Disclosure of Information is subject to exemptions under Section 8(i)(j) and Section 10(i) of the RTI Act, 2005.
Reference is invited to the DoPT’s proposal contained in the note dated 17.04.2014 at page 6/n in the DoPT’s File No. 4/7/2014-IR, on the subject mentioned above.

2. The Prime Minister has indicated that the meeting of the selection committee for the appointment of Chief Information Commissioner may be fixed at 1800 hours on 30.04.2014.

3. DoPT’s File No. 4/7/2014-IR with 1(one) other File/Folder, is returned herewith.

(Dheeraj Gupta)
Joint Secretary to PM
Tel. No. 23015944

Secretary, Department of Personnel & Training
F.No. 4/7/2014-IR
Government of India
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
Department of Personnel and Training
North Block, New Delhi

Dated 25th April, 2014

Meeting Notice

A meeting of the Selection Committee for the post of Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission has been convened under the Chairmanship of the Hon'ble Prime Minister at 1800 hours on 30.04.2014 at 7, Race Course Road, New Delhi. A copy of the agenda note is attached.

2. Kindly make it convenient to attend the meeting.

(Archana Varma)
Joint Secretary to the Govt. of India
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To
1) Smt. Sushma Swaraj, Leader of Opposition, Lok Sabha
2) Shri Kapil Sibal, Minister for Law & Justice, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi

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Agenda note for the meeting of the Selection Committee for the post of Chief Information Commissioner

Smt. Sushma Singh, Chief Information Commissioner, Central Information Commission is due to retire on 21.05.2014. 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 21.05.2014.

2. Section 12(3) of the Act stipulates that the Chief Information Commissioner and the Information Commissioners shall be appointment 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.

3. The Prime Minister has nominated Shri Kapil Sibal, Minister for Law and Justice on the Selection Committee. The composition of the Selection Committee will be as under:

(i) The Prime Minister who shall be the Chairman of the Committee,
(ii) The Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, and
(iii) Union Minister for Law and Justice.

4. Sub-sections (5) and (6) of Section 12 provide that the Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners shall be persons of eminence in public life with wide knowledge and experience in law, science and technology, social service, management, journalism, mass media or administration and governance. A Commissioner should not be a Member of Parliament or Member of the Legislature of any State or Union territory or hold any other office of profit or connected with any political party or carrying on any business or pursuing any profession.
5. 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. An Information Commissioner, on vacating his office can be appointed as the Chief Information Commissioner subject to the condition that his term of office shall not be more than five years in aggregate as Information Commissioner and the Chief Information Commissioner.

6. 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 as Chief Information Commissioner. Same practice was followed in the selection of Smt. Deepak Sandhu in September, 2013 and that of Smt. Sushma Singh in December, 2013.

7. Details of persons holding the post of Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission as on 25.4.2014 are given below:

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8. Bio-Data of the existing Information Commissioners in the Central Information Commissioners is enclosed [Annexure ‘A’].

9. Submitted for consideration of the Selection Committee.
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Experience

- Belonged to the 1972 batch of IPS, UP cadre and served for six years in the State, during the course of which, and remained posted as incharge of an armed battalion, and held charge of district policing. In 1978, joined Intelligence Bureau on deputation under the Earmarking Scheme (EMS) of the Government.

- Remained posted in Shillong, Gangtok and at IB Hqrs, and acquired several decades of experience in its various divisions with specialized experience in administration, governance and national security related issues.

- Was Director, Intelligence Bureau for a two year term from December 31, 2008. As DIB, had the unique opportunity of being privy to almost all aspects of governance and rendered advice on sensitive issues to the senior-most echelons of the government.

- Successfully coordinated operation with the State DGPs in a bid to stem the tide of terrorist actions in the hinterland, a task which required considerable administrative acumen and exemplary team work.

- Was instrumental in revamping the Intelligence set up and raising the quality of intelligence gathering and sharing. Also galvanized the IB machinery and provided leadership to the organization to face challenges.

- Acquired considerable international experience, having served for over three years with the Ministry of External Affairs, as Counselor, Embassy of India, Washington DC and as Chairman of the Asia Pacific World Regional Office, New Delhi, of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (ICAP) for two years.

