Circular No. 06/09/14

Subject: Observance of Vigilance Awareness Week – 2014.

Central Vigilance Commission being the apex integrity institution of the country has been striving to promote transparency, probity and integrity in public life. One of the outreach measures to promote these values in various Central Government offices and public sector undertakings is the observance of Vigilance Awareness Week every year wherein all the stakeholders are encouraged to fight corruption. The Commission has decided that this year the Vigilance Awareness Week would be observed from 27th October (Monday) to 1st November (Saturday), 2014. The observance of the Vigilance Awareness Week would commence with the pledge (copy enclosed) on 27th October, 2014 at 11.00 a.m. This year the theme of observing Vigilance Awareness Week is “Combating Corruption – Technology as an enabler”.

2. Corruption adversely affects the country’s economic development and achievement of developmental goals. It promotes inefficiencies in utilization of resources, distorts the markets and compromises quality. The Commission believes that efficiency and objectivity in governance hold the key to eradication of corruption from public life and for this purpose it has to be ensured that transparent and foolproof systems and procedures are put in place which provide for appropriate accountability at every level of hierarchy in public administration.

3. Leveraging of technology in functioning of the Government and its organisations can address the challenges of corruption to a large extent. The adoption of technology initiatives can mitigate various factors which lead to corruption like lack of transparency, cumbersome procedures and delays in decision making. By re-engineering government processes, limiting discretion and enhancing accountability, departments/organisations can effectively bring about transparency and efficiency in the service delivery system which effects ordinary citizen the most. E-procurement can bring in economy and efficiency in the procurement of goods, works and services. By using information technology, the process can become faster and to that extent, the scope of corruption can be reduced. The Commission has therefore, been advocating leveraging of technology by organisations to combat corruption.
4. Ministries/Departments/PSUs/Banks/Organisations are advised to consider the following activities during the Vigilance Awareness Week:-

   (i)  To display banners, posters etc, at prime locations in their offices;
   (ii) To organize seminars/workshops inviting prominent faculty;
   (iii) To organize competitive debates/lectures/essays on anti-corruption topics amongst the employees and the students in the colleges/schools and to distribute prizes;
   (iv)  To bring out special issue of journals during the period; and
   (v)   To request the non-government organisations, institution and service associations in the local area to participate in the Vigilance Awareness campaign.

5. Public Sector Enterprises, societies and local authorities are also advised that message (pledge) may be read to Board of Directors by respective Chairman in the Board/Governing body meeting being held prior to the Vigilance Awareness Week.

6. A report on observance of the Week may be sent to the Central Vigilance Commission by 15th December, 2014 by all Departments / Organisations.

7. This notification is also available on the Commission’s website at http://www.cvc.nic.in

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   Additional Secretary

Enclosure: As stated

To

   (i)  The Secretaries of all Ministries/Departments of Government of India
   (ii) The Chief Secretaries of all States/ Union Territories
   (iii) The Comptroller & Auditor General of India
   (iv)  The Chairman, Union Public Service Commission
   (v)   The Chief Election Commissioner, Election Commission
   (vi)  Chief Executives of all PSUs/Banks/Organisations
   (vii) All Chief Vigilance Officers in Ministries/Departments/PSEs/Public Sector/Banks/Insurance Companies/Autonomous Organisations/Societies.
प्रतिज्ञा

हम, भारत के लोक सेवक, सत्यनिष्ठा से प्रतिज्ञा करते हैं कि हम अपने कार्यकलापों के प्रत्येक क्षेत्र में ईमानदारी और पारदर्शिता बनाए रखने के लिए निरंतर प्रयत्नशील रहेंगे। हम यह प्रतिज्ञा भी करते हैं कि हम जीवन के प्रत्येक क्षेत्र से भ्रष्टाचार उन्मूलन करने के लिए निर्वांश रूप से कार्य करेंगे। हम अपने संगठन के विकास और प्रतिष्ठा के प्रति संघने रहने हुए कार्य करेंगे। हम अपने सामूहिक प्रयासों द्वारा अपने संगठनों को सांस्कृतिक बनाए रखने तथा अपने देशवासियों को विश्वसनीयता पर आधारित सेवा प्रदान करेंगे। हम अपने कर्त्तव्य का पालन पूर्ण ईमानदारी से करेंगे और भय अथवा पक्षपात के बिना कार्य करेंगे।

PLEDGE

WE, THE PUBLIC SERVANTS OF INDIA, DO HEREBY SOLEMNLY PLEDGE THAT WE SHALL CONTINUOUSLY STRIVE TO BRING ABOUT INTEGRITY AND TRANSPARENCY IN ALL SPHERES OF OUR ACTIVITIES. WE ALSO PLEDGE THAT WE SHALL WORK UNSTINTINGLY FOR ERADICATION OF CORRUPTION IN ALL SPHERES OF LIFE. WE SHALL REMAIN VIGILANT AND WORK TOWARDS THE GROWTH AND REPUTATION OF OUR ORGANISATION. THROUGH OUR COLLECTIVE EFFORTS, WE SHALL BRING PRIDE TO OUR ORGANISATIONS AND PROVIDE VALUE BASED SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRYMEN. WE SHALL DO OUR DUTY CONSCIENTIOUSLY AND ACT WITHOUT FEAR OR FAVOUR.