Follow up action on the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (Commercial)

The Committee on Public Undertakings (12th Lok Sabha) in their 2nd Report on follow up action on the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (Commercial) noted that action taken notes on a large number of audit paras were pending for a long time. The Committee noted that there was no strong and effective mechanism available in the Ministries/Departments for coordinating and monitoring the submission of follow up action on the Reports of C&AG of India (Commercial).

2. Keeping in view the huge pendency of follow up action on audit paragraphs, the Committee emphasized the need for evolving effective monitoring mechanism in each Ministry to ensure timely submission of action taken notes on each report of C&AG presented to Parliament. The Committee, therefore, recommended specific and immediate steps to be taken by the Government for setting up of Monitoring Cell in each Ministry to monitor the submission of the follow up action on Audit Reports of C&AG of India (Commercial) on individual undertakings.

3. In this connection, attention is also invited to Lok Sabha Secretariat’s O.M. Nos.301(1)-PU/85 dated 16.7.1985 and 301(1)-PU/92 dated 17.2.1992 (copies enclosed) on the matter.

4. The above recommendation of COPU have been considered and accepted. All the administrative Ministries/Departments are requested to take immediate steps for setting up monitoring cell for PSUs under their administrative control. They may also ensure timely submission of follow up action taken notes duly vetted by the Audit to the Committee, on all relevant Reports/Paras of C&AG of India (Commercial) presented to the Parliament, within six months from the date of presentation.

5. Submission of action taken notes to the Committee on audit paras pending for a long time may also be cleared by 21.10.99 positively.

6. Action taken in the matter may be intimated to DPE.


Copy of Lok Sabha Secretariat O.M.No.301(1)-PU/85 dated 16th July, 1985-Follow up action on the Reports of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India

The undersigned is directed to invite attention of the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperation etc. to the following recommendations of the Committee on Public Undertakings contained in Para 19 (Part II) of their 49th Report (1981-82) and the action taken by Government thereon as reproduced on page 22 of the Committee’s 70th Action Taken Report (1982-83):


The C&AG’s Report (Commercial) is presented in several parts in addition to his comments on the accounts published in the Annual Reports of the undertakings. There should be some automatic follow up action on these by the Ministries. These should be reviewed for suitable action at the periodical performance review meetings and at the time of review of the working before laying of the Annual Reports before parliament.

Reply of the Government vide page No.22 of Seventieth Report of C.P.U.

Government accept this recommendation. The administrative Ministries have been advised to take note of the recommendation while conducting the periodical performance review meetings and before laying the annual reports of the Ministries before Parliament.

Ministry of Finance, Bureau of Public Enterprises, O.M.No.11(10)/82-BPE/(Parl.) dated 31st January, 1983.”

2. At their sitting held on 7th June, 1985, the Committee on Public Undertakings have decided that each Ministry/Department should be requested to furnish a brief note each on their review of the follow up action taken on the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India presented to Parliament during the period 1983-84 and 1984-85 and that the note should be got vetted by Audit before submission to the Committee.

3. It is requested that the note in respect of all the public undertakings under your Ministry/Department, as desired by the Committee on Public Undertakings, duly vetted by Audit, may kindly be furnished to this Secretariat by 20th August, 1985 for being placed before the Committee.
4. Receipt of this O.M. may please be acknowledged.

Copy of the Lok Sabha Secretariat O.M.No.301/1-PU/92 dated 17th February, 1992-Follow-up action on the Reports of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India.

The undersigned is directed to invite attention to this Secretariat O.M.No.301(1)-PU/85 dated 16th July, 1985, wherein it was requested that each Ministry/Department should, inter-alia, furnish a brief note each on their review of the follow up action taken on the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India presented to parliament during the period 1983-84 and 1984-85, after getting the same vetted by Audit before submission to the Committee.

2. At the sitting held on 5th February, 1992, the Committee on Public Undertakings have reiterated that each Ministry/Department should furnish a brief note on the review of the follow up action taken on each of the Comptroller & Auditor General’s Reports presented to Parliament after 1985. The note may be got vetted by audit before submission to the Committee.

3. It is requested that the note in respect of all P.U. under your Ministry/ Department, as desired by the Committee on Public Undertakings, duly vetted by Audit, should be furnished to this Secretariat note later than 31st March, 1992 for being placed before the Committee.

4. Receipt of this O.M. may please be acknowledged.