- Recipient of the Indian Police Medal for Meritorious Service and the President’s Police Medal for Distinguished Service.
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Experience

- Expert Member, National Green Tribunal, Principal Bench, New Delhi

- **Public Service in I.A.S.** : Recent posting was as Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests (2008-10). Worked as Joint Secretary (1995-2001) in the same Ministry. Growing public interest in sustainability issues led to engage civil society productively and resolve information bottlenecks. As Additional/ Special Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat (2005-08), apart from servicing the Cabinet and its Committees, improved public service delivery systems, e.g., the procedures for renewal and issuance of passports. Was Secretary to State Government of UP for Environment, Housing and Energy. Had assignments in agricultural financing, cooperative banking and manufacturing. Also had a posting in the United Nations Environment Programme.

- **Law** : Education in law at University College London and Harvard Law School. Was instrumental in formulating the system for international emission trading and the Clean Development Mechanism as Coordinator & Spokesperson for the “Group of 77 & China” in the Kyoto Protocol debate (1995-2001). In the early years did district/sub-division court-work painstakingly. Posted to the State Chief Secretary's Branch for personnel and Cabinet matters (1979-81).

- **Information** : The jurisprudence of right-based information, including exemption from disclosure issues, was handled during stint in the Cabinet Secretariat when the RTI Act was taking off. Later, as Secretary, Environment & Forests, deployed technology effectively to enhance transparency, accountability and access to information.

- **Major Initiatives** some transformational, as illustrated by the following:
  - Wrote White Paper for Controlling Pollution in Delhi : for converting the public transport system from conventional fuels to CNG (1997).
  - International Processes : Conceived and drafted the U.N Guidelines for compliance with and
enforcement of Multilateral Environmental Agreements (2001), and the Delhi Ministerial Declaration on Climate Change and Sustainable Development (2002).

- **Institutions set up**: the National Environmental Appellate Authority (1997), the National Ganga River Basin Authority (2009) and the National Green Tribunal (2010).

- **India's Profile**: the Conference of Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change in New Delhi (2002) and the Conference of Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity in Hyderabad (2012) resulted from the personal initiative.

- **Law and Policy**: Drafted statutory norms for biomedical, plastics and solid wastes, noise, hazardous substances and chemical accidents, environmental clearances, coastal management housing policy for U.P, and protocol for managing government lands.

Curriculum Vitae

Name | Basant Seth
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Date of Birth | 16 Feb 1952

Education Qualification
- Post Graduate Diploma in Bank Management
- Chartered Accountancy
- Bachelor of Science

Area of Eminence | Banking & Finance, Management, Administration & Governance

Achievements / Work done / Experience:

- Qualified Chartered Accountant with a Post Graduate Diploma in Bank Management having over 37 years experience in the areas of Banking & Finance, Corporate and Taxation Laws, Accounting Standards, Audit Functions, Compliance, Administration etc.
- Joined Bank of India, a Public Sector Bank as Direct Recruit Officer in April 1974. Held various positions at field level including overseas posting and in administrative offices, posted as General Manager and Chief Financial officer of the Bank from October 21, 2002 to April 30, 2006 and thereafter as Chief Risk Officer upto February 28, 2007.
- Deputy Managing Director, Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) from March 01, 2007 to August 30, 2009. This was a Board Level appointment at par with whole time Directors of Public Sector Banks.
- Chairman & Managing Director, Syndicate Bank from August 31, 2009 to February 29, 2012.

Others:

- Was Bank of India’s nominee on the Board of Directors of Indo-Zambian Bank, a joint venture with the Government of Zambia and on Commonwealth Finance Corporation Ltd., a company located in Hong Kong.
- Worked as Member of Auditing and Assurance Standards Board and also Study Group on International Financial Reporting Standards constituted by Institute of Chartered Accountants of India and Committee on Taxation constituted by Indian Banks Association.
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Curriculum Vitae

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Date of Birth | 12th March, 1954

Education Qualification
- B.A.(Hons) Economics, Delhi University
- M.A.(Economics), Delhi School of Economics
- Master in Management, Asian Institute of Management, Manila

