

FUNCTIONS OF VIGILANCE UNIT IN CPWD

The Vigilance Unit of the CPWD is responsible for vigilance in the organization under the general superintendence of the Central Vigilance Commission, the apex organization of the Government of India that controls anti-corruption measures and probity in public life. The vigilance unit is headed by the Chief Vigilance Officer who has a three-fold function

- i. To act as an adviser to the DG, CPWD in all matters pertaining to vigilance
- ii. To provide a link between CPWD and the CVC on the one hand and between CPWD and the CBI on the other hand and
- iii. To collect intelligence about the corrupt practices committed or likely to be committed by the employees of CPWD, investigating or causing an investigation to be made into verifiable allegations reported to him.

The functions of the Chief Vigilance Officer:

The functions of CVO may be divided broadly into 3 parts: -

Preventive Vigilance:

This is most important aspect of vigilance. It deals with systemic correction and modification of rules and processes which, because of their ambiguity and complexity may give rise to scope of Corruption.

The Santhanam Committee (following whose recommendations, the Central Vigilance Commission was set up in 1964), while outlining the preventive measures, had identified 4 major causes of corruption viz.

- (i) administrative delays;
- (ii) Government taking upon themselves more than what they can manage by way of regulatory function;
- (iii) Scope for personal discretion in the exercise of powers at different levels of government;
- (iv) Cumbersome procedures for dealing with various matters which are of importance to citizens in their day to day affairs.

Thus, we can conclude that the main features of preventive vigilance so far as the CPWD is concerned, would be to simplify the systems and procedures and make them more transparent. This also clarifies that the

raison d'être of vigilance activities is not to reduce but to enhance the level of managerial efficiency and effectiveness in the organization.

Punitive Vigilance:

This deals with the verifiable allegations/complaints reported to CVO. On a preliminary investigation, if the complaint is found to have vigilance angle, an enquiry for major or minor penalty should be done in accordance with the procedure as delineated in the Central Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1965. In case of Category 'A' employees, advice of the CVC is sought to initiate inquiry. The CVO is also required to ensure that the disciplinary authority concerned, issues a speaking order while imposing punishment on delinquent employee. Here, it is important to clarify the concept of *Vigilance angle*.

Vigilance Angle:

The para 1.6.1 of the Vigilance Manual issued by CVC defines vigilance angle as follows:

- I) *Demanding and/or accepting gratification other than legal remuneration in respect of an official act or for using influence with any other official.*
- II) *Obtaining valuable thing, without consideration or with inadequate consideration from a person with whom a government servant has or likely to have official dealings or his/her subordinates have official dealings or where he/she can exert influence.*
- III) *Obtaining for himself/herself or for any other person any valuable thing or pecuniary advantage by corrupt or illegal means by abusing his/her position as a public servant.*
- IV) *Possession of assets disproportionate to his/her known sources of income.*
- V) *Cases of misappropriation, forgery or cheating or other similar criminal offences.*

There are, however, other irregularities where circumstances will have to be weighed carefully to take a view whether the officer's integrity is in doubt. Gross or wilful negligence; recklessness in decision making, blatant violations of systems and procedures; exercise of discretion in excess where no ostensible public interest is evident; failure to keep the controlling authority/superiors informed in time – these are some of the irregularities where the disciplinary authority with the help of the CVO can carefully study the case and weigh the circumstances to come to a conclusion whether there is reasonable ground to doubt the integrity of the officer concerned.

Absence of vigilance angle in various acts of omission and commission does not mean that the concerned official is not liable to face the consequences of his actions. All such lapses not attracting vigilance angle would, indeed, have to be dealt with appropriately as per the disciplinary procedure under the service rules.

Surveillance and detection:

This deals with collection of intelligence about the corrupt practices committed, or likely to be committed by the employees of the organization. This could be done by the CVO through surprise and regular inspections in the sensitive areas of the organization or through different reports or returns, such as Audit Reports, Press reports, Departmental Inspection Reports, etc.

