

Performance during February, 2012

- (i) Commission advised issuance of sanction for prosecution in respect of 12 officials of various Ministries/Departments/Organizations which includes one IFS officer from M/o Environment & Forests and one Managing Director, ORHDC (IAS,OR:84).
- (ii) Prosecution sanctioned by the Competent Authorities in 7 cases during the month which includes one Jt. Secretary of Ministry of Home Affairs and a DGM of Punjab National Bank.
- (iii) Commission processed 2971 complaints (including 37 whistle blower complaints) during the month and sought investigation/factual report in 16 complaints from the concerned Ministries/ Departments/Organizations.
- (iv) Commission advised initiation of major penalty proceedings against 140 officials of various Ministries/Departments/Organizations which includes the then Chief General Manager of BSNL, two IDAS of Defence Accounts Department, a Chief Engineer and Superintending Engineer from Delhi Development Authority (DDA) and one Superintending Engineer from New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) .
- (v) Commission advised imposition of major penalty against 47 officials of various Ministries/Departments/Organizations, which includes a Director of Ministry of Home Affairs, a Chief Producer of M/o Information & Broadcasting, a Chief Manager of National Insurance Co. Ltd, a Jt. Financial Accountant (Housing) of Delhi Development Authority and one Superintending Engineer of Central Coalfields Ltd (CCL).
- (vi) On the advice of the Commission, the Competent Authorities has imposed major penalties in respect 73 officials of various Ministries/Departments/Organizations, which includes a General Manager of Canara Bank, a General Manager of Bank of Baroda, and an Additional Director (CGHS) of Deptt. of Health, an Additional Commissioner of Income Tax, Central Board of Direct Taxes and a Director of Delhi Development Authority (DDA).
- (vii) Chief Technical Examiners Organization of the Commission submitted 6 technical examination reports and these examinations resulted in recovery of Rs.1,07,64,517/- during February, 2012.
- (viii) Vigilance clearances were accorded for 19 empanelment/board level appointments.

B. Important cases :-

- (i) The CVO Bank of Maharashtra had brought to the notice of Oriental Bank of Commerce (OBC) that a private limited firm has perpetrated a fraud of Rs. 50.00 Crores on their Bank. As OBC had also outstanding against the same

borrower, the matter was investigated and the fraud was detected. While examining the case, it was found that the said firm was given loans by various banks with the stipulation that end use of fund should be used by farmers for growing and supplying castor seeds to the firm. The total amount involved in the whole case is Rs. 1100 crores. A consortium of 9 banks lead by State Bank of India (SBI) and various other banks not being the member of consortium have lent to the firm. It has also come to the notice of various banks that the firm has perpetrated a fraud on the Banks. The loan amount has been siphoned off through Village Level Aggregators (VLAs) appointed by the company. The account has become Non Performing Asset (NPA) and has been declared as fraud. The Commission advised the banks to ensure that staff accountability be fixed in the case and has asked the individual banks to get the case registered with CBI. The CBI has been directed to register the case and investigate the matter.

- (ii) The Commission had received a complaint regarding large scale irregularities committed by one Veterinary Officer (VO) of Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) in allotment of Dairy plots at Ghoga Dairy Colony Project. In the complaint it was alleged that 66% applicants who had no dairy at all had been considered for booking of the dairy plots and only 34% actual dairy owners had been allowed for booking of plots by the said VO of MCD. He had also booked large number of plots in the name of applicants who were running dairies in rural area and were not eligible in the scheme and some of the addresses of the illegal dairies has also been mentioned on the first/third floors of the buildings. The Commission had referred the complaint to Chief Vigilance Officer (CVO), MCD for investigation and report. CVO, MCD informed that the same matter was investigated by Anti Corruption Branch (ACB), Govt. of NCT of Delhi (GNCTD) on the directions of Ministry of Home Affairs. The Commission had directed Secretary (Vigilance), Directorate of Vigilance, Govt. of NCT of Delhi to furnish the status and final outcome of inquiry in the matter. The Directorate of Vigilance, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, therefore, had furnished a report received from ACB, GNTCD which was examined by the Commission and the Delhi Police directed to register an FIR and conduct investigation in the complaint matters. Delhi Police on 15.3.2012 has since registered an FIR in the complaint matter and investigation is in progress.

C. Important activities:

1. Vigilance Study Circle, Bangalore celebrated its 4th Anniversary in Bangalore on 6th Feb, 2012. Shri Pradeep Kumar, Central Vigilance Commissioner (CVC) and Shri R. Sri Kumar, Vigilance Commissioner were the Chief Guests on occasion. While addressing the participants CVC highlighted the role and importance of Vigilance Study Circle and initiatives taken by the Central Vigilance Commission in checking corruption. In the context of the present atmosphere of rising anger against corruption he quoted the views expressed by Hon'ble Justice A.K. Ganguly of the Supreme Court in the 2G case pronounced on 31.01.2012 namely that "the duty of the Court is that any anti-corruption law has to be interpreted and worked out in such a fashion as to strengthen the fight against corruption." He further submitted that

Public procurement was an activity highly vulnerable to corruption and remained an area of concern for the Commission, which has recommended various reforms in respect to this area and the Government was in the process of enacting a public procurement law, incorporating global best practices. The Commission has also recommended the enactment of False Claims Act, which aims to empower citizens to fight corruption. The Judicial Accountability Bill, Prevention of Bribery of Foreign Public Officials Bill, 2011, Electoral reforms and Company Bill, 2011 were all designed to prevent corruption and improve corporate governance. He stated that the Commission would continue to play a valuable role in promoting good corporate governance especially in the Indian public sector and added that efforts of the Vigilance Study Circle, other civil society organisations, the corporate sector, the media and the citizens at large supplement the Commission's efforts in ensuring Ethics in public life.

2. Shri R. Sri Kumar, Vigilance Commissioner through a power point presentation on "Cloud Computing & Project Management" emphasized its need and use in the present scenario during the 4th Anniversary Celebration of the Vigilance Study Circle Bangalore on 6th Feb., 2012.
3. Shri R. Sri Kumar, Vigilance Commissioner, CVC addressed delegates at the 42nd All India Police Science Congress held on 15-17th Feb., 2012 at Sikkim, under the aegis of the Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D) which was inaugurated by the Chief Minister of Sikkim, Shri Pawan Kumar Chamling. The All India Police Science Congress is held every year so as to provide a forum to the police officers of different ranks, social scientists, forensic experts, criminologists and others stakeholders to frankly deliberate and discuss various issues of topical interest to the Indian police.
