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Department of Personnel & Training

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To
All Chief Secretaries of State Governments
(by name)

Sir,

As you are aware, the Government of India is fully committed to implement its policy of "Zero Tolerance against Corruption". In the recent past several steps have been taken by the Government and the Central Vigilance Commission to combat corruption. The significant among these are the Right to Information Act, 2005; comprehensive instructions issued by the CVC on transparency in tendering and contracting process; and advising the 3 Central Government organizations to adopt integrity pact in major Government procurement activities.

2. Though the Government of India has not conducted any survey to ascertain the effectiveness of these steps, Transparency International India an Non-Governmental Organisation is of the view that adoption of Integrity Pact has resulted in substantial improvement in the systems and reduction in corruption in Public dealings.

3. The necessity of adopting Integrity Pact in major procurements has been emphasized by the Central Vigilance Commission vide the Commission's circulars dated 4/12/2007, 19/5/2008 and 5/8/2008 addressed to all the Secretaries to the Govt. of India and CMDs of PSUs & PSBs. These circulars are available on the website of the CVC - www.cvc.nic.in. The 2nd ARC in its 4th Report on "Ethics in Governance" has also recommended the adoption of Integrity Pact (IP).

4. Since the anti-corruption policy of the State Government is not different from that of the Central Government and the State Governments are also committed to eradicate corruption from all spheres of life, it is suggested that your State Government may consider adoption of Integrity Pact in respect of State Public Sector Enterprises in line with the procedure outlined by the CVC. A sample copy of the Integrity Pact adopted by SAIL is available on the CVC's web-site for guidance.

Yours faithfully,


(Venkatesh)

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