Circular No. 04/03/2017

Subject:- Vigilance Awareness Week – Integrity Pledge – regarding.

Vigilance Awareness Week was observed by the Central Vigilance Commission from 31st October to 5th November, 2016 on the theme “Public participation in promoting Integrity and eradicating Corruption” to inculcate the values of transparency, equity and fairness in public administration and all the stake holders are encouraged to prevent and combat corruption.

2. In line with the theme, the Commission had launched the online Integrity pledge for citizens and companies / firms, etc. An online certificate of commitment to the citizens / entities who took the pledge is also being provided. The Commission would acknowledge the support and cooperation of all Departments/Organisations which actively propagated this concept whereby the Integrity Pledge has as on date, been taken by more than 1.3 million citizens and 27,000 firms/organisations and is increasing day to day. Mass integrity pledges were also undertaken by the Public Sector Banks and other Organisations by customers/citizens in rural/semi-urban areas.

3. The Commission while conveying its appreciation to all concerned for enlisting the support of employees/citizens and thereby supplementing the Commission’s anti-corruption efforts, is of the considered view that this campaign needs to be vigorously continued by all Departments / Organisations to reach out to a greater cross-section of the citizens / customers / employees and public at large.

4. The Commission would therefore, request all the Ministries / Departments / Organisations to continue with their concerted efforts to encourage wider participation of citizens/public etc. for taking the online Integrity Pledges; as only sustained efforts can achieve creation of awareness of corruption and its ill-effects as well as in instilling ethical values. All organisations are requested to initiate vigorous efforts towards disseminating and publicising the ‘Integrity Pledge’ amongst all employees, their families, students and citizens etc. across the country so as to elicit wider participation in their commitment to anti-corruption.

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