No.V/Vig-II/551/07/11 Ministry of External Affairs CPV Division, Vigilance Unit-II

October 23, 2013

Subject: Observance of Vigilance Awareness Week during the year 2013.

The Central Vigilance Commission has advised that this year, the Vigilance Awareness Week would be observed from 28^{th} October (Monday) to 2^{nd} November (Saturday), 2013. The theme for Vigilance Awareness Week in the current year is 'Promoting Good Governance- Positive Contribution of Vigilance'.

2. In this connection, a copy of the pledge, both in Hindi and English, to be taken on the occasion is enclosed. It is requested that the pledge be administered to all officials under your charge at the commencement of the week on 28th October, 2013 at 11 00 hrs. It is also requested that necessary banners may be displayed on all Passport Office buildings announcing "**Vigilance Awareness Week – October 28 –November 2, 2013**".

3. Under the Passport Seva Project, the Ministry has endeavoured to improve the quality of governance in Passport offices. A lot remains to be done. The need is for enforcing accountability along with addressing bureaucratic delays and effective public grievance redressal mechanism. There is also a need for increased transparency, competition and leveraging of technology which may lead to decline in corruption. Efforts can be contributed effectively by sensitizing the people at large as well as the public servants in the organizations by showcasing the positive contribution of vigilance efforts in the organization during the year e.g. (i) if procurement is handled electronically, the saving achieved since introduction of e-procurement, (ii) if enterprise wide computerization has been done, the outcomes thereof, (iii) systemic changes introduced etc.

4. A compliance report, after the event, may be forwarded to the CPV Division.

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All Passport Officers