Circular No. 06/04/2015

Subject:- Delay in finalisation of vigilance cases arising out of Intensive Examination conducted by CTEO – regarding.

The Chief Technical Examiners' Organisation (CTEO) wing of the Commission conducts Intensive Examination (I/E) of works/procurements etc. of various Departments/Organisations. Some of the paras of the I/E report of CTEO are converted into vigilance paras and referred to the CVOs of the organisations for conducting investigation and to identify the officers responsible for the lapses. For the purpose of investigation, an independent and reliable engineer, if considered necessary, can also be appointed / hired for assisting the CVO. Many a time, such matters arising out of CTEO’s examination are not given the required priority by the CVOs and also the concerned administrative authorities in the Departments / Organisations who are responsible to provide the required support to finalise pending issues/matters.

2. The Commission has of late observed that the reports of CVO’s and replies to such CTEO related inspection matters are unduly delayed by the Ministries/Departments/Organisations. There are inordinate delays in processing such matters / furnishing replies to the Commission resulting sometimes in retirement of suspect officials concerned. Moreover, the delays have been viewed adversely by courts. Expeditious conduct of preliminary enquiry and subsequent disciplinary action as per time limits laid down for the purpose need to be strictly adhered to by all Ministries / Departments / Organisations. The Commission has been emphasising on this aspect over the years. The Commission would, therefore, reiterate and advise all CVOs and Administrative Authorities to ensure expeditious finalisation of pending vigilance / disciplinary cases and related matters as it is neither in the interests of the organization nor fair to the official(s) to keep them pending.

3. Any undue delays noticed by the Commission in processing / finalisation of vigilance matters by the CVOs / Administrative Authorities would be viewed seriously by the Commission.

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Officer on Special Duty

All CVOs of Ministries / Departments / CPSUs / Public Sector Banks / Insurance Companies / Autonomous Organisations / Societies etc.