

Central Vigilance Commission

Minutes of the Annual Zonal Review Meeting with the CVOs held on 10th June, 2010 in Kolkata

The list of participants is at Annexure – A.

1. Introductory Remarks

CVC in the Chair

CVC highlighted the following issues:

- (i) CVOs should take specific stand / clear position while making recommendations on investigation reports.
- (ii) Existing internal guidelines and procedures in the organization should be examined with reference to vigilance management to update manuals.
- (iii) Recommending lenient action subsequent to the initial recommendation of major penalty proceedings should be discouraged.
- (iv) One of the areas of concern was non implementation of Commission's instructions on leveraging of technology especially Phase II, where most of the organizations were lagging behind.
- (v) Other area of concern was non submission of QPRs by the organizations to the CTE Unit.

CTE Presentation

CTEs made a presentation highlighting irregularities in tendering process (Annexure – B). CVC emphasized that organizations should not repeat such irregularities, in future, and take lessons from these observations.

2 Agenda wise items/ Action points.

A Leveraging Technology & Tendering Procedure:

Implementation of second phase of Leveraging Technology is required to be completed within a specified time frame and status of the same is to be reported in monthly reports.

Status of vendor bills submitted for clearances should be available on the organizations website in chronological order to be monitored.

(Action: All CVOs)

B Pending Prosecution Cases

The CVC expressed satisfaction over disposal of cases.

C CTE Type inspections

Most of the CVOs had undertaken CTE type inspections .CVC directed the CVOs to send a few inspection reports to the CTE Unit for information and necessary action.

(Action: All CVOs / CTE unit)

D Agreed List

Most of the organizations had either finalized the agreed list or its preparation was in the final stage.

{Action: All CVOs}

E Man-power Management and capacity building of Vigilance staff

Imparting specialized training to vigilance staff and utilization of man-power in preventive vigilance work were areas of concern, where sufficient attention needed to be given by the CVOs.

{Action: All CVOs}

G Complaint Handling

CVC emphasized on need for a centralized complaint handling system in all Coal PSUs. He also directed that all complaints should be first sent to the CVO for determination of vigilance angle.

{Action: All CVOs}

3 Other issues specific to organizations

Northern Coalfields Ltd.

CVC emphasized on need to carry out large number of CTE type inspections in the organization.

CVO, NCL informed the Commission about shortage of manpower in the vigilance unit. CVC directed Director (Vig), M/o Coal to examine the matter.

{Action: Director (Vig), M/o Coal }

Coal India Ltd.

CVO intimated that complaints were pending in CIL due to non-receipt of response from subsidiary companies and also due to shortage of manpower. CVC advised the CVO to take up the matter with the CMDs concerned and Secretary, M/o Coal.

(Action: CVO, CIL & M/o Coal)

It was brought to the notice of the Commission that management was referring appeal cases to the CVO for examination / comments. It was clarified that, at appeal stage cases were not to be referred to the CVO for examination and it was for the Management / HR Division to take the decision.

{Action: All CVOs}

Bharat Coking Coal Ltd.

It was observed that progress in implementation of leveraging technology was not satisfactory. E-Payments to contractors were being made only in 30% cases, which was very low percentage and should be increased. CVO should take up the matter in a time bound manner with the CMD and M/o Coal and report progress on leveraging of technology in the monthly reports. Any deliberate attempt to withhold implementation of e-governance initiatives would be viewed very seriously by the Commission.

CVO, BCCL mentioned about complaints against IEMs being received in the Vigilance Department. It was clarified that the complaints against the IEMs would be looked into only by the Commission and not by the CVO. All complaints against IEMs to be sent to the Commission for its examination and decision.

{Action: CVO, BCCL}

Western Coalfields Ltd.

It was observed that out of 125 complaints received in the WCL only 5 complaints were taken up for investigation, which was too low. CVC observed that scrutiny of complaints was very important issue and needed to be taken up very seriously.

{Action: CVO, WCL}

South Eastern Coalfields Ltd.

Implementation of leveraging technology in the Organisation was very unsatisfactory. CVC directed CTE to conduct a check and verification on this aspect and report to the Commission.

(Action: CTE unit)

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

