Subject:- Improving Vigilance administration by leveraging technology: Increasing transparency through effective use of website.

Please refer to Commission’s Circular no. 40/11/06 dated 22/11/2006 on the aforementioned subject & also Circular No. 13/3/05 dated 16/03/2005 & Circular No. 46/7/05 dated 28/7/2005 regarding details of award of tenders/contracts publishing on Websites/Bulletin.

2. The Commission vide circulars dated 16/3/05 & 28/7/05 had directed all organizations to post on their web-sites a summary, every month, of all the contracts/purchases made above the threshold value covering at least 60% of the transactions every month. A compliance report in this regard was to be submitted to the Commission by the CVOs through their monthly report to the Commission. However, it is seen that some of the departments have neither intimated the Commission about the threshold value decided for posting the details of tenders awarded on the web-sites, nor a compliance report is being sent through the monthly reports.

3. Further, vide circular dated 22/11/06, the Commission while emphasizing the need to leverage technology, as an effective tool in vigilance administration, in discharge of regulatory, enforcement and other functions had directed the organizations to upload on their websites, information in respect of the rules and procedures governing the issue of licenses/permissions etc. and to make available all the application forms on the websites in a downloadable form besides, making available the status of individual application on the organization’s website. The Commission had directed the organizations to implement its guidelines in two phases. The first phase relating to the posting of all application forms on the websites was to be implemented by 1/1/2007 and the second phase, by 1/4/2007. Although, the date for implementation of second phase has passed by, the departments are yet to intimate the Commission about the status of implementation of the two phases.

4. The Commission, therefore, while reiterating its aforementioned instructions directs the CVOs to convey to the Commission the following information latest by 30/4/07:-

   a) The threshold value decided by the organization for publishing on their web-site, details of award of tenders/contracts;
b) The extent to which the details of awarded tenders are being posted on the web-site and whether the web-sites are being updated regularly or not;
c) Whether first/second phase of the Commission’s circular dated 22/11/06 has been implemented or not;
d) If not, the reasons thereof: steps being taken by the organization to ensure implementation of the Commission’s circular and the exact date by which both the phases as mentioned in the Commission’s circular would be fully implemented;

5. Any failure on the part of organization to implement the directions contained in the Commissions circulars as mentioned above would be viewed seriously by the Commission.

All Chief Vigilance Officers