

F.No. 4/3/2013-IR (pt.) 5  
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions  
Department of Personnel and Training  
[RTI Division]

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6. Section 12(3) of the RTI Act,2005 stipulates that the Chief Information commissioner and Information Commissioners shall be appointed by the President on the recommendation of a committee consisting of-

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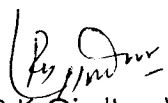
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JS (AT & P) - (on leave.)

Secretary (P)

  
(R K Girdhar)  
Under Secretary (RTI)  
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Hon'ble Union Minister.

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8. File is submitted for convening a meeting of 'Selection Committee' for the purpose of selection of Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission.

9. Agenda note - for the meeting is at F/A'.

*(Signature)*

(R K Girdhar)

Under Secretary (RTI)

13/8/2013

Agenda note for the last round of selection may be seen at P/B' *(Signature)* 13/8/2013

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Add 2 time may be indicated for the meeting of the committee at para 6 above para 9 for approval.

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File under  
Submission

7. File was last submitted for convening a meeting of Selection Committee for the purpose of selection of Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission.

8. It has been learnt that PMO has conveyed the approval of PM for convening the meeting of Selection Committee at 7.00 p.m. of 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2013 at 7, Race course Road, New Delhi.

9. File is submitted for the orders of MOS(PP) for issuing notice of meeting along with agenda note. DFA please.

*(R.K. Girdhar)*

(R.K. Girdhar)

Under Secretary (RTI)

20.08.2013

A mention of the Namit  
Director (IR) Sharma case & S.C. judgements  
in the case have been made  
in the Agenda Note.

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~~JS CAT & A~~

~~Secretary~~

Mamog Joshi  
20/8/13

For kind approval of the  
draft Agenda note for the  
meeting indicated at para. 8 above

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20/8/13

~~MOS(PP)~~

Shri M.L. Sharma has already submitted  
his resignation. Notice with agenda note may be sent

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Prime minister's residence.

meeting on 26.8.13 at 7 pm at 7, R.C.R. House

The legal side to be present in the

for 'Common Survey' and for the law network

to provide leadership in the opposition to the



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In exercise of the powers given by Section 12(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005, the Government has constituted the Central Information Commission. As per sub-section (2) of Section 12 of the Act, the Commission shall consist of one Chief Information Commissioner and upto 10 Central Information Commissioners. At present there is one Chief Information Commissioner and six Central Information Commissioners in the Commission. Shri Satyananda Mishra, present Chief Information Commissioner, is retiring on 04.09.2013. It has been decided to appoint a new Chief Information Commissioner in place of Shri Satyananda Mishra.

2. Section 13(1) provides that the Chief Information Commissioner shall hold office for a term of 5 years from the date on which he/she enters upon his/her office or till he/she attains the age of 65 years, whichever is earlier and shall not be eligible for re-appointment.

3. Section 12(3) of the Act stipulates that the Chief Information Commissioner shall be appointed by the President on the recommendation of a Committee consisting of the following:

- (i) the Prime Minister who shall be the Chairman of the Committee;
- (ii) the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha; and
- (iii) the Union Cabinet Minister to be nominated by the Prime Minister.

4. Accordingly the Committee was constituted with the following composition to recommend the name of a suitable person for appointment as Chief Information Commissioner:

- (i) the Prime Minister
- (ii) the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha, and
- (iii) the Minister for Law & Justice.

5. The Committee considered the proposal on 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2013 and recommended the name of Smt. Deepak Sandhu for

appointment as Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission.

6. Agenda note for the meeting and the proceedings of the meeting of the Committee are placed at Flag 'A' and 'B' respectively.

7. The Prime Minister may approve the recommendation made by the Selection Committee and may recommend to the Hon'ble President to approve the appointment of Smt. Deepak Sandhu as the Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission.