Set up of Vigilance Unit in CPWD:

The Vigilance Unit is headed by a Chief Vigilance Officer with three Superintending Engineers (Vigilance) for investigation of cases and follow-up action and one Superintending Engineer (Inquiry) to conduct the inquiry proceedings.

The four Superintending Engineers are assisted by twelve Executive Engineers (Vig.) for investigation of cases and four Engineering Officers (Disciplinary) for presenting the departmental cases before the Inquiry Officer, as well as for the follow up action on the Inquiry Officer's reports.

Each Executive Engineer is assisted by one Assistant Engineer in investigation and disciplinary cases under their jurisdiction.

There is one Executive Engineer (HQ) who looks after all administrative work of vigilance unit including Vigilance Status in respect of all the officers of CPWD and he is assisted by four Assistant Engineers.

There are also two Sections, each headed by a Section Officer to assist the Vigilance Unit in all secretarial work.

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Jurisdiction of work among SE (V)'s:

SE (V) I

| S. No. | Unit | Jurisdiction |
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| 1 | EE (V)-11 | Complaints, Investigations, Suspension, CBI/ACB references of SR-I and SR-II Sub-regions (Civil Works) BFR (Civil Works) & Officers on deputation. (Civil Works). |
| 2 | EE (V)-12 | Complaints, Investigations, Suspension, CBI/ACB references of ER-I and ER-II Sub-regions (Civil Works) |
| 4 | EE (V)-14 | Complaints, Investigations, Suspension, CBI/ACB references of WR-I and WR-II Sub-regions (Civil Works) and CZ (Civil Works). |
| 5 | EO (D)-1 | Disciplinary Cases of EE (V)-11, EE (V)-12, EE (V)-14, & EE (V)-42 along with Court cases & Appeal / Review of cases. |
| 6 | EO (D)-4 | Disciplinary Cases of EE (V)-11, EE (V)-12, EE (V)-14, & EE (V)-42 along with Court cases & Appeal / Review of cases. |

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| 7 | EE (HQ) | Establishment and Administration matters of Vigilance Unit, SO(VS)-I and SO (VS)-II Sections, Opening and maintenance of Vigilance Index Cards (VIC), Computerization & VIGMIS, Issue of VCC, Preparation and maintenance of Agreed List & DI List, all Reports & Returns, monitoring of implementation of penalty orders, Quarterly reports of Group C & D Staff from Circles. |
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SE (V) II

| S. No. | Unit | Jurisdiction |
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| 1 | EE (V)-21 | Complaints, Investigations, Suspension, CBI/ACB references of Delhi PWD (Civil Works) under E-in-C maintenance. (Civil Works). |
| 2 | EE (V)-22 | Complaints, Investigations, Suspension, CBI/ACB references of all Horticulture units of CPWD, NR-I (Civil Works). |
| 3 | EE (V)-23 | Complaints, Investigations, Suspension, CBI/ACB references of NR-II Sub-regions (Civil Works). |
| 4 | EE (V)-24 | Complaints, Investigations, Suspension, CBI/ACB references of, PWD (Civil Works) under E-in-C Project. (Civil Works). |
| 5 | EE (V)-25 | Complaints, Investigations, Suspension, CBI/ACB references of HQ, Architect Units. (Civil Works). |
| 6 | EO (D)-2 | Disciplinary Cases of EE (V)-21, EE (V)-22, EE (V)-23, EE (V)-24, EE (V)-25 & EE (V)-41 along with Court cases & Appeal / Review cases. |

SE (V) III

| S. No. | Unit | Jurisdiction |
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| 1 | EE (V)-31 | Complaints, Investigations Suspension, CBI/ACB references of ADG (SR-I & II), ADG (Border), Delhi PWD (Electrical Works), ADG (NR-I & NR-II) (Electrical Works). |
| 2 | EE (V)-32 | Complaints, Investigations, Suspension, CBI/ACB references of ADG (DR & NDR), ADG (WR-I&II), ADG (ER-I&II) (Electrical Works). |
| 5 | EO (D)-3 | Disciplinary Cases of EE (V)-31, EE (V)-32 along with Court cases & Appeal / Review cases. |

