

CVC on RBI in PNB Case

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Why in news?

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The Central Vigilance Commissioner has blamed the RBI for the Punjab National Bank (PNB) loan fraud.

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What is the concern highlighted by the CVC?

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- RBI had switched over from a periodic audit to a "risk-based" audit.
- So instead of every year or every once in 2, 3 or 4 years, auditing is now conducted only when there is a financial risk involved.
- To determine risk, they must have some parameters based on which auditing is done.

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• But as per CVC, there was "no apparent audit" by the central bank during the period of fraud.

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 \bullet Hence, how are the risk parameters determined and why did the PNB fraud case not come up for scrutiny are uncertain. $\mbox{\sc ho}$

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What does the CVC call for?

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 \bullet CVC calls for a more robust auditing system in the banks. $\ensuremath{\backslash n}$

- It stressed that it was the responsibility of the banks to ensure that their business is conducted in a proper and ethical way.
- \bullet On a bank's role in checking frauds, there were "no timelines" when it comes to deeper decision making processes. $\mbox{\sc h}$
- The CVC thus demanded for defined timelines.
- It also proposed the need for strengthening the preventive vigilance mechanism, the guidelines and operating procedures.

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How did the CVC involve?

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- The CVC exercises superintendence over the CBI.
- \bullet Notably, the CBI is now looking into the over Rs.13,000-crore Punjab National Bank fraud case. $\ensuremath{\backslash} n$
- Also, though RBI is a regulatory body, any lack of integrity on part of RBI would be looked at by the Central Vigilance Commission.

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Central Vigilance Commission

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- The Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) is an autonomous statutory body. It is free of control from any executive authority.
- \bullet It is created to address governmental corruption and is charged with monitoring all vigilance activity under the Central Government of India. $\$
- The Commission shall consist of: \n

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- i. a Central Vigilance Commissioner (CVC) Chairperson
- ii. not more than two Vigilance Commissioners (VC) Members

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• They are appointed by the President on the recommendation of a three member committee.

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- \bullet The committee consists of PM (as its head), the Union Minister of Home Affairs and the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha. $\$
- They hold office for a term of 4 years or until they attain the age of 65, whichever is earlier, and are not eligible for further employment after their tenure.

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