(Shri V. Narayanasamy)  
MOS(PP)

President's Secretary  
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By No. .... 2013

Prime Minister

Munish Kumar Singh  
26.8.2013

President

  
29/8/2013

Minister of State (PP) (Shri V. Narayanasamy)

President, Self ID No E-75193/2013, dt. 2-9-13

Government of India  
Ministry of Personnel, PG & Pensions  
Department of Personnel & Training  
IR Division

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The Committee consisting of (i) The Prime Minister (ii) the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha, and (iii) the Minister for Law and Justice under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Prime Minister met on 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2013 to consider the proposal for the appointment of the Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission and recommended the name of Smt. Deepak Sandhu for appointment as Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission. The file has been sent to Hon'ble President for his approval.

2. Pending the approval of Hon'ble President, following are submitted for approval:-

- a) Offer of Appointment to the new Chief Information Commissioner (DFA-I).
- b) Draft D.O. letter from JS (AT&A) to Additional Secretary (President Secretariat) to inform the date and time of administering Oath to the new Chief Information Commissioner (DFA-II).
- c) List of invitees for swearing in ceremony of Chief Information Commissioner (DFA-III).
- d) Draft notification for appointment of Smt. Deepak Sandhu as Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission w.e.f. 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2013. (DFA-IV).

(R.K. Girdhar)  
Under Secretary (RTi)  
27.08.2013

Director (IR)

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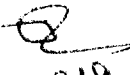
Hon'ble President has approved the appointment of  
Smt. Deepak Sarda as chief information commissioner  
in the cabinet information commissioner W.O. of 5.9.2013.

2. Oath of Office will be administered to her by  
the President at 11.00 hrs. of 5.09.2013.

3. A draft notification to this effect may be  
sent approved from the legislative Deptt. M/o Law & Justice.

A copy of notification in r/o Sh. Satyendra Mishra,  
the outgoing C.I.C. is also placed below.

(Approved)  
02/09/2013

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FTS No. 863/13  
Date 2/9/13  
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M/o Legislative Deptt [A/n - Sh. K. Kumar, D.C.],  
M/o Law & Justice, Shashi Bhanur.

Additional  
Secretary

विधि और न्याय मन्त्रालय  
Ministry of Law & Justice  
भारत सरकार  
Legislative Department  
विधि विभाग  
Legislative I Section

The draft notification has been suitably  
revised from the drafting angle and the same is formally  
in order.

Sanjay Singh  
2/9/13

D/o Personnel and Training

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Legislative Deptt, official language wing for hindi translation  
of the notification on urgent basis for  
Signature of wing, Leg. Deptt.

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संलग्न अधिसूचना का हिन्दी पाठ तैयार कर दिया गया है कृपया संबंधित मंत्रालय/विभाग यह सुनिश्चित कर लें कि तैयार हिन्दी पाठ उनकी अपेक्षाओं के अनुरूप है ।

(रविन्द्र शर्मा)  
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For information, in English attached, are placed below  
for signature of JS(A/AA)

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2/9/13

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2. MOS (PP) has advised that Oath of Office may be administered to the Chief Information Commissioner designate on the evening of 4.9.2013 itself.

3. The opinion of Ministry of Law as to whether the Oath of Office could be given to the new Chief Information Commissioner on the evening of 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2013 or it has to be on 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2013 or later was sought.

4. Ministry of Law and Justice has opined that normally, the Oath of Office should be administered to the new Chief Information Commissioner on the 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2013 or any time thereafter. However, if for any sufficient reason, it is proposed to administer the Oath to the new Chief Information Commissioner on the evening of 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2013, it will be advisable to add the words 'with effect from 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2013 in the Oath as under:-

"I,....., having been appointed Chief Information Commissioner with effect from 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2013 swear in the name of God/solemnly ....."

5. It is therefore proposed that the President Secretariat may be requested to seek the approval of Hon'ble President to administer Oath to the new Chief Information Commissioner on the evening of 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2013. Draft letter is placed below for approval.

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6. It is also proposed to make the changes in the Oath of Office as suggested by the Ministry of Law and Justice, as mentioned above.

Submitted Please.

*(R.K. Girdhar)*

(R.K. Girdhar)  
Under Secretary (RTI)  
29.08.2013

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Ref notes on p 9-10/ante

Hon'ble President has approved the selection of Smt Deepak Sandhu as chief information commissioner, in the Central Information Commission.

