





**National Virtual Conference** 

# Corporate Whistle Blower Policy in India

Letter and Spirit Vs. Effectiveness

Date: Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Time: 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (IST)



**Hosting Partners** 







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### **Background**

Mahatma Gandhi once said that "There is a Court, higher than the Court of Justice, it is the Court of Conscience, and it supersedes all". In the current business environment, an individual is empowered to complain or raise concerns about any malpractice or misconduct under the whistle-blower-policy. This ultimately ascribes the organisation to benefit from greater prospects of combating fraud, avoid reputational damage, prevent issues escalation, minimise losses, raise awareness and create open culture. Employee's conscience coupled with a strong policy framework is quintessential for attaining a good corporate governance atmosphere. To ensure that the corporate culture as per evolving ESG criteria is upheld, the need to protect the rights of the employees and directors who raise their voice against any malpractice or illegal act is necessary.

In the Indian context, The Companies Act, 2013, and SEBI (through revisions of Clause 49 of the Listing Agreement) have made it mandatory for certain classes of companies to put in place a whistleblower Policy. The whistleblowers often face threat of retaliation, mental trauma, inability to prove their claims due to lack of , loss of pay and loss of jobs, etc. hence, the need of hour is to review and revisit the effectiveness of policies together with impact outcomes of Whistleblower Policy in India so far.

In view of immense importance of the subject for good governance in the corporate, ASSOCHAM is organising the national **virtual** conference on **"Corporate Whistleblower Policy in India: Letter & Spirit v. effectiveness"** on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> December 2022. The conference aims to identify and bring forth areas to deliberate on policy challenges and seeks to bring on board the subject experts, policy-makers, regulators, C-suit professionals, Key Managerial Personnel (KMPs) including CAs, CSs, academicians from across the globe to share their experiences and global best practices.

# **Eminent Guests and Speakers**

- \*Mr. Manoj Sashidhar (IPS), Joint Director, Central Bureau of Investigation
- Ms. Yatri Dave Vitekar, Chief Vigilance Officer, Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
- CA (Dr.) Ashok Haldia, Chairman, ASSOCHAM Task Force for Accounting Standards, Sustainability Accounting, and Integrated Financial Reporting
- Mr. Nayan Mehta, Chief Financial Officer, BSE Limited
- Mr. H. Vincent McKnight Jr., Co-Managing Partner of the DC Office, Co-Ombudsperson, and Whistleblower & Qui Tam Practice Group Co-Chair
- Mr. Basudev Mukherjee, Assistant Secretary General, ASSOCHAM
- Mr. Shriram Subramanian, Founder and Managing Director, InGovern Research Services Pvt. Ltd.
- ▶ And Many others eminent speakers

# **Participants Profile**

- Regulators
- Government Officials & Policy Makers
- C-suit Professionals & Board of Directors
- Industry and Corporate Leaders
- Banking and NBFCs

- Members of ICSI, ICAI, ICMAI
- ▶ Law Firms, Legal Professionals
- Whistleblower
- Media Houses
- Universities Faculties/ Researchers/ Scholar

# Registration

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