Area of Eminence | Administration, Governance and Business Management

Work Experience
- Member of 1976 batch of Indian Police Service – Madhya Pradesh Cadre. Served in various capacities in the State:
  - as Superintendent of Police in four districts supervising crime, law and order and related issues (1979-1986).
  - as Deputy Inspector General of Police, Bhopal range covering four districts i.e. Bhopal, Sehore, Raisen and Vidisha (1994-96).
  - as Director, Youth and Sports, Government of Madhya Pradesh (1996-97).
- Inducted as Deputy Secretary/ Director, Joint Intelligence Committee, Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India (1986-92)
- Served as Special Assistant to the Union Minister of Environment, Government of India (1992-1993)
- Joined the Intelligence Bureau in 1997 - dealt with a range of issues pertaining to National Security while serving at various desks. Later served as Additional Director/ Special Director, Intelligence Bureau (2008-12), supervising/ handling various fields relating to Governance, Management and National Security
- Last posting as Secretary (Security), Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India (2012-13). In the same capacity was designated as the Convener of National Crisis Management Committee, headed by the Cabinet Secretary
## Awards

Recipient of the

- President's Police Medal for Distinguished service in 2002.
- Indian Police Medal for Meritorious service in 1994.
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- Shri Sharat Sabharwal joined the Indian Foreign Service in 1975. After serving in various positions in the Permanent Mission of India to the UN in Geneva and the Indian Missions in Madagascar, France and Mauritius, he was Director / Joint Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs in New Delhi from 1990 to 1995. The positions held by him in the more recent years have been Deputy High Commissioner of India in Pakistan (1995-99), Deputy Permanent Representative of India to the UN in Geneva (1999-2002), Ambassador of India to Uzbekistan (2002-2005) and Additional Secretary/Special Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs (September 2005-March 2009).

- Shri Sabharwal was High Commissioner of India to Pakistan from April 2009 to June 2013.

- Shri Sabharwal has been Deputy leader/member of the Indian delegations to the UN General Assembly, the erstwhile UN Commission on Human Rights, International Labour Conference and World Health Assembly. He was also Deputy Leader of the Indian delegation to the International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent held in Geneva in October 1999 and member of the Indian delegation to the World Conference against Racism, held in Durban in September 2001.
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<td>o Attended the National Defence College at New Delhi for an eleven-month course</td>
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Experience in administration, governance and postal management

- Worked as Secretary to Govt. of India, Department of Posts from 1.11.2011 to 31.1.2013 and as ex-officio Director General Posts and Chairperson of the Postal Services Board, during this period
- In this capacity, the officer was responsible for administering a department of nearly half a million employees and a network of 1.55 lakh post offices
- As Chairman of the Inter-ministerial Steering Committee, the officer led the implementation of the India Post Technology project to streamline work at post offices and increase employees' efficiency
- The Department of Posts receives approximately 50,000 RTI applications a year. These were effectively monitored and the public grievance settlement mechanism was strengthened. Implemented the Central Assistant Public Information Officer module in 4,700 post offices to increase accountability in the access to information
- The Department received the National E-Governance Award for 2012-13 for outstanding performance in citizen-centric service delivery

Representing the Department of Posts at international fora

- The officer led the Indian delegation to the Universal Postal Union in Berne, Switzerland in November 2012 to participate in multilateral discussions on Postal issues including Financial Services, e-Commerce and the
development of ICTs, as well as on bilateral cooperation between India Post and Swiss Post

- Impetus was given to bilateral cooperation. Discussions were held with representatives of Pakistan Post on trade facilitation through postal channels, opening of new routes to exchange mails & parcels, postal reforms and Philately. Also led the India delegation during meetings of the Pan African Postal Union (PAPU), a restricted Union of the UPU, at Ethiopia in 2012.

- The India – Israel Joint Commemorative Stamp on completion of 25 years of diplomatic relations between the two countries was released. Bilateral dialogue was held on promotion of e-Commerce, Financial Services and cooperation with Israel Post.

