
Number of criminal cases opened in acts of corruption has grown

The Russia's Investigative Committee investigates the vast majority of acts of corruption and holds fight against corruption as a top priority in its activity.

Over 9 months of 2013 investigators in the Investigative Committee has investigated about 30 thousand criminal cases over acts of corruption, which is 4 thousand more, than over the whole year of 2012. The investigation has been finished over 9,280 criminal cases.

7,861 corruption cases have gone to courts. Among them 45 are cases against organized groups (over the whole 2012 – 36 cases) and 3 against criminal communities (criminal organizations), which committed acts of corruption.

The number of acts of corruption in the criminal cases forwarded to court, committed by officials over 9 months of 2013, is 19,011 (over 2012 – 21,263).

This year the investigating bodies of the Investigative Committee in the corruption cases forwarded to court have prosecuted persons with special legal status: deputies of legislative (representative) authorities in the subjects of the Russian Federation – 9 (2012 - 10); representatives of executive authorities – 52 (2012 - 56); representatives of local governments – 771 (2012 - 840); judges and representatives of judicial authorities – 15 (2012 - 14); prosecutors (their deputies) and assistant prosecutors – 11 (2012 - 14); personnel of the Investigative Committee – 11 (2012 - 14); personnel of the Russian Interior Ministry – 987 (2012 – 1,268); personnel of the Federal Drug Control Service – 64 (2012 - 65).

Over 9 months of 2013, the bodies of the Russia's Investigative Committee have received 37,086 reports on acts of corruption (over 2012 – 42,052), criminal cases have been launched over 24,018 of them. Moreover, the Investigative Committee has investigated criminal cases against hundreds of officials of different ranks across the country, including high-ranking ones.

This way the Main Military Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee has done a great amount of investigating operations in the case over frauds with the state assets of the Defense Ministry. At present criminal cases are under investigation against mayors of the cities of Yaroslavl, Astrakhan, Vidnoye in Moscow Region, investigations against a number of ministers in regional governments, for example, Orenburg, Sverdlovsk, Nizhny Novgorod Regions, the Sakha (Yakutia) Republic and North Ossetia (Alania) and other regions have been either finished or are

underway. Cases are under investigation against the Vice-Governor of Chelyabinsk over the frauds in the area of equity construction, First Vice-Governor of Novgorod Region over multi-million misappropriation in the area of road construction. Tula region court based on the evidence gathered by the investigation passed a sentence over ex-governor of Tula Region Vyachslav Dudka and former director of property and land relationships in Tula Region Viktor Volkov, who had been found guilty of receiving a bribe of 40 million rubles. In Stavropol Territory the criminal case against former head of Stavropol city administration Igor Bestuzhy, accused of taking over 50 million rubles as a bribe and an illegal circulation of firearms, has gone to the court. The Far Eastern Federal District Investigations Directorate has finished investigating the criminal case against former minister for transport and road building in Kamchatka Territory Vladimir Silyukov charged with illegal participation in business activity and abuse of office, causing the budget of the territory damage of over 109 million rubles. In addition, court has passed a sentence former director of Tula Region healthcare department Yevgeny Yudin found guilty of embezzlement while purchasing a CT scanner at inflated price.

During the analyzed period of 2013, the investigating bodies of the Russia's Investigative Committee before sending the criminal case into the court took measures to pay the damages caused by the acts of corruption to the state, citizens and legal persons. The amount of the damage is 9.3 billion rubles, 3.8 billion rubles or 40.8% was compensated (over the same period in 2012 the damage was 7.9 billion rubles, 1.2 billion or 15.8% was compensated). Assets worth 3.9 billion rubles were arrested.

However, activity of the Investigative Committee consists not only in investigating the criminal cases, but in improvement the current legislation in this area.

The Russia's Investigative Committee is an active participant of working groups in implementation by the Russian Federation a number of international anti-corruption conventions, including the UN Convention against Corruption, the EC Convention on criminal liability for corruption, Convention on combating bribery of foreign public officials in international business transactions.

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