

# “Independent India@75: Self reliance with integrity”

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# Freedom struggle & fall out

- During the second world war, the Govt was required to do huge purchases
- It emerged that certain mal-practices were taking place involving corruption.
- To keep these under control, Anti-Corruption bureau was established.

# Homage to Sardar Patel

- Sardar V. Patel a renowned freedom fighter, the unifier of great India, man with great vision and determination, was fortunately given the task of being First Union Home Minister
- Apart from his many contributions he decided to establish All India Services including IPS and vigilance cells.
- Pay homage to Sardar Patel on his birth anniversary Oct 31 st.

# Vigilance Awareness Week

- Efforts to create awareness against corruption are intensified during this week, but this is an on going exercise which must be carried on through-out the year.
- All stake holders need to be taken on board.
- Efforts against corrupt actions must necessarily have blessings from top management but everyone down the line also must support the same.

# Efforts in Railways against corruption

- Indian Railways has distinguished record spread over 150 years.
- First Indian railway ran from Mumbai to Thane in 1860s
- Indian Railway recruits top officers specially selected after training them in Jamalpur and through Indian Engineering services.
- Entire recruitment is done competitively

# Efforts against corruption

- Indian Railways is not limited to only India but has gone beyond the shores to many countries in Gulf, Africa & other continents.
- Earlier locomotives were imported from Sweden etc. but today Indian Coach Factory is exporting coaches to even advanced countries
- Indian Railways works with global standards
- Indian Railways were the first to launch computerised ticketing process

# Railways as commercial institute

- Railways in other countries are on the verge of closing down , as very few people travel by these
- On the other hand, Indian railways continues to be the lifeline for daily economic activity in metropolitan cities like Mumbai as well as in other remote parts
- Indian Railways is shortly launching Bullet trains

# Significance of Indian Railways

- Indian Railways is a commercial body working under Government of India.
- It is expected to make profits, though it does not have the freedom to charge fares as may be required.
- It is called upon to solve national problems frequently including supply of oxygen tankers, or coal or essential goods at short notice.



# Sources of corruption

- Running a gigantic organisation such as Indian Railways ,with multi layer activities, millions of employees, millions of passengers and millions of stake holders calls for determined efforts from the employees to work with highest integrity
- Preparing criteria in tenders to suit specific commercial organization to benefit that company or to benefit you is the source of corruption

# Results of Corruption

- Persons/ services/goods without merit which deserve to be rejected, get selected in employment, in allotment of jobs, or material.
- As these have been recruited through corrupt practices, they are not concerned about safety or accountability but are constantly engaged in self aggrandisement
- The result is poor service, accidents leading to deaths or injuries, huge wastages creating disgust and anger against the organisation.
- Poor & needy are the victims.

# Why corruption

- Numerous cases reveal corruption is the result of greed and not need
- Persons having very high salary are also indulging in corrupt practices
- There is no compulsion to indulge in corrupt practices, it is voluntary.
- Many raids revealed persons who indulged in corruption, had no time even to look at the money amassed by them & still kept on stalking

# Salient provisions of the P C Act 2018

- Public Servant means any person in the service or pay of the Government or remunerated by the Government by fees or commission for the performance of any public duty
- This includes even a private person who might be acting as an agent to aid the public servant in corrupt practices

# Undue advantage

- Undue advantage means any gratification whatever , or than legal remuneration
- The word gratification is not limited to pecuniary gratifications or to gratifications estimable in money
- Accused have demanded physical comforts or even petty things including a gas cylinder

# Demanding undue advantage

- Mere demand with the intention to perform public duty improperly or dishonestly by himself or by another public servant is punishable by imprisonment for a period not less than three years extendable to seven years. Demand itself is an offence under Section 7 .
- Several times accused mentions s/he is innocent as s/he did not take any gratification.

# Offenses by commercial organisations

- Any person associated with a commercial organisation gives or promises to give any undue advantage to a public servant intending a) to obtain or retain business for such commercial organisation : or b) to obtain or retain an advantage in the conduct of business for such commercial organisation
- Is punishable under the Act

# Criminal Misconduct

- If a public servant intentionally enriches himself illicitly during the period of his office , it is criminal misconduct.
- A person is presumed to have intentionally enriched illicitly if he or any person on his behalf , is in possession of pecuniary resources or property disproportionate to his known sources of income which the public servant cannot satisfactorily account for.



# Protection to public servants

- Section 17 provides : No inquiry or investigation would be conducted where the alleged offence is relatable to any recommendation made or decision taken by such public servant in discharge of his official functions or duties, without the previous approval of the Union /State Government.
- Previous sanction required from competent authority before taking cognisance by the concerned court.

# Self reliance

- As clarified by Hon.P.M. Self reliance does not mean not importing items that are absolutely required from outside.
- It expects production of goods and services at global standard which would be acceptable anywhere in the world.
- This is possible when everyone involved in the process does his /her work with integrity

# Conclusion

- We need not wait for completion of 75 years of Independence to start doing our work with integrity.
- Most of you are already doing it very well and I am sure , you would continue to do it so in the days to come. Involve all stake holders & you would definitely succeed.
- Vigilance and law & enforcing authorities would take care of aberrations.
- Thanks.