

## Central Vigilance Commission

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Minutes of the Annual Zonal Review Meeting with the CVOs held on 20-4-09 at New Delhi.

**The list of participants is at Annexure-A.**

2. CVC in the Chair. The meeting started with introductory remarks by CVC. This was followed by presentations by CTEs on the inadequacies observed in the CTE examination of the works and procurement contracts of the organizations present in the meeting. Copy of the CTE presentation was circulated during the meeting. The Commission made some observations during discussion with CVOs. **These observations needing follow up action are indicated in the minutes later.**

### **3.0 Introductory Remarks:**

#### **CVC:**

3.1 Possibility of discrepancies in the figures provided which needed to be reconciled with the Commission.

3.2 Most of the ministries had part time CVOs who had other duties apart from their vigilance functions. This statement did not retract the fact that CVO's responsibility needed to be taken seriously. There could be a possibility of deliberate delays.

3.3 The response time of complaints is long in the ministries, but in such cases when the Commission invoked the process of Direct Inquiry, the reports had invariably been submitted immediately by the CVO to the Commission. This tendency did not reflect well on the organizations.

3.4 Number of circulars had been issued on leveraging of technology by the Commission and a large number of PSUs had started following these guidelines. But, as far as ministries were concerned, the progress was not at all satisfactory. The CVOs of the ministries to contact NIC and start the process immediately. Non implementation of guidelines on leveraging of technology by the ministries could be due to lack of commitment by them and CVOs had to play a significant role in this.

3.5 Recommendation of the CVOs mostly ambivalent and no specific recommendations made by the CVOs with regard to findings and the views of the DA. CVOs to always take a definite position and state specifically their agreement or disagreement with the Inquiry Officer and the DA.

3.6 Not happy that far too many cases were sent for reconsideration. This trend had been noted specifically in the case of officers retiring shortly. The instructions on the subject were available that not more than once the reconsideration could be considered. While sending the case for reconsideration, it needed to be ensured that this was based on the new facts and fresh analysis. No reconsideration on the same facts and analysis to be entertained.

3.7 Monthly reports not being received regularly from all the organizations. Monthly report was an important interactive tool between the Commission and the

CVO and these reports were closely examined in the Commission. Therefore, maintaining the interaction through these reports was very important.

#### PRESENTATION ON AGENDA POINTS:

##### 4.01 Leveraging of technology

It has been noted that apart from MMTC, STC, other organizations had not implemented both phases of the circular completely.

##### 4.02 Access of CVOs to complaints:

In most of the organizations, the complaints handling mechanism required improvement. CVOs did not have access to all the complaints. It was advised that the CVOs should go through all the complaints to ensure that complaints with vigilance angle were attended to properly.

##### 4.03 Structured meetings with CVOs and the CMDs:

During last year's annual zonal meetings, the Commission had directed the CVOs to have monthly or quarterly structured meetings with their CMDs as per their requirement with a proper agenda and minutes of the meetings. It was observed that this was not being followed in many of the organizations. The Commission directed the CVOs to immediately commence the practice and report compliance in the monthly reports immediately.

##### 4.04 PIDPI Complaints:

It was noted that the status of the 'Whistle Blower' complaints needed reconciliation in the case of D/o Secondary and Higher Education.

##### 4.05 Agreed List:

Other organizations had prepared "Agreed List" except FCI, MMTC, D/o Secondary and Higher Education. The Commission directed that the Agreed List in these organizations should be prepared in a months time without fail.

#### **5.0 ACTION POINTS**

5.01 The Commission desired that the e-payment had to be made obligatory. CVO, FCI had reported that 30-40% of contractual payments were made only through e-payment.

(Action: CVO, FCI)

5.02 CVO, CWC had informed the Commission that phase I of leveraging of technology had been completed and phase II would be in place by March, 2010. The Commission desired that a detailed status report may be sent to the Commission along with the next monthly report.

(Action: CVO, CWC)

5.03 The Commission directed that CVOs should hold structured meeting with the agenda and recorded minutes on a regular basis.

(Action: CVO, MMTC, D/o Commerce, ICAR)

5.04 The Commission directed that a detailed report on status of implementation of Commission's guidelines on leveraging of technology should be sent in the next monthly report.

(Action: CVO, MMTC)

5.05 The Commission desired that Agreed List should be finalized expeditiously within a months time.

(Action: CVO, MMTC)

5.06 The Commission (VC-S) desired that the vigilance set up and the structure was required to be reviewed by the CVO, MMTC and CVO, M/o Commerce should also look into this aspect.

(Action: CVO, MMTC, M/o Commerce)

5.07 CVO, D/o Commerce, M/o Food Processing presented the status of leveraging of technology, the Commission desired that the website of the ministry needed to be interactive.

(Action: CVO, D/o Commerce, M/o Food Processing)

5.08 The Commission desired that the Agreed List of MMTC should be examined by CVO, D/o Commerce and a report should be sent to the Commission.

(Action: CVO, MMTC, D/o Commerce)

5.09 The Commission desired that a separate report on complaint handling mechanism existing in the ministry should be sent to the Commission.

(Action: CVO, M/o Food Processing)

5.10 CVO, D/o Secondary and Higher Education stated that the allocation for education in the Five Year Plan was to the tune of approximately Rs. 42,000 crores (UGC) and there was a need to have full time and separate CVOs for IGNOU, UGC and AICTE. Secretary, Secondary and Higher Education had been kept informed by the CVO. CVO requested the Commission to help in providing full time separate CVOs to these organizations.

(Action: CVO, D/o Secondary and Higher Education, OSD/PMP)

5.11 The Commission desired that a meeting should be organized by the CVO with Vice Chancellors of the Universities for the Commission to interact.

(Action: CVO, D/o Secondary and Higher Education)

5.12 The Commission desired that a status report on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> stage cases should be submitted to the Commission immediately.

(Action: CVO, D/o Secondary and Higher Education)

5.13 CVO, ICAR informed that a practice of conducting vigilance audit had been started in ICAR. The Commission desired that a report should be sent to the Commission.

(Action: CVO, ICAR)

5.14 The Commission (VC-S) observed that there was a need for immediate revamp of vigilance set up existing in ICAR and a report in this respect should be sent to the Commission.

(Action: CVO, ICAR)

5.15 The Commission desired that CVO, ICAR should immediately look into the mechanism existing in the various organizations for conducting inquiries, i.e. preliminary inquiry and departmental inquiry. A report should be sent to the Commission.

(Action: CVO, ICAR)

## **Annexure-A**

List of the participants for the meeting dated 20/4/09:

- 1 Dr.C.I.Joy, JS & CVO, D/o Food & Public Distribution
- 2 Shri Rakesh Garg, CVO, FCI
- 3 Shri Y.P.Rai, CVO, CWC
- 4 Shri Rajiv Kher, JS& CVO, D/o Commerce
- 5 Shri Suresh Choudhary, CVO, STC
- 6 Shri Mukesh Khullar, JS & CVO, D/o Agriculture & Cooperation
- 7 Dr Ajay Kumar, CVO, ICAR
- 8 Shri Sunil Kumar, JS & CVO, D/o Secondary & Higher Education
- 9 Shri Vineet Joshi, CVO, CBSE
- 10 Shri R.K.Chaturvedi, CVO, MMTC
- 11 Ms Geeta Menon, Director(Vig), D/o Chemicals & Petrochemicals

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10. Smt Jyoti Mehta, Director
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