

ensure that idealism and patriotism have the proper place in the ambition of our youth. The lack of moral earnestness, which has been a conspicuous feature of recent years, is perhaps the greatest single factor which hampers the growth of strong traditions of integrity and efficiency."

1.1 STATEMENT OF PROBLEM:

Bureaucratic corruption has lead to a situation of distrust among the common people of this country and the efforts of anti-corruption agencies are not producing the desired results .The corruption has become a big challenge to the agencies responsible to combat with the corruption. The reasons for the failure of existing anti-corruption strategies and weakness in the institutional and legal frame work to deal with the corruption cases effectively need to be analyzed to frame appropriate anti-corruption strategies. Systemic improvement are necessary and can be implemented effectively after ascertaining the specific areas to be targeted.

1.2 OBJECTIVE/PURPOSE:

The present study aims to conduct a critical analysis of the cases of corruption of officers under CVC jurisdiction in the Ministry of Civil Aviation and Public Sector Undertakings under Civil Aviation, Government of India, which were referred to the CVC during 2009 to 2013.Also, the quality of investigation relating in the corruption cases and the subsequent proceedings would be analyzed to identifying the shortcomings in the existing system in conducting an effective investigation to punish the culprits. The study attempts to suggest measures that

would strengthen the existing anti-corruption strategies and institutional frame work.

1.3 RATIONALE:

The existing anti-corruption strategies need to be analyzed in the light of growing bureaucratic corruption in the country. The punitive action is an important tool to curb the corruption. The need of the hour is to identify the loop holes in the system and ensure an effective and speedy process to deal with the cases of corruption. The analysis of the cases of corruption and their final outcome will help in redefining the anti-corruption strategies to make it more effective and result oriented.

1.4 METHODOLOGY:

The author of the dissertation has worked as the CVO in the Ministry of Civil Aviation during 2011 to 2013 and the investigations conducted by the author have been critically examined. The data relating to the complaints, vigilance cases, departmental enquiries and penalties imposed upon the officials of the Ministry during the period 2009 to 2013 have been analysed. Also, the corruption cases of senior officers under the CVC jurisdiction during the period 2009-2013 have been examined to ascertain the various facets of bureaucratic corruption in the Ministry.

.Also, the CVOs of the Ministry of Civil Aviation and the Director(vigilance) in the CVC dealing with the corruption cases of the Ministry of Civil Aviation have been discussed on the corruption cases reported to the CVC during the period under consideration. On the basis of the analysis of data, findings have been drawn

and recommendations have been made for systemic improvements to fight with the bureaucratic corruption effectively.

1.5 RESEARCH QUESTIONS:

- 1) What is the success rate of vigilance investigation and subsequent proceedings in the vigilance cases in the Ministry of Civil Aviation.
- 2) Whether the shortcomings exist in the system to conduct an effective and result oriented investigations.
- 3) What are the areas / sectors prone to corrupt practices in the Ministry of Civil Aviation and its PSUs.
- 3) Where do the current anti-corruption strategies lack and how can they be strengthened to fight with the corruption more effectively.

1.6 LIMITATIONS:

The study is confined to the officials under the CVC jurisdiction in the Ministry of Civil Aviation, and as such the corruption at the level of lower functionaries in the Ministry and in its PSUs has not been taken into account. Therefore, the present study will analyze the investigations and the cases of omissions/commissions committed by the senior officials referred to the CVC during 2009 to 2013.