

TALKING POINTS

**SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY,
HON'BLE MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE
PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE &
PERSONNEL, P.G. & PENSIONS**

**ON THE OCCASION OF
INAUGURAL SESSION
OF
ANTI-CORRUPTION BUREAUX/ VIGILANCE BUREAUX OF STATES & CBI**

**AT 0930 Hrs
ON
10TH OCTOBER 2012
AT
VIGYAN BHAWAN
NEW DELHI**

Hon'ble Prime Minister,
Hon'ble Home Minister, Shri Sushil Kumar Shinde,
Hon'ble Minister for Rural Development, Shri Jairam Ramesh,
Advisor to PM Shri T.K.A. Nair,
National Security Advisor, Shri Shiv Shankar Menon,
Cabinet Secretary, Shri Ajit Seth,
Principal Secretary to PM, Shri Pulok Chatterjee,
Chief Vigilance Commissioner, Shri Pradeep Kumar,
Secretary Personnel, Shri P.K. Mishra,
Director (CBI), Shri Amar Pratap Singh,
Heads of State Anti Corruption and
Vigilance Bureaux of the States,
Other officers from both the Centre & States,
Distinguished guests,
Friends from media,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

It gives me immense pleasure to welcome Hon'ble Prime Minister to this Conference of Anti-Corruption Bureaux. We are grateful to you, Sir, for your kind presence here this morning and for sparing your valuable time to deliver the Inaugural Address here today. I also welcome Hon'ble Home Minister Shri Sushil Kumar Shinde and Hon'ble Rural Development Minister Shri Jairam Ramesh, to this conference.

2. I heartily congratulate the officers of CBI who have been conferred with prestigious Police medals and awards by our Hon'ble Prime Minister for their distinguished services.
3. I also congratulate the Director CBI for taking the initiative to host this Conference annually, from this year, instead of once in two years. This would provide a forum for all the agencies engaged in anti-corruption and vigilance work to share their experience and discuss issues which they encounter in tackling corruption, at regular interval.
4. The Central Government is committed to deal with corruption at the grass root level and has been continuously taking measures to put into action this commitment. We have ratified United Nations Convention against Corruption. This was followed by the introduction of various legislations in the parliament. We stand committed to put in place comprehensive legislative frameworks to fight the menace of corruption across the board.
5. The Government is also taking initiatives with a focus on systemic improvements. The transparent procedures and less discretion are bound to reduce opportunities of corruption and make the system more accountable.
6. Our economy has been growing at a good pace. With the rising economic development, we have to be vigilant to thwart the nefarious designs of unscrupulous elements who may like to short-circuit the system in vogue. This makes the theme of this conference, Economic Development: Response of anti corruption agencies, very topical and highly relevant.
7. In the fight against corruption, the anti-corruption agencies viz., CBI and state anti corruption agencies are the most visible arms of the government to fight corruption at level of

enforcement. The seriousness of the Government to fight corruption is gauged by the performance of these agencies.

8. CBI has repeatedly proved its credentials as the premier investigation agency of the country. With the growing workload over CBI, it is imperative that you devise techniques to meet this increasing load. Hon'ble Prime Minister directed us to provide all logistical support to CBI to meet the added demands for their investigative framework.

9. I know that the task for our anti-corruption agencies is growing each day and the resources are limited. But, these should not come in their way of performing to the expectations of the government and the common man.

10. I hope the outcome of the two days' deliberations would be a helpful in evolving a strategy to combat corruption especially which comes as a corollary of economic development.

11. I extend my felicitation to the entire CBI fraternity and State Anti-Corruption Bureaux who are working in cohesion to uphold the cherished values of our democracy.

12. I once again thank the Hon'ble Prime Minister for having agreed to inaugurate this conference. I wish the conference every success.

Thank you.

Jai Hind.
