Kumar Tandon, Managing Director, IRCTC Ltd
9. Smt. Manju Pandey, CVO, IRCTC Ltd.
10. Shri J. Srinivas, CVO, DFCCI Ltd.
11. Shri S.C. Jindal, CVO, DMRC
12. Shri V.P. Agrawal, Chairman, Airport Authority of India
13. Shri B. Pradhan, CVO, AAI
14. Smt. Urmila Subbarao, CVO, NACIL
15. Shri R.K. Tyagi, CMD, Pawan Hans Helicopters Ltd
16. Shri Samir Sahai, CVO, Pawan Hans Helicopters Ltd
17. Shri Hemant Rao, CVO, Air India Charters Ltd.,

CVC officials:

1. Shri K.S. Ramasubban, Secretary
2. Shri Anil Sinha, Addl. Secretary
3. Shri Alok Bhatnagar, Addl. Secretary,
4. Shri Anil Singhal, CTE
5. Shri Surendra Mohan, Director
6. Smt. Parwinder Kaur, Advisor
7. Shri R.C. Arora, Director
8. Shri J.Vinod Kumar, OSD
9. Shri Prashant Kumar Singh, RO