

**Minutes of the Annual Zonal / Sectoral review meeting with Chief Executives and CVOs of Ministries/Organisations of Group-14 held on 26.08.2011 in Central Vigilance Commission, New Delhi.**

**Shri Pradeep Kumar, Central Vigilance Commissioner chaired the meeting. Shri R. Sri Kumar and Shri J.M. Garg, Vigilance Commissioners also addressed the participants.**

**List of participants is at annex.**

**A. Introductory remarks**

The Central Vigilance Commissioner (CVC) in his opening remarks while welcoming all the participants stated that in the wake of the general atmosphere prevailing in the country against corruption, the vigilance set-ups in the various organisations must gear up to see that there are no delays in dealing with the corruption cases. At the same time, it must also be ensured that principles of natural justice are adhered to.

Shri R. Sri Kumar, Vigilance Commissioner, [VC(S)] stressed on the need for leveraging of technology to combat corruption by minimising /eliminating human interface.

Shri J.M. Garg, Vigilance Commissioner, [VC(G)] emphasised on the necessity for implementing e-governance & e-procurement in the organisations and that vigilance activities must be so channelized, to produce an overall improvement in the organisation's performance.

**B. Organization Specific**

**1. Hindustan Insecticides Ltd. (HIL)**

Shri K. Hari Kumar, CMD (HIL) made a presentation before the Commission about the organisational structure of HIL and its activities done during the year. On the issue of e-tendering, CVC desired that e-tendering should be implemented in the HIL without linking the same with the proposed implementation of ERP and this may be discussed in the Board also.

**2. Hindustan Organic Chemicals Ltd. (HOCL)**

Shri Anand Kumar, CVO, HOCL briefed the Commission about the working of the HOCL. On the issue of internal audit, CVC desired that internal audit mechanism needs to be strengthened in the HOCL. On the issue of pendency, Commission observed that there are large number of inquiries pending for more than 18 months (8 nos.) in HOCL, Commission desired that CVO may expedite action on the same.

**3. Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd. (IREDA)**

Shri Debashish Majumdar, CMD, IREDA briefed the Commission about the achievements of IREDA during the year and stated that IREDA is recognized internationally as a unique organisation in the energy sector. While talking about the systemic procedure in sanctioning of loan, VC(S) observed that the time taken for sanctioning of loans by IREDA was too long and needs to be reduced through application of technology.

Shri Ajay Aggarwala, CVO submitted that the vigilance activities are facing resistance from the management. CVC desired that this issue may be discussed separately by VC(S) in a meeting in which CVO could submit his various concerns to the Commission.

#### **4. M/o New & Renewable Energy (MNRE)**

The Commission observed that e-governance should be implemented in the Ministry soon to bring transparency in the transfer of subsidies to the States.

#### **5. D/o Space**

Commission observed that it was essential to carry out Vigilance Awareness Programmes in the organisation because the Scientific Divisions in the D/o Space are also required to follow the vigilance mechanism as applicable to other departments/organizations.

The Commission stressed upon the need for a strong internal audit mechanism within the Department. CTE organisation was requested to provide necessary assistance to strengthen/streamline procurement/works execution systems. Commission also directed the CVO to expedite all pending cases of sanction for prosecution.

#### **6. D/o Science & Technology**

Commission desired that CVO, D/o Science & Technology may dispose off expeditiously all the pending complaints and departmental inquiries.

#### **7. CSIR & D/o Scientific & Industrial Research**

CVC pointed out that there is general perception that a lot of money is spent in CSIR but outcome is not upto the expectations. Commission desired that e-tendering may be taken up separately for implementation first, in case there is delay in the implementation of ERP system and internal audits should be frequently conducted to throw up system deficiencies. Commission also pointed out that a large numbers of departmental inquiries are pending with CSIR and directed to finalize them expeditiously. In this context, Smt. Anjali Tiwari, CVO, CSIR submitted that 50 inquiries pertain to a CBI case of 2002 wherein pendency is on account of CBI's directions. Commission desired that CVO may send the details to the Commission for review. VC(G) advised that Whistle Blower policy should be encouraged by CSIR.

#### **8. D/o Bio-Technology**

The Commission observed that awareness on vigilance related matters needs to be brought about and Whistle Blower policy needs to be implemented in the scientific community in D/o Bio-Technology.

#### **9. D/o Pharmaceuticals**

CVC observed that there were some complaints regarding pricing of drugs which the Department should address.

VC(G) observed that though the private sector in the pharmaceutical field was doing well, the Government sector was incurring losses.

VC(S) opined that the above was due to lack of vigilance activity in the Department. He stressed on the need for the Department to explore the possibility of taking over areas like development/manufacture of such vaccines, where the presence of private players is less.

**10. Indian Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Ltd. (IDPL)**

Shri Ravindra Mathur, CVO mentioned that there is severe shortage of manpower in the IDPL. The Commission observed that steps need to be taken by the Ministry for revival of the Company and a full time CVO should be posted to look after vigilance matters.

**11. Hindustan Antibiotics Ltd.(HAL)**

Shri Anand Kumar, CVO, HAL submitted that a case of August 2008 concerning Board level appointees is pending with the Ministry (D/o Pharmaceuticals). Commission desired that CVO, D/o Pharmaceuticals may expedite the case and furnish the same to the Commission.

**C. Concluding Remarks:**

Shri K.D. Tripathi, Secretary, CVC while concluding the meeting stated that it was a fruitful interactive session. He advised all the departments to use the technology in combating corruption in their respective fields.

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

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List of Participants (CEOs & CVOs) for the meeting on 26.08.2011:

1. Dr. B.P. Singh, CVO, D/o Science & Technology
2. Smt. Anjali Tiwari, CVO, CSIR & D/o Scientific & Industrial Research
3. Smt. Veena Tamta Bhatia, CVO, D/o Bio-Technology
4. Shri A.Vijay Anand, JS & CVO, D/o Space
5. Shri Girish Kumar, Director(Vig.), M/o New & Renewable Energy Sources
6. Shri Debashish Majumdar, CMD, IREDA
7. Shri Ajay Aggarwala, CVO, IREDA
8. Shri B.K. Singh, Director (Vigilance), D/o Pharmaceuticals
9. Shri Rakesh Goyal, Sr. Personal Manager, IDPL
10. Shri Ravindra Mathur, CVO (Addl. Charge), IDPL
11. Smt. Geeta Menon, Director (Vig.), D/o Chemicals & Petrochemicals
12. Shri R.N. Madangeri, Director (Techn.) & CMD (Addl. Charge), Hindustan Org. Ltd.
13. Shri Anand Kumar, CVO, Hindustan Organic Ltd. & Hindustan Antibiotics Ltd.
14. Shri K. Hari Kumar, CMD, Hindustan Insecticides Ltd.

Central Vigilance Commission:

1. Shri K.D. Tripathi, Secretary
2. Shri Anil Sinha, Addl. Secretary
3. Smt. Jyoti Mehta, Director
4. Smt. S. Sarasvathy, Director
5. Smt. Madhu Sham, Dy. Secretary
6. Shri Prashant Kumar, Research Officer