

**Central Vigilance Commission  
(Coordination I Section)**

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**Minutes of the Annual Zonal Review Meeting with the CVOs  
held on 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2010 in Mumbai**

The List of participants is at Annexure – A.

**1. Introductory Remarks**

**CVC in the Chair**

- (i) CVC observed that in vigilance cases the responsibility of junior level officers was thoroughly examined; however, the role of senior officers was also required to be analyzed thoroughly based on the merits of the case.
- (ii) Recommending lenient action subsequently, after initiating and recommending major penalty proceedings should be discouraged.
- (iii) CVC emphasised on need of an effective system for providing Bank guarantees to the contractors. The contractors took undue advantages available in the system leading to a loss to the exchequer.
- (iv) Core Banking System had not yet stabilized in many banks, especially, in rural areas.

**CTE Presentation**

CTEs made a presentation highlighting irregularities in the tendering process. CVC emphasized that organizations should not repeat such irregularities and take lessons from these observations.

## **2 Agenda wise items/Action points.**

### **A Leveraging Technology & Tendering Procedure:**

The second phase of Leveraging Technology should be implemented in a timely manner. CVOs to report status of implementation in their monthly reports after deciding on the timelines with the Management

Status of bills submitted for clearances should be available on the organization website in chronological order. Bill clearance to follow “first in-first” out methodology, which should be visible to the vendors on organizations website.

### **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 in their organisation. CVC directed all the CVOs to send a copy of their inspection reports to the CTE for information.

**(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.

Some of the CVOs pointed out the problems faced in preparation of Agreed List, especially from the CBI. CVC invited opinion from all the participating CVOs regarding utility/relevance of preparation of Agreed list. It was decided that CVOs would examine the concept in detail and send their comments on the subject. They would indicate alternative system, if any, that could be brought in, in place of the concept of Agreed list.

**{Action: All CVOs}**

**E. Man-power Management and capacity building of vigilance staff**

CVC emphasised that specialized training to vigilance staff and utilization of more manpower in preventive vigilance work were areas of concern and suggested that sufficient attention was to be given to training by the CVOs.

**{Action: All CVOs}**

**3 Other issues specific to organizations**

**State Bank of India**

It was observed that status of education loans only was shown on the Bank's website. It was decided that efforts should be made to provide this facility in other loan applications also.

**{Action: CVO, SBI}**

**State Bank of Bikaner & Jaipur**

Initiatives taken by the Bank in implementation of Commission's circular on Leveraging Technology and in the field of Preventive vigilance were not satisfactory. The CVO would indicate status of action taken on the subject matter (full details) through monthly reports to the Commission.

**{Action: CVO, SBBJ}**

**State Bank of Mysore**

CVC observed that there were loop-holes in the present system of providing overdraft facility by banks. He emphasized on need of revision of overdraft facilities provided to the bank's employees to prevent misuse of the same.

**{Action: CVO, SBM}**

## **State Bank of Patiala**

CVO, S/B of Patiala intimated that some cases being shown in the Commissions database against S/B of Patiala actually pertained to S/B of Travancore. CVC directed Adviser (RR) to reconcile the figures.

**{Action: Adviser (RR)}**

## **State Bank of Travancore**

CVO, S/B of Travancore mentioned about complete implementation of commission's instructions on Leveraging of Technology. CVC directed that CTE (VR) would undertake a detailed audit in this regard.

**{Action: CTE (VR)}**

CVO, S/B of Travancore raised the issue of withholding vigilance clearance on account of names appearing in the Agreed List/List of officers of Doubtful Integrity. CVC clarified that adequate care from legal perspective should be taken in such cases and comprehensive examination and reasoning should be available, in case clearances were decided to be withheld.

**{Action: CVO, SBT}**

## **IDBI**

CVO, IDBI stated that all complaints were not being sent to him. CVC clarified that it had to be ensured that all complaints were received by the CVO for deciding vigilance angle and this issue should be brought to the notice of management to design the complaint handling mechanism accordingly.

**{Action: CVO, IDBI}**

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

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Annexure - A

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