

Central Vigilance Commission

Minutes of the Annual Zonal Review Meeting with the CVOs held on 2nd April 2009 at Kolkota.

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

CVC in the Chair. The meeting started with introductory remarks by CVC and the Vigilance Commissioners. This was followed by presentations by CTEs on the inadequacies observed in the CTEs examination of the works and procurement contracts of the organizations present in the meeting. Copies of the presentation of CTEs were provided to the CVOs for reference during the meeting. During the presentation by participating organizations, the Commission intervened and made some observations. The observations needing follow up action are indicated in the minutes later.

2. Introductory Remarks:

2.1. CVC:

CVC requested the CVOs to stick to the sequence of the agenda items and underlined the following issues:

- i) CVC desired that there is need for monitoring mechanism for plugging delays in implementation of first/second stage advises of the Commission.
- ii) Analysis by CVOs when making recommendations on investigation reports were lacking and they need to take a specific position/stand;
- iii) Monthly reports continue to be routine and need to reflect the activities of CVO clearly, as the Commission depends on them for annual assessment of their performance;
- iv) CVC observed that complaint handling mechanism was important and CVO should ensure that all complaints reached the vigilance;

3. VC(S)

- i) VC(S) emphasized that the complaints being received are mostly on modernization and revamping process of PSEs;
- ii) Vigilance to function objectively and effectively and underlined the need to avoid conflict situations with Management. Administrative Ministry to look into and streamline the issues.

4. VC (R)

- i) VC(R) stated that CVOs being from different services should first acquaint themselves with the systems and procedures and review their updation on a ongoing basis;
- ii) She emphasized that CVOs should take a position in each case and specify clearly their recommendations including system improvements;
- iii) VC (R) advised that the monthly reports should be used as a tool for communication by the CVOs on initiatives taken by them.

5. Presentation by the participants:

5.1 Leveraging of Technology:

Most of the Organisations were well advanced in implementation and would have systems in place shortly. However, some were lagging behind in second phase of implementation, which needed to be completed within a specified time frame.

5.2 Access of CVOs to complaints:

In most of the organizations the complaint 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.

5.3 Structured meetings between CVOs and the CMD:

During last year's annual zonal meetings, the Commission has requested 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 is observed that this was not being followed in some of the Organisations. The Commission directed the CVOs to immediately commence the practice and

report compliance in the monthly reports, with a copy of the minutes of the meetings so held.

5.4 Agreed List:

Some of the Organisations have prepared an “Agreed List” and few are in the process of finalizing the same.

5.5 Pendency of First Stage, Second Stage advice, further reports etc.:

There was a need to reconcile the figures and CVOs should access the Commission’s pending list in respect of their Organisations and regularly reconcile the figures.

5.6 Training and adequacy of vigilance staff:

Most of Organisations reported that the arrangements were adequate. However, new Vigilance officers inducted need to be sent to CBI Academy and other training centres.

6. Action Points:

i) All Organisations should keep reporting in monthly reports on the progress made on implementation of second phase of leveraging technology.

(Action: All CVOs)

ii) Each Organisation should make CTE type inspections of major contracts/procurements and send one/two such inspection report every year for information to Commission.

(Action: All CVOs)

iii) The Commission observed that the pending implementation data of cases of Ist/IIInd stage, complaints pending reports including PIDPI ones and further clarifications (FI) etc, as per Commission’s database and the CVO’s records varied. All CVOs need to regularly reconcile the pendency with the Branch Officers concerned, so that the actual pendency is reflected.

(Action: All CVOs)

iv) As regards implementation of Integrity Pact in MSTC, HSCL and KIOCL, Ministry of Steel may review the requirement of IP in these PSUs.

(Action: All JS&CVO, MoS)

v) M/o Steel informed that provisions of Sec 49 of SEBI listing are being extended to all PSUs. Commission suggested that a check list for review of compliance may also be drawn up by the Ministry.

(Action: All JS&CVO,MoS)

vi) Guidelines on CSR were reportedly not properly laid down in the PSUs. Commission desired that Administrative Ministry need to formulate clear guidelines in this regard.

(Action: All JS&CVO,MoS)

vii) On the issue of effecting e-payments in HSCL, it was advised that a condition may be provided for in the general conditions of contract for ensuring implementation.

(Action: CVO, HSCL)

viii) CVO, Andrew Yule &Co, to follow-up with Management on preparation and adoption of Manuals for functional areas.

(Action: CVO,Andrew Yule &Co.)

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

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2. Shri V.K. Nair, CVO, SAIL
3. Shri N.V. Raja Shekhar, Chief Vigilance Officer, NMDC & KIOCL
4. Smt. Madhumita Basu, CVO, MSTC Limited & HSCL
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6. Shri K. Vidyasagar, CVO, Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd.
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