

OVERVIEW

General

Annual accounts of autonomous bodies

In 2009-10, there were 315 central autonomous bodies whose accounts were to be certified under Section 19(2) and 20(1) of the CAG's (DPC) Act 1971. Government of India released ₹ 35073.03 crore towards grants/loans to 262 central autonomous bodies during 2009-10. Information in respect of 11 central autonomous bodies was not furnished by the concerned ministries. Accounts for 2008-09 for 292 central autonomous bodies were to be made available for audit by 30 June 2009 and audited accounts were to be placed before the Parliament by 31 December 2009. Of these, accounts of 109 central autonomous bodies were submitted for audit within the stipulated time. The accounts of two central autonomous bodies were not submitted for audit by the concerned organisation as of December 2010.

(Paragraph 1.1)

Ministry of External Affairs

Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR)

ICCR awarded the work of inaugural ceremony of "Festival of Russia in India" to a contractor at a cost of ₹ 55.05 lakh without following tendering process. The action of the Council thus resulted in undue favour to the contractor.

(Paragraph 2.1)

ICCR obtained approval of competent authority by including misleading information in the proposal submitted for approval for the publication of its journal, 'Africa Quarterly' resulting in irregular expenditure of ₹ 37 lakh during the period from February 2006 to December 2009.

(Paragraph 2.2)

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

Department of Health

All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS)

AIIMS delayed due payment of ground rent for the land allotted to it by Land and Development Office on two occasions. This resulted in avoidable expenditure of ₹ 38.31 lakh towards interest paid due to belated payment of ground rent.

(Paragraph 3.1)

Ministry of Human Resource Development
Department of Higher Education
University of Hyderabad

University of Hyderabad suffered a loss of ₹ 2.21 crore due to extending undue benefit to the contractor by treating different works under one agreement as a composite project.

(Paragraph 4.4)

Department of School Education and Literacy
National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT)

NCERT failed to dispose of obsolete books within the stipulated time as per its weeding out policy. This resulted in incurring an extra expenditure of ₹ 1.41 crore by NCERT on hiring charges of godown space for the storage of these books.

(Paragraph 4.5)

Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
Prasar Bharati

Doordarshan failed to allot two vacant slots available under “Direct To Home” service of Doordarshan despite 38 requests pending from private channel providers. This led to a revenue loss of ₹ 1.80 crore.

(Paragraph 5.1)

Prasar Bharati failed to obtain the sanction of required staff before incurring expenditure on infrastructure for setting up of a local Radio Station at Dharampuri and this resulted in unfruitful expenditure of ₹ 82.20 lakh besides non-achievement of intended objective of broadcasting programmes of local events.

(Paragraph 5.2)

Prasar Bharati failed to timely re-invest fixed deposits amounting ₹ 1350 crore on maturity in five cases. This resulted in loss of interest of ₹ 51.09 lakh.

(Paragraph 5.3)

Ministry of Labour and Employment

Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO)

The EPFO paid fixed medical allowance at enhanced rates to its pensioners in contravention of the Government's orders. This resulted in an excess expenditure of ₹ 24.48 lakh.

(Paragraph 6.1)

Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship

Government money of ₹ 24.51 lakh was withdrawn fraudulently by withdrawing excess money over and above the sanctioned amount by altering the figures of passed bills during 2005-06 and 2006-07 due to lack of effective internal control mechanism in the Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship.

(Paragraph 7.1)

Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC)

KVIC did not pursue recovery of loan of ₹ 2.02 crore outstanding for nine years resulted in blockage of funds besides postponement of recovery of interest of ₹ 90.89 lakh.

(Paragraph 7.2)

Ministry of Shipping

Chennai Port Trust (ChPT) and Visakhapatnam Port Trust (VPT)

ChPT and VPT incurred irregular expenditure of ₹ 7.56 crore on distribution of mementos to their employees, pensioners and others violating the instructions of the Government.

(Paragraph 8.1)

Chennai Port Trust (ChPT)

ChPT did not execute agreement with Dredging Corporation of India for engaging its floating crane for salvage operation and belatedly raised claim for hire charges of ₹ 3.07 crore resulting in non-realisation of revenue for more than three years and loss of interest of ₹ 80.59 lakh thereon.

(Paragraph 8.2)

Cochin Port Trust (CPT)

Cochin Port Trust failed to include the pre-stage operations conducted at the additional land allotted to the licensee as a part of project facilities and

services under existing license agreement. This resulted in loss of revenue of ₹ 2.53 crore due to non sharing of revenue earned by the licensee through pre-stage operations.

(Paragraph 8.4)

Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT)

JNPT constructed two incomplete road embankments at a cost of ₹ 5.32 crore before constructing the connecting evacuation road which did not serve the intended objective of easing traffic congestion at “Y” junction of the port. Improper planning resulted in an idle investment of ₹ 5.32 crore.

(Paragraph 8.5)

Kolkata Port Trust (KoPT)

The unjustified delays led to award of the work of replacing two existing Stacker-cum-Reclaimer tracks to the same contractor after 22 months due to which KoPT had to incur an avoidable cost escalation of ₹ 2.05 crore

(Paragraph 8.6)

Mumbai Port Trust (MbPT)

Despite authorization from Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai on the basis of three *per cent* commission on gross collection, MbPT failed to act as an agent of Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai for the collection and remittance of Octroi on the import of goods cleared through them, resulted in avoidable loss of revenue of ₹ 64.07 crore.

(Paragraph 8.8)

Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports

Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development

Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development continued to pay House Rent Allowance and City Compensatory Allowance to its employees at Chennai rates even after the Institute was shifted to Sriperumbudur, an unclassified town which resulted in irregular excess expenditure of ₹ 67.11 lakh.

(Paragraph 9.1)