



*Jehlum Post News/Srinagar/Aug 12, 2015/The State Vigilance Commission convened a meeting to review the preventive vigilance system and pending corruption complaints of the Power Development Department. It was decided that 258 vigilance complaints under enquiry with PDD shall be completed within 45 days. Further, to improve the enforcement of preventive vigilance, it was decided that the Departmental Vigilance Officers (DVO's) in respect of all engineering departments, henceforth, shall be the concerned Superintending Engineer of the district, instead of an Executive Engineer. The Commission directed that e-tendering for works and procurement should be strictly enforced and any wrong tender filed should be rejected without entertaining any undue representations. Besides, procurement of material on exorbitant rates on the pretext of emergency be avoided.*

*Instead for any fast moving spares required by the department, a rate contract should be fixed for the year. The department was also directed that whenever and wherever a case of electricity theft or illegal connection comes to the notice of the department, FIR should immediately be registered against the defaulters and progress of investigation and trial monitored. On account of large number of theft cases being detected, the Commission decided to recommend to Government to earmark one police station each at Jammu and Srinagar for dealing with the offences under Electricity Act. The HODs of the department were directed to personally look into the complaints regarding power theft, illegal connections and procurement of substandard material for different works. The meeting was chaired by Shri Kuldeep Khoda, Chief Vigilance Commissioner and attended by Shri R. K. Jerath, Vigilance Commissioner, Mrs. Gous-UI-Nisa, Vigilance Commissioner, Shri B. A. Khan, Chief Engineer, EM&RE Wing Kashmir, Shri Ajay Gupta, Chief Engineer, EM&RE Wing Jammu, Shri Khurshid Ahmad Badoo, Chief Engineer, P&MM Wing J&K and other senior officers of Power Development Department, State Vigilance Commission and State Vigilance Organization.*