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Press Note

Vigilance Awareness Week was observed in the Head Office, CCI, Navi Mumbai from 3rd to 7th November, 2008. The concluding day of Vigilance Awareness Week was observed on 7th November, 2008. It was held in the hired Auditorium of Bank of India, Navi Mumbai. Shri Ramrao Wagh, IPS, Commissioner of Police, Navi Mumbai graced the occasion as Chief Guest of the day. The Chief Vigilance Officer, Shri D.C.Sagar,IPS, gave a Power Point Presentation about the various activities which dedicated to inculcate awareness among the CCI personnel and the public at large. On this occasion, Shri C.S.Teotia, Director(Marketing), Shri N.Kirubanithi, Director(Finance) and Shri Subhash Grover, Chairman cum Managing Director expressed their view about the vigilance and highlighted the need for educating the public about vigilance in the interest of better growth and governance of the Organisation.



Shri Ramrao Wagh, IPS, Commissioner of Police, Navi Mumbai.

Address by the Chief Guest, Commissioner of Police, Navi Mumbai.

Commissioner of Police, Navi Mumbai, Shri Wagh appreciated the efforts of Vigilance section in promoting the vigilance awareness among the public. He said that the idea of Whistle Blowers' Resolution is a revolutionary component to unite and embolden the people against corruption which has plagued and paralysed the society. With corruption all around in the society, it is essential that one has to muster courage to point it out to strike at the very roots of it. He also exhorted to imbibe the message of karma enshrined in the Bhagwat Gita and act against the Corruption and other Malpractices.



Shri Subhash Grover, CMD

Address by CMD

CMD Shri Subhash Grover, hailed the Vigilance Awareness Week organised and observed in Cotton Corporation of India (Head Office as well as Branches). He considered it as an Efficient Management Tool to strengthen the Organisation. He expressed his views that CCI has standardised the procedure for purchase and sale of cotton. Anybody violating them would be viewed seriously attracting stringent departmental action. Further, he explained that the fundamental job of CCI is to procure cotton from the farmers and after processing it, sell the cotton and seed in the domestic as well as in the international market. He also said that the directives received from CVC and the Vigilance Section are complied with promptly. This year, it is mandate of the Government of India that the cotton through out the country would be purchased according to the Minimum Support Prices decided by the Government of India. It is pertinent to know that the relevance of the vigilance is very much there to maintain transparency, efficiency and probity in the operations which would be in great volume. The

sustained efforts of CVO, Shri D.C.Sagar to activate vigilance machinery as a potent management tool are indeed worthy of praise.



Shri N.Kirubanithi, D(Fin.)

Address by D(F)

Director(Finance) Shri Kirubanithi, informed about the instructions given by CVC for publicising the procedure of PIDPI Resolution(Whistle Blowers' Resolution). He further explained about the necessity of vigilance in curbing corruption. He high lighted that there are various causes of corruption which need to be nipped into the bud. Further, he suggested measures to fight against corruption:

- i) Decisions should be made as per the systems and procedures
- ii) There should be Grievances Redressal Procedure while interacting with the farmers, customers, employees etc.
- iii) There should be commitment to eliminate corruption and create strong and honest leadership
- iv) Top down approach and bottom up approach should be followed simultaneously.



Shri C.S.Teotia,D(Mktg.)

Address by D(M)

Director(Marketing) Shri C.S.Teotia said that the Head Office as well as Branches are observing Vigilance Awareness Week which will definitely result into creation of awareness amongst the people. He further said that due to sense of belongingness, hard work of Officers and staff coupled with the dynamic leadership, the Corporation has established itself as a leading marketing organisation in domestic & international market of cotton. He further said that it would be appropriate to remember the contributions of CVOs in the organisation. Shri Baviskar, IAS and Shri Phansalkar, IPS has contributed a lot in standardization of systems and procedures tendering, implementation of RTI and strengthening the vigilance set up in corporate office as well as branch offices. Shri Dinesh Chand Sagar, IPS has recently joined the Corporation and is taking vigilance work in proper perspective. Lot of efforts have been made by him to promote the literacy about the Whistle Blowers' Resolution.

Preventive vigilance is being focussed by streamlining the systems and procedures though in agro based commodity, that is "Cotton", it is difficult to lay down the perfect scientific system. With necessary R&D, the procedure for purchase, processing and trading have been standardized and duly documented for strict compliance at all levels. It assures the transparency in our Corporation. Lastly, D(M) hoped that the observance of Vigilance Awareness Week at HO and Branches would definitely help to create awareness at all levels and help us in improving transparency, efficiency and productivity in our operations in long run.

A gist of the Power Point presentation on 7-11-08 , by Dinesh Chand Sagar, CVO, C.C.I.,



We are extremely honoured and privileged to have received the message from H.E. The President of India Smt. Pratibha Devisingh Patil. She has wished every success to the Vigilance Awareness Week by adding, "The observance of such events is a way of developing awareness and educating the public about the avenues available for redressal of their grievances. It is the moral duty of each and every person to make society free from corruption."



