

**XIX<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF STATE ACBx & CBI, 2012**  
**11<sup>th</sup> October, 2012 (Thursday)**  
**Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi**

**Valedictory Session**

**Welcome Speech and Summing up address by Director, CBI**

1. Hon'ble Minister for Personnel,
2. Central Vigilance Commissioner,
3. Secretary Personnel,
4. Special Director CBI,
5. Heads of State Anti-Corruption and Vigilance Bureaus of the States,
6. Medal winners and their family members,
7. Distinguished guests,
8. Friends from Media,
9. Ladies and Gentlemen,

We are honoured to have amongst us Hon'ble Minister of State for Personnel, Public Grievances and Pension Shri V. Narayanasamy ji for this Valedictory Session of XIX Conference of CBI and the Heads of State Anti Corruption Bureaus. Sir, you were kind enough to address this conference yesterday also. We feel enthused by your presence amongst us as it is not only motivating but also reassuring about support of the government for all our requirements.

2. I welcome the Central Vigilance Commissioner Shri Pradeep Kumar and Secretary Personnel Shri P.K. Misra to this Conference. We in the CBI have been constantly guided by them; and their sagacity, experience and knowledge has been a source of strength to the CBI.

3. Sir, during the last two days, the delegates of this Conference have deliberated upon a number of issues relating to "Economic development and the role of Anti-Corruption agencies". We had an opportunity to interact and hear the views of eminent speakers from a wide spectrum of public life. The discussions were lively and rich in content.

4. Sir, yesterday we have had detailed deliberations regarding our preparedness to take on such acts of corruption and venality which come as corollary of economic development, as corruption of this kind not only dents the agenda of economic reforms but poses a serious challenge to our entire system of Governance. Lack of legal jurisdiction of Central Government to order investigation into complaints of corruption in centrally sponsored schemes also came in discussion. The Central government is spending Rs. 99000 crores in various rural development schemes but for looking into complaints of corruption, it has to depend mainly on the state governments who are implementing the scheme. The problem had no easy solution in light of present Constitutional provisions on the subject of division of powers.

5. Here, I would also request Hon'ble Minister to expeditiously consider enactment of CBI Act, which is pending consideration of the Government. The legal difficulties encountered on this issue need to be resolved as fast as possible. This will also help addressing issue of jurisdictional gap that we often face in taking over investigation of cases of national importance.

6. Sir, the Conference also deliberated upon the issue of allocation of precious natural resources and policy challenges. The allocation of iron, coal, spectrum, land and other such resources have also recently attracted lot of attention as being a fertile ground for corrupt practices. This issue has taken centre stage in the debate on corruption. We also looked into the legal issues involved in the allocation of natural resources. One crucial aspect which emerged is the role of unaccounted money (mostly in cash transactions) in plundering of natural resources as it seems to be the cause as well as effect of organized acts of corruption. This is surely a challenge before all of us both at policy formulation and implementation level to find right approach and tools to deal with it.

7. The perception of policy paralysis in government as a result of investigation by agencies into cases of corruption also came up in discussion during the conference. The Hon'ble PM also advised the participants and I quote "We need to ensure that even while the corrupt are relentlessly pursued and brought to book, the innocent are not harassed." Unquote

8. Sir, there is no doubt in our mind that bona-fide action going wrong is distinct from an act of corruption; and we will have to remain mindful of this distinction in our investigations.

9. Use of technology in the context of changing facets of corruption was another issue of discussion in this Conference. The thrust was prevention and detection of cases of corruption by the use of technology and use of technology as a force multiplier in our efforts.

10. Another important area of deliberation at this Conference was recovery of assets acquired through criminal and corrupt practices. We discussed the ways and means that can enhance the scope of identification, and subsequent attachment and forfeiture, of the ill-gotten proceeds of the corrupt public servant so that one is not able to enjoy fruits of crime for his defence in the court or for any other purposes. I would like to inform that CBI Training Academy has been conducting professional courses on Asset recovery including one which we had organized jointly with INTERPOL.

11. Sir, yesterday, while inaugurating this Conference, Hon'ble Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh emphasized upon the need to engage professionals during investigation and capacity building. Sir, I would like to inform this august gathering that in CBI we have a practice of handling every complex case through Special Investigation Teams comprising of not just the investigating officers but the technical experts from various fields and support staff. Investigation of Satyam case, 2G spectrum case, NRHM cases and many more like these has been carried out by multi disciplinary teams. Over the years, CBI has evolved as a Multi-Disciplinary Investigation Agency and at present more than 100 Banking Officers, Insurance Experts, Engineers and Cyber Forensic Experts are working in CBI.

12. Sir, as I mentioned yesterday, in service training is one of our top priority item. During the year 2011, the CBI Academy & RTCs trained 3581 officers/officials, which included 2180 from State Police and other organizations. I once again assure my colleagues from State ACBs that all the facilities at CBI Training Academy are at your disposal and can be optimally used for capacity building of their officers

13. Sir, I am glad to inform you that the Conference this time has adopted 10 resolutions.

14. We request the Government to consider these resolutions on priority to enhance the effectiveness of the Anti Corruption agencies.

15. In the end, I again congratulate all the medal winners and their families. Their achievements are a matter of great pride for us.

Thank you,

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