2. President Sethi has conveyed that President will be pleased to administer the oath of office to the Chief Information Commissioner designate at Rashtrapati Bhavan at 1100 hours on 5<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2013.

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3. A d.o. letter ~~stating~~ regarding Smt. Sandhu to confirm the offer of appointment and also to vacate the office of Information Commissioner before taking up the office of Chief Information Commissioner is placed below for approval and signature.

(Signature)  
02/09/2013

TSN (CR) - in parchment

JS (A/P/A) -

Mamraj Joshi  
2/9/13

Smt. Deepak Sandhu vide her letter dt. 2.9.13 has accepted the offer of appointment as Chief Information Commissioner in C.I.C.

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(Signature)  
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**Subject :- Appointment of Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission.**

Smt. Deepak Sandhu, Chief Information Commissioner, Central Information Commission is due to retire on 18.12.2013. As per Section 12(2) of the RTI Act, the Central Information Commission shall have the Chief Information Commissioner and upto ten Information Commissioners. It is necessary to select new Chief Information Commissioner by 18.12.2013.

2. Sub-sections (1) and (2) of Section 13 provide that the Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners can hold office for a term of five years or till the age of 65 years, whichever is earlier.

3. Section 12(3) of the Act stipulates that the Chief Information Commissioner and the Information Commissioners shall be appointed by the President on the recommendation of a Committee consisting of the following:

- (i) The Prime Minister who shall be the Chairman of the Committee,
- (ii) The Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, and
- (iii) A Union Cabinet Minister to be nominated by the Prime Minister.

4. Smt. Deepak Sandhu was appointed as Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission on 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2013. At that time, PMO vide their ID no. 600/31/C/39/2013-ES.2, dated 12.8.2013 had conveyed the approval of nomination of Shri Kapil Sibal, Minister for Law and Justice, on the 'Selection Committee' for the selection of Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission.

5. At the time when selection of the Chief Information Commissioner was to be made in September 2010, the Commission had passed a resolution to the effect that the Chief Information Commissioner should be selected from amongst the Central Information Commissioners. Although, no formal decision was taken on the resolution, on that occasion, Shri A.N. Tiwari, who was holding the post of Information Commissioner was selected as Chief Information Commissioner. Subsequently also, Shri Satyananda Mishra who was holding the post of Information Commissioner was selected to the post of Chief Information Commissioner. Same practice was followed in the selection of Smt. Deepak Sandhu in September, 2013.

6. Details of persons holding the post of Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission as on 20.11.2013 are given below:

Sl. No	Name of Information Commissioner	Date of Birth	Date of Appointment	Date of retirement
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Apart from above, the Hon'ble President, on 14.11.2013, has approved the appointment of five more Information Commissioners in the Central Information Commission. Offer of appointments have been issued to them and their acceptance letters have also been received. The new information Commissioners are yet to be administered Oath of Office.

6. Bio-Data of the existing Information Commissioners, as available on the website of Central Information Commission, may be seen at Flag 'A'.

- 7. Submitted for following consideration :-
  - a) Nomination of Union Cabinet Minister on the 'Selection Committee'.
  - b) Date for convening the meeting of 'Selection Committee'.

*[Signature]*  
 20/11/2013  
 RK GIRDHAR  
 US-RTI

✓ DFA

Draft Agenda note is also placed below.

~~Dir (IT)~~

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JS (AT/E: A)

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 21/11/13

~~Secretary (P)~~

For consideration of the proposed  
use for reference.

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11/11/13 Letter minute.

