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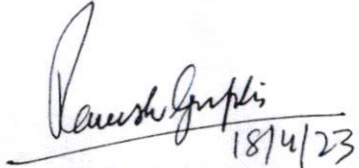
Sub: Implementation of provisions of RTI Act and disposal of RTI application & appeal cases.

The basic object of the Right to Information Act is to empower the citizens to promote transparency and accountability in the working of the Government. The Act is a big step towards making the citizens informed about the activities of the Government. Public authorities are the repository of information which the citizens have a right to access under the Right to Information Act, 2005. The Act casts important obligations on public authorities so as to facilitate the citizens of the country to access the information held under their control.

The Central Information Commission (CIC) in its recent Order in the matter of *Shri Manroop Singh vs. The CPIO, CGWB, Faridabad* dated 27.03.2023 has issued various direction for immediate compliance. In this regard the following points pertaining to the Right to Information are brought to the notice of all concerned for strict compliance:

1. Every effort should be made to provide the information to the citizen strictly in accordance with the spirit of transparency and accountability as enshrined under the RTI Act, 2005.
2. The information desired by the RTI applicants may be provided strictly within the time frame and in proper format as specified under the RTI Act, 2005.
3. The comments invited on the appeal may also be provided to the First Appellate Authority (FAA) within the time period, so that cases of the appeal can be disposed of within the time period.
4. Wherever necessary web link of the information available on the website may be given.
5. Where the information is exempted from disclosure, the relevant provision and the clause under RTI Act, 2005 may be clearly specified to the applicant.
6. The guidelines issued by DoPT may be followed in dealing with the RTI applications, taking cogent decisions on appeals and implementing various provisions of the Act in right earnest.

This issues with the approval of competent authority.


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(Rakesh Gupta)

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