

CHAPTER - VI GENERAL

6.1 Follow up on Audit Reports-(Civil)

The Lok Sabha Secretariat issued instructions in April 1982 to all Ministries to furnish notes to the Ministry of Finance (Department of Expenditure), indicating remedial/corrective action taken on various paragraphs contained in the Audit Reports, soon after these were laid on the Table of the House.

In their Ninth Report (Eleventh Lok Sabha) presented to the Parliament on 22 April 1997, the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) desired that submission of pending Action Taken Notes (ATNs) pertaining to Audit Reports for the years ended March 1994 and 1995 should be completed within a period of three months and recommended that ATNs on all paragraphs pertaining to the Audit Reports for the year ended March 1996 onwards be submitted to them duly vetted by Audit, within four months from the laying of the Reports in Parliament.

Further, the Committee, in their Eleventh Report (Fifteenth Lok Sabha) presented to the Parliament on 29 April 2010, recommended that the Chief Accounting Authorities should be made personally accountable in all cases of abnormal delays in taking remedial action and submitting ATNs to PAC.

A review of the position of receipt of ATNs on paragraphs included in Audit Reports, Union Government (Civil) up to the year 2014 revealed that ATNs in respect of 20 paragraphs relating to three departments viz., DoP, DoT and DeitY under MoC&IT, were pending as of September, 2014 of which ATNs on nine paragraphs were not received at all, as detailed in the *Appendix- II*.

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