SE (V) IV & Inquiry

| S. No. | Unit | Jurisdiction |
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| 1 | EE (V)-41 | Complaints, Investigations Suspension, CBI/ACB references of DR Sub-region (Civil Works). |
| 2 | EE (V)-42 | Complaints, Investigations Suspension, CBI/ACB references of NDR Sub-region (Civil Works). |

In addition, CVO is assisted by Deputy Chief Vigilance Officers (Dy. CVOs) posted in various regions under CPWD who act as nodal officers in monitoring of vigilance related complaints and cases in their respective regions. Region wise details of Dy. CVOs are listed below.

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| 1 | Dy. CVO (New Delhi Region) Delhi. | Office of ADG (NDR), CPWD, A-Wing, Nirman | Tel. 23062171 e-mail: deladgndr.cpwd@nic.in |
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| | | Bhawan, New Delhi-110011. | |
| 2 | Dy. CVO (Delhi Region) Delhi. | Office of ADG (NDR), CPWD, Sewa Bhawan, R.K. Puram, New Delhi-110066. | Tel. 26198420 e-mail: deladgdr.cpwd@nic.in |
| 3 | Dy. CVO (Northern Region-1) Chandigarh | Office of ADG (NR-1), CPWD, Kendriya Sadan, Sector-9A, Chandigarh-160017. | Tel. 2740466 e-mail: nrd.chd.cpwd@gmail.com |
| 4 | Dy. CVO (Northern Region-2) Lucknow | Office of ADG (NR-2), CPWD, Kendriya Bhawan, 3 rd Floor, Sector-H, Aliganj, Lucknow-226024. | Tel. 0522-4047442 e-mail: adgnr2.lucknow.cpwd@gmail.com |
| 5 | Dy. CVO (Eastern Region-1) Kolkata | Office of ADG (ER-1), CPWD, 234/4, AJC Bose Road, Nizam Palace, Kolkata-700020. | Tel. 033-22802303 e-mail: adgerkol@gmail.com |
| 6 | Dy. CVO (Eastern Region-2) Guwahati | Office of ADG (ER-2), CPWD, Garchuk, Guwahati-781035. | Tel. 0361-2270322 e-mail: adgeriighy@gmail.com |
| 7 | Dy. CVO (Western Region-1) Mumbai | Office of ADG (WR-1), CPWD, Old CGO Building, Annexe, 15 th Floor, Pratishtha Bhawan, 101, M.K. Road, Mumbai-400020. | Tel. 022-22085416 adgwr@rediffmail.com |
| 8 | Dy. CVO (Western Region-2) Bhopal | Office of ADG (WR-2), Nirman Sadan, 52-A, Arera Hills, Bhopal-462011. | Tel. 0755-2551636 e-mail: dirwr2cpwd-mp@nic.in |

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| 9 | Dy. CVO (Sothern Region-1) Chennai | Office of ADG (SR-1), CPWD, 1 st Floor, G-Wing, 3 rd Avenue, Rajaji Bhavan, Besant Nagar, Chennai- 600090. | Tel. 044-24912486 e-mail: adgsrcpwd@tn.nic.in |
| 10 | Dy. CVO (Southern Region- 2) Bangalore | Office of ADG (SR-2), CPWD, B-Wing, Kendriya Sadan, Koramangala, Bangalore-560034. | Tel. 080-25526656 e-mail: directorsr2@gmail.co m |
| 11 | Dy. CVO (PWD) Delhi | Office of E-in-C (PWD), Govt. of Delhi, 12 th Floor, MSO Building, I.P. Estate, New Delhi-110002 | Tel. 23311293 e-mail: enc@pwddelhi.in |

