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From

Chief Vigilance Officer

To

The Directors/Heads of all National Labs./Instts. of CSIR

Sub: Participation of consultants in tender - Guidelines regarding.

I am to forward herewith a copy of Central Vigilance Commission Circular bearing No. 98/DSP/3 dated 24/12/2004 (Office Order No. 75/12/04) for your information, guidance and necessary action.

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Consultants are appointed by the organisation for preparation of project report. These appointments are made for any new projects, expansions, modernization/modification of the existing projects etc. The selection is made with maximum attention to the suitability, competence and proven track record.

2. Further, during the CVO's Conference convened by the Commission in Sept. 1997, the Central Vigilance Commissioner had constituted a Committee of CVOs to go into the system of contracts prevalent in PSUs and to suggest, wherever required, methods of streamlining the contracting provisions. The Committee after going through the contract system of various organisations had made recommendations on consultants as under:-

Consultants - A firm which has been engaged by the PSU to provide goods or works for a project and any of its affiliates will be disqualified from providing consulting services for the same project. Conversely, a firm hired to provide consulting services for the preparation or implementation of a project, and any of its affiliates, will be disqualified from subsequently providing goods or works or services related to the initial assignment for the same project.

Consultants or any of their affiliates will not be hired for any assignment, which by its nature, may be in conflict with another assignment of the consultants.

3. It has come to the notice of the Commission that in a tendering process of a PSU, the consultant was also permitted to quote for work for which they had themselves estimated the rates and the consultant quoted 20% above their own estimated rates as against the awarded rates which were 20% below the estimated cost. Such overdependence on the consultant can lead to wasteful and infructuous expenditure which the organisation regrets in the long run. Meticulous and intelligent examination of the consultant's proposal is therefore essential for successful and viable completion of the project.

4. The Commission reiterates the recommendations made by the Committee that the consultants/firm hired to provide consulting services for the preparation or implementation of a project, and any of its affiliates, will be disqualified from subsequently providing goods or works or services related to the initial assignment for the same project.

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To
All Chief Vigilance Officers