Secretary

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6. Details of persons holding the post of Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission as on 2.12.2013 are given below:

Sl. No	Name of Information Commissioner	Date of Birth	Date of Appointment	Date of retirement
1.	Mrs. Sushma Singh	22.05.1949	23.09.2009	21.05.2014
2.	Shri Rajiv Mathur	23.08.1949	01.03.2012	22.08.2014
3.	Shri Vijai Sharma	02.12.1950	01.03.2012	01.12.2015
4.	Shri Basant Seth	16.02.1952	01.03.2012	15.02.2017
5.	Yashovardhan Azad	12.03.1954	22.11.2013	21.11.2018
6.	Shri Sharat Sabharwal	23.9.1952	22.11.2013	22.09.2017
7.	Ms. Manjula Prasher	16.01.1953	22.11.2013	15.01.2018
8.	Shri M.A. Khan Yusufi	01.01.1952	22.11.2013	31.12.2017
9.	Shri Madabhushi Sridhar Acharyulu	10.11.1956	22.11.2013	21.11.2018

7. Bio-Data of the existing Information Commissioners in the Central Information Commission may be seen at Flag 'A'. Agenda note for the meeting is at Flag 'B'.

8. Submitted for indicating the date for convening the meeting of 'Selection Committee'.

*(Signature)*  
02/12/2013  
**(R.K. Girdhar)**  
Under Secretary

~~Director - IR~~

*(Signature)*  
2/12

JSCAT (A)

*(Signature)*  
2/12/13

~~Secretary~~

*(Signature)*  
2/12/13


~~MOSC (PP)~~

I discussed with Hon'ble leader

- to the effect of int. Leena Swamy and  
the late libel Hon'ble member to have  
justice. They are agreeing to have the  
meeting in Parliament House with the Hon'ble

Lunge minister's chamber on 5-12-13 at  
12.30 PM. Hon'ble Lunge minister may decide


Hon'ble Lunge minister,

  
3/12/13

12.30 PM on 5/12/2013

suits PM's schedule. I  
had earlier informed him  
that we will fix a date/time  
for the meeting in consultation  
with MOSAPP, pl.

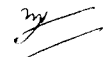
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5 PM.

Meeting as approved by L.M. may be  
held at Parliament House in the  
- minister's ~~own~~ room <sup>NO. 10</sup> scheduled  
at 12.30 PM on 5.12.13.

Jay (P) - In a meeting  
JS(AT2A)

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Government of India  
Ministry of Personnel, PG & Pensions  
Department of Personnel & Training

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Subject:- Appointment of Chief Information Commissioners in the  
Central Information Commission.

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In exercise of the powers given by Section 12(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005, the Government has constituted the Central Information Commission. As per sub-section (2) of Section 12 of the Act, the Commission shall consist of one Chief Information Commissioner and upto 10 Central Information Commissioners. At present there is one Chief Information Commissioner and nine Central Information Commissioners in the Commission. Smt. Deepak Sandhu, present Chief Information Commissioner, is retiring on 18.12.2013. It has been decided to appoint a new Chief Information Commissioner in place of Smt. Deepak Sandhu.

2. Section 13(1) provides that the Chief Information Commissioner shall hold office for a term of 5 years from the date on which he/she enters upon his/her office or till he/she attains the age of 65 years, whichever is earlier and shall not be eligible for re-appointment.

3. Section 12(3) of the Act stipulates that the Chief Information Commissioner shall be appointed by the President on the recommendation of a Committee consisting of the following:

- (i) the Prime Minister who shall be the Chairman of the Committee;
- (ii) the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha; and
- (iii) the Union Cabinet Minister to be nominated by the Prime Minister.

4. Accordingly the Committee was constituted with the following composition to recommend the name of a suitable person for appointment as Chief Information Commissioner:

- (i) the Prime Minister
- (ii) the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha, and
- (iii) the Minister for Law & Justice.

5. The Committee considered the proposal on 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2013 and recommended the name of Smt. Sushma Singh for appointment as Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission.

6. Agenda note for the meeting and the proceedings of the meeting of the Committee are placed at Flag 'A' and 'B' respectively.

7. The Prime Minister may approve the recommendation made by the Selection Committee and may recommend to the Hon'ble President to approve the appointment of Smt. Sushma Singh as the Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission.