Similarly, H.E. The Vice President of India Shri M.Hamid Ansari has bestowed his blessings on us for the success of Vigilance Awareness Week by adding that "Vigilance awareness is indispensable for ensuring the efficiency and credibility of public governance. There is a pressing need to develop awareness among people to promote integrity and transparency in all aspects of public governance."



Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the first Dy. Prime Minister of India.

Vigilance Awareness Week is inspired by the outstanding achievements of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the first Dy Prime Minister of India and Home Minister of India. The beginning of Vigilance Awareness Week corresponds with the birth on this great Leader, great Statesman and great Administrator. He has to his credit the successful completion of the integration of India and administrative improvement in governance for which he was lovingly known as "Iron Man of India".



Shri N. Vittal, I.A.S.

Seeking inspiration from the strength of character of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, it is Shri N. Vittal, the former Chief Vigilance Commissioner who decided to herald the Vigilance Awareness Week on the auspicious day of the birth of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. Shri N. Vittal is very well known for initiating war against corruption, improbity and inefficiency. He addressed the issue of corruption as anti national, anti public and anti human and exhorted everyone to join hands to eradicate it.



Shri Pratyush Shinha, I.A.S.
Central Vigilance Commissioner



Shri Sudhir Kumar, I.P.S.
Vigilance Commissioner



Smt. Ranjana Kumar
Vigilance Commissioner

There was a message from Central Vigilance Commission dt.27.10.2008 which had mandate that all Government Organisations would be observing Vigilance Awareness Week from 3rd to 7th November, 2008. It was with a view to create conditions to eliminate rent-seeking behaviour and ensure that public services are rendered with utmost honesty, sincerity and efficiency. In this message CVC has highlighted the old adage: "Prevention is better than cure". CVC has also mentioned that Vigilance is very much a management tool and, as such, should be used synergetic ally with the other tools to improve efficiency by promoting competitiveness, equity and transparency. This year the CVC has categorically stated that public must be encouraged to play a far more effective and pro-active role in a fight against corruption. CVC says that "particular importance in this endeavour is the recourse to Public Interest Disclosure and Protection of Informers'(PIDPI) Resolution. The Commission further maintains that it remains committed to protecting the safety and identify of the whistleblowers and urges more such persons to come forward in order to expose corruption in public life, taking advantage of the PIDPI Resolution, 2004. This message was undersigned by Shri Pratyush Sinha, Central Vigilance Commissioner, Shri Sudhir Kumar, Vigilance Commissioner and Smt. Ranjana Kumar, Vigilance Commissioner.

The Whistle blowers' Resolution, 2004 came into existence as a consequence of the directives from Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in 2004. Two public interest litigation (PIL) were filed in the wake of the mysterious death of one young Engineer, Mr. Satyendra Dube who had at his personal risk raised his voice against corruption. Mr. Satyendra Dube was an Engineer in National Highway Development Authority. He had written to the Hon'ble Prime Minister's Office about the rampant corruption in the Organisation. He was found dead subsequent to the complaint. It is, with a view to protect the bold, selfless and public spirited individuals from victimisation and life threat, Government of India has designated CVC to inquire into any complaint under Whistle Blowers' Resolution by maintaining secrecy and confidentiality of the identity of the complainant. As far as the basic features of Whistle blowers' Resolution, 2004 are concerned, they are:

- The complaint should sent by post.
- The complaint should be in a closed/secured envelope.
- The envelope should be addressed to Secretary, Central Vigilance Commission superscribed "Complaint under The Public Interest Disclosure".
- Name and address of the complainant should not be written on the envelope.
- Commission will not entertain anonymous/ pseudonymous complaints.

In the Cotton Corporation of India, on this day all the Branch Offices were asked to observe Vigilance Awareness Week in letter and spirit. This Vigilance Awareness Week was observed as a mission to unite public to eliminate corruption. In order to make this mission successful, media was contacted to publicize the procedure for Whistle blowers Resolution. Posters, Banners, Power Point Presentations were organised by CVO to promote "**vigilance literacy**" in the public.

In the Head Office the date-wise programme focusing on creating vigilance awareness were manifold:

- i) Slogan Writing on "Vigilance roots to be strengthened"
- ii) Open Quiz on "How to make society corruption free, how to kill corruption etc."
- iii) Debate on "Vigilance to be or not to be"

- iv) Essay Competition on "Vigilance, a ray of hope"
 v) Discussion on CVC's mandate about Public Interest Disclosure and Protection of Informers(PIDPI) Resolution(Whistle Blowers' Resolution)



PIDPI Resolution (Whistle Blowers' Resolution) displayed banners in public places to bring literacy about it.

Many people participated in these competitions. The names and photographs of the winners have been put on the website to encourage them and also motivate others to emulate the winners.



Shri Dinesh Chand Sagar, IPS, giving PowerPoint Presentation about the PIDPI Resolution (Whistle Blowers' Resolution)

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 Navi Mumbai.
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