

PM urges CAG to speed up decision-making

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New Delhi: Prime Minister A.B. Vajpayee on Monday asked the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India (CAG) to re-examine its audit and accountability procedures so as not to delay decision-making in the government and public-sector undertakings.

Inaugurating the 22nd annual conference of auditors-general here, the PM said while the accountability system had many legitimate checks and balances, there were complaints from civil servants that it did not leave enough scope for individual initiative. The system has in-built disincentives for taking decisions.

“Thus, the executive becomes a prisoner of procedures, rather than an achiever of purpose,” said Mr Vajpayee.

“The system has to empower and trust our executives if they have to become dynamic and produce best possible results,” Mr Vajpayee said.