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The Vigilance Unit of the Ministry is headed by a Chief Vigilance Officer (CVO) of the rank of Joint Secretary who is appointed on the advice of the Central Vigilance Commission. The Chief Vigilance Officer is the nodal point in the vigilance set up of the department and is entrusted with the following:

- Identification of sensitive areas prone to malpractices/temptation and taking preventive measure to ensure integrity/efficiency in government functioning ;
- Taking suitable action to achieve the targets fixed by the Department of Personnel and Training on anti-corruption measures ;
- Scrutiny of complaints and initiation of appropriate investigation measures;
- Inspection and follow up action on the same;
- Furnishing of comments of the Ministry to the Central Vigilance Commission on the investigation reports of the Central Bureau of Investigation;
- Taking appropriate action in respect of departmental proceedings on the advice of Central Vigilance Commission or otherwise;
- Obtaining second stage advice of the Central Vigilance Commission, wherever necessary; and
- Obtaining the advice of Union Public Service Commission in regard to the nature and quantum of penalty to be imposed, wherever necessary.

There are also part time Vigilance Officers in the Attached and Sub-ordinate Offices of the Ministry of Textiles. However, the overall responsibility of vigilance activities of these offices, rests with the Chief Vigilance Officer of the Ministry of Textiles.

Preventive Vigilance continues to receive priority attention with emphasis primarily on identification of areas sensitive or prone to malpractices and temptation. The guidelines/instructions issued from time to time by the Department of Personnel and Training and the Central Vigilance Commission in this regard are followed. Action taken includes the following:

- i) The areas of sensitive nature are identified in the Ministry and Surveillance is kept thereon.
- ii) Regular and Surprise Vigilance inspections are being carried out in the Ministry and the offices under its control, throughout the year.
- iii) Security measures have been strengthened appropriately.
- iv) The Agreed List and List of Public Servant of Doubtful Integrity have been prepared.

Vigilance Awareness Week - 2007 was observed in the Ministry of Textiles from November 12, 2007, to November 16, 2007. During the week, discussions were held on issues arising out of corruption. The main emphasis was on Preventive

Vigilance and to create Awareness amongst Officers and staff of Ministry of Textiles. The Week was also observed in the attached and sub-ordinate Offices of the Ministry and also by the Central PSUs, and Statutory Boards.



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