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Function

Vigilance Division in the Ministry of Coal oversees the vigilance administration in the Ministry in addition to vigilance issues relating to the organisations working under the Ministry i.e. Coal India Limited (CIL) and its 8 subsidiaries; Neyveli Lignite Corporation (NLC), Coal Mines Provident Fund Organisation (CMPFO) and Coal Controller Organisation.

Organisation structure

Vigilance Division in the Ministry is headed by a Joint Secretary and Chief Vigilance Officer (CVO). The vigilance wings of CIL/ its subsidiaries & NLC are headed by an independent full time CVO. Vigilance issues in respect of below Board-level Officers are investigated by the CVOs of the concerned company and in respect of Board-level officers, the CVOs furnish factual reports to the Ministry for taking appropriate action.

Vigilance Awareness

Vigilance awareness week focusing on the theme "Preventive vigilance as a tool of good governance" has been observed from 26/10/2015 to 31/10/2015. During this awareness week, workshops, debates, essay competition, slogan/writing competition, etc. were organized to create awareness on vigilance issues.

Monitoring Mechanism

To improve vigilance administration, regular review meetings are being held with the CVOs to review the pending issues relating to vigilance cases, implementation of IT initiatives, etc. Meetings held during this period are given as under:

S.No.	Date	Place	Reviewed by
1.	23.01.2015	Varanasi	Additional Secretary & CVO
2.	04.04.2015	Kolkata	Secretary(C)
3.	18.09.2015	Kolkata	JS & CVO
4.	01.10.2015	New Delhi	JS & CVO
5.	29.01.2016	Bhubaneswar	Secretary (C)

In these meetings, status of implementation of GPS/GPRS based vehicle tracking system & other IT initiatives for e-surveillance to curtail pilferage of coal are discussed. In addition, other system improvement measures to usher in good governance and ease of doing business e.g. improvement of measurement of coal and OBR, e-procurement/e-Reverse Auction, improvement in testing of explosives, land management system, project management system, e-office, coal-net, bill tracking system, online grievance management system etc. are discussed. The entire gamut of Vigilance related matters including measure to make the vigilance administration more effective is also discussed. Large no. of new initiatives were introduced through discussion in these meetings which have significant impact on the functioning of these companies.

System Improvement

All organisations have actively participated in online submission of IPRs, rotational transfer of the officers from sensitive to non-sensitive posts, etc. In addition system of online vigilance status has also been developed which is under verification.

Coal companies have taken up several e-initiatives i.e. COALNET, refund of EMDs, installation of in motion weighbridges with RFID, e-procurement, electronic surveillance with CCTV, online truck despatch system, etc.

IT Initiatives

To check theft and pilferage and also to capture real-time data of production, dispatch, stores and to improve operational efficiency, an integrated system consisting of GPS/GPRS based vehicle tracking system connected through a Wide Area Network

(WAN) to vulnerable points like weigh bridges, material stores, entry/exit points, stockyard, sidings, explosive magazines, etc. has been conceived and is under implementation in all the companies of CIL. The status as on 31st December, 2015 is given as under:

S. No.	Name of the item	Requirement	Implementation status as on 31.12.2015
1.	GPS/GPRS based Vehicle Tracking System	9450	6114
2.	Electronic Surveillance by CCTV	2509	1025
3.	RFID based Boom Barriers & Readers	2857	2465
4.	Weigh Bridge Status	898	850
5.	Wide Area Networking	960	344
6.	CoalNet Implementation Status	51	42

Inspections

Surprise inspections and intensive examination of the cases were undertaken with emphasis on system improvement measures.

Prosecution Sanction

During this period, comments furnished for grant of prosecution sanction to the two serving officers in 6 cases related irregularities in allocation of coal blokes.

Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited

The vigilance department in NLC has undertaken various proactive, preventive, & punitive measures to sensitise the employees of the company. Various IT initiatives like, automated file tracking system, online bill watch system for vendor payment, bill tracking system, TA bill automation, online vigilance clearance, complaint through Whatsapp messenger, payment of wages to contract workmen through bank Online vendor empanelment, auto refund of EMD for purchase through OLIMMS, etc. were

introduced in the company to enhance transparency and efficiency based on the vigilance recommendation. Promotion procedure and transfer policy streamlined on the intervention of vigilance department. Due to vigilance intervention, the commercial operation declaration (COD) of Unit-I&II of TPS-II Expansion which was delayed for a long period was expedited resulted in declaring COD of the Unit.

As a preventive measure, 169 numbers of surprise checks, 45 numbers of regular checks, 29 Nos Quality Check, 23 Nos Follow-up checks and 12 Nos of CTE type examinations have been conducted from April-2015 to March-2016. 530 No of complaints have been investigated and 511 No of cases are disposed.

As a part of capacity building measure, training / interaction with the employees for 30 to 60 minutes by vigilance faculty during every training programme. Need based "Customized training programmes" are also conducted by the vigilance department at various Units of the company. "Corruption Risk Map" prepared in NLC for sensitizing employees to improve their accountability.