PRESIDENT'S SECRETARIAT  
Dy. No. E. 108072/2013-CA (Z)  
Date: 9-12-2013

(Shri V. Narayanasamy)  
MOS(PP)

Prime Minister

*Mansukh Man Singh*  
8/12/2013

President

*Prady*  
8/12/2013

Minister of State (PP) Shri V. Narayanasamy  
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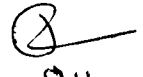
Subject:- Appointment of Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission.


The Committee consisting of (i) The Prime Minister (ii) the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha, and (iii) Sh. Kapil Sibal, the Minister for Law and Justice under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Prime Minister met on 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2013 to consider the proposal for the appointment of the Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission and recommended the name of Smt. Sushma Singh for appointment as Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission. Hon'ble President has approved the appointment.

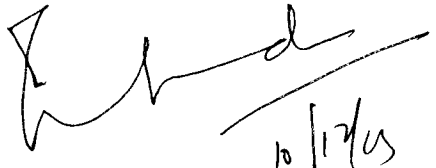
2. Following D.O. letters are placed below for signature:-

- a) Offer of Appointment to the new Chief Information Commissioner (A).
- b) D.O. letter from JS (AT&A) to Additional Secretary (President Secretariat) to inform the date and time of administering Oath to the new Chief Information Commissioner (B) along with List of invitees for swearing in ceremony of Chief Information Commissioner

  
(R.K. Girdhar)  
Under Secretary (RTI)  
9.12.2013

Director (IR)   
9/12

JS (AT & A) has signed on DO (at 2(a))  
& the same has been issued.   
9/12

JS (E)   
10/12/13  
Dy (R)



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Honible President will administer the oath of office to the new Chief Information Commissioner, Central Information Commission, Ms Sushma Singh, at 1300 Hrs today the 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2013 at Rashtrapati Bhavan.

2. Suggested list of invitees for the swearing in ceremony, as supplied by the DoPT, may be seen at P/A'.
3. List of invitees suggested by DoPT at the time of swearing in ceremony of outgoing Chief Inf. Commr. Ms. Deepak Sandhu may be seen at P/B'.

Submitted for inf.

(Signature)  
19/12/2013  
US-RTI.

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JS [E] - has seen.

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The President, on the recommendation of the Selection Committee constituted under Section 12(3) of the RTI Act, 2013 has approved the appointment of Smt. Sushma Singh as Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission. W.e.f 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2013.

2. A <sup>draft</sup> notification to this effect is placed below for vetting by the legislative Deptt, M/o Law & Justice. The notification is of Mr Deepak Sandhu, the CIO and refer annual calendar, the 18<sup>th</sup> December may be seen at p 52/c.

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19/12/2013  
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Dir (TR) 19/12  
JS (E) 19/12/13

Legislative Deptt. [Attn- Dr. Sanjay Singh, Addl. Secy],  
M/o Law & Justice.

Legislative Deptt.

The draft notification is formally in order.

Sanjay Singh  
20/12/13

DOPT, JS(E)

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Stamp: RECEIVED  
19/12/2013

Dr. Sanjay Singh  
Additional Secretary

OL Wing, Leg Dept. may be provided under  
Variation of the vested modification urgency.

OL Wing, Leg Dept.

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विधि और न्याय मंत्रालय  
विधायी विभाग, राजभाषा खंड,  
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संलग्न अधिसूचना का हिन्दी पाठ तैयार कर दिया गया है कृपया संबंधित मंत्रालय/विभाग यह सुनिश्चित कर लें कि तैयार हिन्दी पाठ उनकी अपेक्षाओं के अनुरूप है ।



(रविन्द्र शर्मा)  
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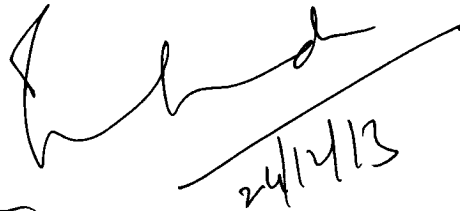
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- ✓ 'A'
2. Draft notification in of Smt. Sushma Singh has been vetted by Leg. Deptt.
  3. Fair notifications, in English & Hindi are placed below for signature.

Dir(12)-OL.

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