

Performance during November, 2016

- (i) Commission advised issuance of sanction for prosecution in respect of **5** officials of various Ministries/Departments/Organizations.
- (ii) Prosecution sanctions were issued by the Competent Authorities in respect of **10** officials of various Ministries/Departments/Organizations.
- (iii) Commission advised initiation of major penalty proceedings against **65** officials of various Ministries/Departments/Organizations.
- (iv) Commission advised imposition of major penalty against **19** officials of various Ministries/Departments/Organization.
- (v) On the advice of the Commission, the Competent Authorities imposed major penalties in respect of **64** officials of various Ministries/Departments/ Organizations.
- (vi) Intensive Examination of **5** works carried out by Chief Technical Examiner's Organization resulted in recoveries to the tune of **₹ 75.79 lakhs** during **November, 2016**.
- (vii) Commission provided inputs in respect of **29** cases for vigilance clearance of officials for Board level appointments in CPSE's. In addition, references of **368** 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.
- (viii) **24** officers were considered for appointment/empanelment as full time/part time CVOs in various organizations and recommendations were given by the Commission.

Important activities:

- (i) The Commission observed Vigilance Awareness Week, 2016 from 31st October - 5th November, 2016. The theme of the Vigilance Awareness Week was "**Public participation in promoting Integrity and eradicating Corruption**". The week is observed every year to generate awareness about the menace of corruption and to sensitize public about the consequences of corruption and the ways to eliminate it. The Commission this year envisaged a concept of "**Integrity Pledge**" to enlist support and commitment of the citizens and organizations for upholding the highest standards of ethical conduct, honesty and integrity. As such there were two Integrity Pledges, one for the citizens and the other for corporates/entities/firms etc. especially in the private sector. These pledges was developed by NIC for the Commission. The "Integrity Pledges" are available as e-pledges from 31stOctober 2016 onwards and is accessible on the Commission's website <http://www.cvc.nic.in>. directly at <https://pledge.cvc.nic.in>. Citizens and organizations taking the Integrity pledge were provided with a certificate acknowledging and appreciating their commitment to the cause of anti-corruption. Ministries / Organizations had also conducted various activities such as lectures, panel discussions, debates, quiz, essay writing, slogans and poster competitions on moral values, ethics, good governance practices etc. The outreach activity focusing on inculcating greater awareness on corruption and anti-corruption measures were also held in colleges and schools including professional

colleges/institutions across the country. Activities in schools / colleges across the country in over 500 cities / towns during the week reached out to several lakh students /youth. As a part of the activities “Awareness Gram Sabhas” had been organized where short plays, nukkad nataks, display of posters and screening of films etc., were made for dissemination of awareness in Gram Panchayats to sensitize citizens on the ill effects of corruption this year. About one lakh such Gram Sabhas were conducted covering a large number of citizens across the country.

A National Seminar was organized on this occasion, on 7th November 2016 at Vigyan Bhavan which was followed by the Valedictory function of the Vigilance Awareness Week 2016 . The National Seminar consisted of two panel discussions, on issues of contemporary relevance in this field, in the forenoon session on 7th November 2016. The first panel discussion was on the theme of the Vigilance Awareness week 2016, viz. “Public participation in promoting integrity and eradicating Corruption”. The second panel discussion was on the theme of “Public Procurement”. Eminent persons were invited as panelists to share their views on these themes. The seminar and panel discussions were attended by a diverse audience comprising stakeholders from the public, employees of organizations, representatives of trade unions/service associations as well as the chief executives of various organizations / departments and other senior administrative personnel of the Government.

In the Valedictory Function held in the afternoon the Prime Minister was the Chief Guest. Shri Rajiv, Vigilance Commissioner delivered the welcome speech on the occasion, followed by an overview of vigilance activities by Shri K.V. Chowdary, Central Vigilance Commissioner. An audio visual presentation on Preventive Vigilance Initiatives was made to the Prime Minister which was followed by release of a Booklet on ‘Preventive Vigilance’ which showcased various systemic improvements undertaken by some select organizations to curb corruption and create greater transparency in operations. The Prime Minister in his address, expressed concern over the deterioration of moral values and ethics in the society. He stated that a developing country like India cannot afford the luxury of corruption and dwelled on the need to generate awareness in the public on the negative effects of corruption. The Prime Minister acknowledged that technology plays a major role in bringing about transparency. He cited some instances of corruption he had come across and stressed on the need to thwart the designs of corrupt public servants who were bringing a bad name to the country. The Prime Minister concluded his address by appreciating the efforts of the Commission in involving public for eradicating corruption and promoting integrity. Dr T.M. Bhasin, Vigilance Commissioner proposed the vote of thanks.

- (ii) The Central Vigilance Commission’s monthly lecture was delivered by Justice G. Raghuram, Director, National Judicial Academy India on the topic “Exercise of Discretion by Public Authorities” on 22nd November, 2016.
- (iii) Dr. T.M. Bhasin, Vigilance Commissioner led the delegation at the UNCAC meeting of State Parties to the Implementation Review Group Resumed Seventh Session and the meeting of Experts to enhance International Cooperation under UNCAC held at Vienna from 14th to 18th November, 2016. Around 180 State Parties representing various countries to the UNCAC and other NGOs, Civil Societies etc., were present at the meeting.
