

**ANNEXURE – 14****Audit Observations on Autonomous Bodies under DSIR - Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR)****(I) Report No. 30 of 2015 - Compliance Audit on Union Government, Scientific and Environmental Departments****4.1 New Millennium Indian Technology Leadership Initiative Scheme**

New Millennium Indian Technology Leadership Initiative Scheme, implemented by Council of Scientific and Industrial Research with the objective of building, capturing and retaining a global leadership position for India in selected areas through scientific and technological developments, did not yield expected results. Out of 30 projects seen in audit, technologies were commercialised in only four projects. Nine industrial partners defaulted in repayment of loans of ₹ 64.92 crore. There were instances of insufficient monitoring, non-compliance with scheme guidelines and time and cost overruns.

**(II) Report No. 30 of 2015 - Compliance Audit on Union Government, Scientific and Environmental Departments.****4.2 Irregular grant of promotions with retrospective effect**

Contrary to Government of India instructions, Council of Scientific and Industrial Research Scientist Recruitment and Assessment Promotion Rules, 2001 contained provisions for retrospective promotions. Resultantly, its four test checked laboratories promoted 256 scientists under Flexible Complementing Scheme with retrospective effect, which resulted in irregular benefits of 4.81 crore.

**Audit Observations on Public Sector Enterprises (PSEs) under DSIR.****(III) Report No. 8 of 2012 - Compliance Audit on Observations of Union Government, Commercial****9.4 'Fund Management' in Government Companies Incorporated under Section 25 of the Companies Act, 1956.****B. Fund Management in National Research & Development Corporation (NRDC)****B.3 Royalty collection:**

NRDC failed to ascertain and recover the royalty due from most of the licensees. NRDC to take action to assess and recover royalty due from 301 licensees. Ministry in its reply (May 2012) stated that NRDC is assessing the commercialization status of the remaining 301 licences and pursuing with them to file royalty returns.

**B.4 Angel Investments**

As per guidelines for angel funding, an expert committee or investment committee was to be appointed by NRDC to review the progress of the incubate companies, but no expert/review committee was appointed so far. Ministry replied (May 2012) that NRDC plans to set up an independent Monitoring Committee by July 2012.