

MESSAGE

This year the Vigilance Awareness Week is being observed from 29th October 2012 to 3rd November 2012.

The main theme for this year's Awareness Week is "**Transparency in Public Procurement.**" Transparency means total fairness of procedure which will stand to scrutiny of rules, law and natural justice. The fulcrum of vigilance administration is often the process of Public Procurement and by ensuring a truly transparent procurement system we actually strengthen the heart and soul of vigilance administration. Enforcing transparency of procedure is actually the strongest signature of fair and professional procurement. It is only in the fitness of things that today when the importance of a sound public procurement policy has been underlined, transparency and the awareness about the importance of transparency in procurement should not only be a slogan but the cornerstone of our present and future procurement edifice.

It cannot be gainsaid that a good and effective Public Procurement Policy is an engine of developmental decision making and good governance. One should hasten to add that such a policy will be *meaningful* and sustainable and shall stand the scrutiny of public faith only if it is based on the dictum of total and uncompromising transparency which is not only inherent but apparent. In other words Public Procurement should not only *be transparent* but *should be seen to be transparent*. This should be the avowed goal of all organisations where procurement is integral to their functioning.

TO THAT END OF COMPLETE TRANSPARENCY LET US ALL
PLEDGE OURSELVES!

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