

**TALKING POINTS**

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**SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY,  
HON'BLE MINISTER OF STATE  
IN THE  
PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND  
PERSONNEL, P.G. & PENSIONS  
ON THE OCCASION OF  
SECOND INTERPOL GLOBAL PROGRAMME ON  
ANTI-CORRUPTION AND ASSET RECOVERY  
THEME: CORRUPTION, A MULTI JURISDICTIONAL  
INVESTIGATION  
ON  
23<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER, 2012  
AT 1300 HRS  
AT  
MEDIA CENTRE, CBI HEADQUARTERS,  
CGO COMPLEX, LODHI ROAD, NEW DELHI**

Secretary (Personnel), Shri P.K. Mishra;

Director (CBI), Shri A.P. Singh;

Senior Officers from various countries, INTERPOL & CBI;

Other Officers from Central and State Governments;

Distinguished Guests;

Ladies and Gentlemen;

I am happy to be here with all of you today and take note that the Second Global Programme on Anti Corruption and Asset Recovery with the theme “Corruption – A Multi Jurisdictional Investigation” has been successfully organized by the CBI in cooperation with the Interpol, Lyons.

2. I remember, the First Global Conference which was organized in February this year and I was present during that inaugural session. The conference was well attended and was appreciated by all the participants. I had a chance to interact with many of them then and all of them showed happiness and satisfaction with both the contents of the course and the logistical arrangements. I am sure that this time also you have enjoyed your stay in India and benefitted immensely from the course contents.

3. Corruption makes a deep negative impact on the basic institutions of the country and weakens the rule of law. Furthermore, it not only hinders investment but also prevents the overall growth and development of any country. It diverts funds for the development and hurts the poor and undermines the government ability to provide basic services. It also distorts level playing field and fair competition.

4. Therefore, it is imperative for all countries to ensure that corruption is checked and, if possible, weeded out. This calls for a unified effort on the part of all the agencies dealing with the menace of corruption in different parts of the world. It needs cooperation at bilateral level and international level by the police agencies in particular and by the governments in general to ensure that the corrupt develop a fear psychosis that we would not be able to lead a normal life anywhere in the world because the police officers and anti corruption agencies have joined hands in their fight against corruption.

5. In India, our Government under the leadership of Hon’ble Prime Minister, Dr. Manmohan Singh has initiated a number of initiatives to ensure transparency and accountability in Government department. Very recently, the Government of India introduced the Lokpal Bill in both the Houses of the Parliament and also ratified the United Nations Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC). We have also introduced the Prevention of Bribery of Foreign Public Officials and Officials of Public International Organization Bill, 2011 and also has initiated the proposal to make bribery in private sector a criminal offence by bringing an amendment in the Indian Penal Code.

6. I am very confident that these actions will help us instil faith in the minds of the common citizens and at the same deter the minds of the mighty and the corrupt. I would also request all of you present here to work as one community in a united fashion for one goal and that is to punish the corrupt and to ensure that the proceeds of crime are tracked and confiscated.

7. While going through the contents of this training programme and while discussing it with Director, CBI, I found that there were certain changes made in the content of the training programme

from the last one. I am happy to note that a lot of emphasis has been laid on the United Nations Convention Against Corruption and on the role of various international organizations in recovery of assets of the corrupt. I am also happy to note that the conference has put emphasis on issues like bribery, disproportionate assets, abuse of official position etc. and that they have been covered in detail.

8. I am particularly happy that this time the participants were taken to the high tech Cyber Crime Lab and that they were able to see for themselves the work being done by this premier organization in the file of cyber forensic and mobile forensic in tracing the culprits and pursuing their proceeds of crime. I am told that the participants had a chance to have hands on the various tools and equipment which the government procured for the Academy two years back.

9. It must be understood that the global financial market in modern times allows money to travel further and faster than ever before. In cases in which that money is the illicit proceeds of crime particularly in the cases of organized crime, the tracing, freezing and recovery of assets become very difficult and complex and, therefore, calls upon all of us to update our knowledge and skills to keep pace with it.

10. The Director, CBI mentioned that there are various issues that impede investigation of cases in the international arena. The problems faced in the Letters Rogatory (LR) and issues related to mutual legal assistance & extradition are some of them. These kinds of conferences and training programmes provide excellent opportunities for all member countries of Interpol to share their common problems and to come up with strategies and solutions to tackle these problems.

11. In this regard, I complement the organizers for devoting sufficient time on the issues of mutual legal assistance which can play a crucial role in international cooperation in nabbing the culprits and exposing their network of crime. It will also facilitate in extradition of criminals from one country to another in a shorter span of time.

12. I am sure that all such problems and their remedies which should have come up during the presentations and discussed in the five days will help all the member countries in further strengthening international cooperation in tackling menace of corruption.

13. Finally, I wish you all the best in your collective efforts 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.

14. I also wish you all a happy and prosperous New Year 2013.

Thank you.

Jai Hind.