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Subject:- Misuse of user ids and passwords in organisations – preventive vigilance measures.

The Commission has of late observed that in many cases relating to Banking Sector, Insurance Sector, CPSEs and even in other organisations functioning in a computerised environment, frauds are being perpetrated on account of the officer(s) sharing their user id and password with unauthorised persons and/or not disabling them on transfer/retirement/suspension/long leave of officers; not frequently changing the passwords, etc. The Commission is of the view that periodic change of passwords by officers would be an important preventive vigilance measure to address the issues. Mail ids, user ids etc. for accessing the secure systems should be disabled once an officer superannuates/placed under suspension/not required to perform any function on account of proceeding on long leave, training, deputation, transfer etc. Introducing a provision in the system/software itself at a pre-decided time period (i.e., a fortnight or a month) to change password could also be one of the options for preventing misuse by unauthorised persons.

2. In addition, it also needs to be ensured by way of periodic surprise inspections / checks by next higher authority / controlling officers as to whether the user ids and password are being shared by the officers with any unauthorised persons.

3. The Commission, vide circular No. 38/11/10 dated 30.11.2010, advised CVOs of all Public Sector Banks to ensure secrecy of employees' passwords and also keep on changing them frequently so that frauds being committed on account of misuse of passwords of employees may be avoided in the Public Sector Bank. CVOs of Banks were to take suitable action and regularly monitor secrecy of passwords and any instances of casual approach by any password holder was to be dealt ruthlessly by the concerned bank as the same may put huge funds at risk. It appears that the spirit of the circular is not being implemented

4. CVOs may, therefore, bring the above preventive measures to the notice of concerned authorities in their organisation and also ensure that periodic inspections / checks are conducted to ensure complete implementation.

5. CVOs are further advised to send an action report in this regard of the verification conducted by them or the supervisory officers in their organisation within a month by mail to coord1-cvc@nic.in.

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All CVOs of Ministries / Departments / CPSUs / Public Sector Banks / Insurance Companies / Autonomous Organisations / Societies etc.