

Speeches of MoS(PP) on 11.10.2012

TALKING POINTS

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

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

**AT 1430 Hrs
ON
11TH OCTOBER 2012
AT
VIGYAN BHAWAN
NEW DELHI**

Director (CBI), Shri Amar Pratap Singh;

Heads of State Anti Corruption and
Vigilance Bureaux of the States;
Distinguished guests;
Friends from media;
Ladies and Gentlemen;

I am extremely happy to note that during the last two days, you all had multiple sessions, deliberating upon role of Anti corruption agencies in this era of economic development. This conference of yours is particularly relevant in the context of our growing economy and the increased challenges of combating corruption that come along.

2. Ladies & gentlemen, Conferences like this are an expression of our commitment to fight corruption relentlessly. With the deliberations in the conference, I hope you all must have been professionally enriched to deal with upcoming challenges.

3. I was going through the topics of various sessions during this conference and am happy to note that a variety of subjects of immediate interest have been covered during the conference.

4. Sustainable development requires control over administrative system as systemic flaws lessen the effect of public spending. It may lead to exclusion of poor to basic services undermining the trust of public in government. We have a strong anti-corruption legal framework in our country and it is enjoined upon the anti-corruption agencies to effectively implement the existing laws in order to achieve desired results of our social sector spending. I hope that you will go back from this conference with a renewed resolve to carry out strong and exemplary fight against corruption.

5. With the speed of economic development, use of natural resources has increased exponentially and at the same time they need to be systematically used to help the country in long run for sustainable development as natural resources will get depleted over the time. The need to have a policy for allocation of national resources cannot be understated. The issue is as much relevant to state governments as is for Union Government.

6. The anti-corruption agencies can contribute in detecting systemic errors if any, and facilitate corrective measures by way of their recommendations after investigation into allegations of wrong-doings in such matters. I may also remind you here that presence of effective anti-corruption machinery also acts as a deterrent to fence sitters and may prevent them from giving in to temptations.

7. I am happy to note that extensive discussions on issues of technology for tackling corruption were held in the conference. Technology is the single most effective tool to increase efficiency and reduce time in investigation. A regular update on these issues needs to be followed up to make the use more effective as skill up-gradation is a dynamic process. CBI Academy over the years has developed into state of art centre with a internationally acclaimed Cyber High tech crime Research and Investigation center covering such issues. I would urge the State Bureaux to make most use of courses in the academy for capacity building of their staff.

8. With the growth of economy, the challenge for anti corruption agencies has increased. The trail of money and recovery of illegal proceeds of crime in the cases is becoming increasingly difficult and many a times gets caught in jurisdictional issues. It is an important part of investigation process and mandatory efforts must be made to deprive the wrong-doers from enjoying their ill-gotten wealth. As it often involves specialized investigation the agencies should take help of professionals relating to these

specialized areas to aid their investigation. DOPT has already approved engagement of technical expert from various fields to assist CBI in investigation. State ACBs may also consider similar arrangement to take care of this handicap.

9. While quick investigation is important and necessary, equally important is expeditious trial and conviction in cases of corruption. The setting up of new exclusive courts for CBI was one of the measures we undertook to facilitate expeditious proceedings in cases under trial. I would also wish to urge the States to initiate similar measures for reducing pendency of cases, especially corruption cases under trial. There can be no greater deterrent to corruption as conviction in high profile cases and all of you must strive to achieve it in all such cases.

10. The Central Government is committed to strengthen CBI in terms of resources to enable CBI to function professionally and efficiently. I assure that we will do our utmost in meeting the financial, technological and personnel needs of CBI. I would also urge the State governments to liberally sponsor suitable police officers for working with CBI on deputation at all levels.

11. I know the Anti-corruption agencies with their limited resources have a mammoth task and huge pressure of expectations to achieve in a given time frame. It's time to optimize resources and complement existing resources with modern and latest techniques of investigation. The professional approach and hard work will definitely yield desired results. Over and above it, a sense of mission to eliminate corruption is required in agencies.

12. In this battle, anti-corruption agencies are the key apparatus of the Government. We expect you to be working fearlessly and effectively to tackle the challenge of corruption. It should be realized that the battle against corruption is half won, if relevant information is freely exchanged between the anti-corruption agencies at domestic as well as International levels and cooperation between the agencies takes place.

13. Finally, I may also remind that we expect highest level of integrity from officials working in anti-corruption and vigilance agencies. Any system of Government or regulation will not succeed if people do not show honesty at individual level and hence every individual should start from himself by ensuring his own integrity, and this applies most on all of you here.

14. I wish you all the best in this collective fight and hope there will be qualitative improvement in enforcement across the country. With your concerted efforts, we shall be able to build a transparent and corruption free society.

15. I wish you all every success in your endeavours.

Thanking you.

Jai Hind.
