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Suo-moto disclosure under RTI Act relating to Vigilance Division

A robust vigilance setup is imperative within any organisation to safeguard against corruption, misconduct and unethical practices. It serves as a proactive measure, ensuring the adherence to ethical standards and policies. The necessity of a vigilance setup lies in its ability to prevent potential risks, protect the organisation's reputation and maintain a culture of integrity.

2. The Vigilance Wing of the Ministry functions under the overall supervision of the Secretary, I&B. The wing is headed by a Chief Vigilance Officer (CVO) at the level of Joint Secretary/ Additional Secretary who is appointed with the approval of the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) out of one of the Divisional Heads of the Ministry. CVO is assisted by a Deputy Secretary (Vigilance), Under Secretary (Vigilance), and a Vigilance Section.

3. Within the autonomous, attached and subordinate offices of the Ministry, as well as in public sector undertakings and registered societies, distinct vigilance setups are established. In Media Units, Vigilance Officers (VOs) are appointed by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (MIB). On the other hand, Prasar Bharati, an autonomous organisation under the purview of MIB, operates with an independent Chief Vigilance Officer (CVO) appointed by the Department of Personnel and Training (DoP&T). This diversified approach ensures that vigilance mechanisms are tailored to the specific needs and structures of each entity, contributing to a comprehensive and effective vigilance framework across various organisational units.

4. The CVO of the Ministry provides a link between the Ministry and its subordinate/attached offices and CVC as well as CBI. The CVO of the Ministry coordinates vigilance activities of the Media Units of the Ministry as per CVC guidelines.

5. The details of functionaries of vigilance wing are as follows:

Chief Vigilance Officer	: Shri Sanjiv Shankar, Joint Secretary
Deputy Secretary (Vig)	: Shri Vijay Sachdeva
Under Secretary (Vig)	: Shri Vineesh Arora
Section Officer Vig-1	: Ms. Aju Sharma
Section Officer Vig-2	: Ms. Arpita Sahu

6. During the year 2024, the ministry observed Vigilance Awareness week from 28.11.2024 to 3.11.2024 with various in-house activities conducted to promote vigilance awareness. A three months campaign as a precursor to the VAW regarding preventive vigilance activities was also conducted from 16.8.2024 to 15.11.2024. During the campaign focus areas were:

- Capacity Building programmes,*
- Identification and implementation of systemic improvement measures,*
- Updation of Circulars/Guidelines/Manuals,*
- Disposal of complaints received before 30/06/2024,*
- Dynamic digital presence.*

7. The Ministry also published in-house vigilance Journal 'Satark-2024'