- In September-October 2012, the officer led the delegation from India to the 25th Universal Postal Union Congress, the supreme body of the Union, at Doha, Qatar.
Curriculum Vitae

Name: Shri M.A. Khan Yusufi

Date of Birth: 01-01-1952

Educational Qualification:
- B.Sc.(Hons)
- LL.B.(Hons)
- Advocate - practised No. of years at various Courts of Law
- Indian Legal Service cadre - 1988 (ILS-1988)

Area of Eminence: 40 Years Legal Experience

Shri M.A. Khan Yusufi joined the Central Information Commission as Information Commissioner on 22nd November, 2013. Prior to joining the Central Information Commission, has been a Chairperson, Airport Appellate Tribunal, Ministry of Civil Aviation, Safdarjung Airport, Rajiv Gandhi Bhawan, New Delhi, w.e.f. 03.02.2012 to 22.11.2013.

Apart from above, also discharged the duties of the following assignments/posts on the appointment, as such:

- **Jt. Secretary & Legal Adviser** in the Ministry of Law and Justice, Department of Legal Affairs and tendered legal advice to various Ministries/Departments Govt. of India, such as, M/o. Home Affairs, M/o. Finance, M/o. Urban Development, M/o. Commerce & Industry, M/o. Information & Broadcasting, M/o. Corporate Affairs, M/o. Human Rescore Development, M/o. Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, DoPT, etc.

- **Chief Vigilance Officer** for 6 years in Ministry of Law & Justice, Department of Legal Affairs.

- **First Appellate Authority** under RTI Act-2005 for 6 yrs in M/o. Law & Justice.

- **Sole Arbiter** dealt no. of arbitration cases assigned by Law Secretary along with other functions.

- **In-charge of the Judicial Section**, Department of Legal Affairs, M/o. Law & Justice for empanelment of various kind of Govt. counsel and even appointment of Law Officers as
Attorney General of India, Solicitor General & Additional Solicitor General, etc.

- **Member**- Appellate Tribunal Foreign Exchange, M/o. Law & Justice, Janpath, New Delhi.
- **Member (Law)** of Mines Tribunal in Ministry of Mines, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
- **Legal Adviser**, M/o. Labour & Employment, New Delhi.
- **Nodal Officer** of Sixth Pay Commission in Ministry of Law & Justice.
- **Arbitrator**- in the Directorate General of Supplies & Disposal (DGS&D)
- On being deputation, as **Director (L)** in Ministry of Chemical and Fertilizer and advised them on various references and also conducted and supervised their litigation pending in various Courts of Law in Delhi/New Delhi and outside Delhi.
- **Deputy Director (Litigation)** and **Estate Officer** in the Directorate of Estates in the Ministry of Urban Development.

After having being selected through UPSC as **Assistant Legal Adviser** (Grade IV of ILS) in Indian Legal Service, worked as **Senior Counsel of CPWD**, Ministry of Urban Development advising on the subject of Arbitration Act 1940, Companies Act, 1956, Partnership Act, 1935 and also acted as **Senior Counsel** and appeared and argued on their behalf before various- arbitrators. Also acted as **Administrative Officer** of the said unit of CPWD.

- Worked in litigation side of Ministry of Law & Justice in various courts of Law i.e. District Courts, High Courts and even Supreme Court as an official of Law Ministry and dealt with the Govt. cases with thorough knowledge of law.

### Achievements

- **As Chairperson** of AAT, heard and decided no. of **land cases** pertaining to encroachment of Airports Authority of India’s land spread all over India.

- **As First Appellate Authority** (FAA) in M/o. Law & Justice, Department of Law, heard and decided thousands Appeals filed u/s 19(1) of RTI Act 2005 after due notices to the parties concerned.

- Also attended no. of Conferences, Seminars & Meetings held in Delhi and even in foreign countries on various subjects of law including Intellectual Property Rights, on behalf of Law Ministry

- Dealt with **no. of Vigilance cases** on being appointed as **Chief Vigilance Officer** in Ministry of Law and Justice, Department of Legal Affairs, New Delhi.

- **Deputy Director** (Lit)- Directorate of Estates, M/o. Urban Development, acted as their Legal Adviser and also discharged duties of **Estate Officer** and decided **thousands of eviction cases** under the provisions of PP Act -1971 after due notice to the parties concerned.
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- Professor (Dr.) Madabhushanam Sridhar Acharyulu (known with pen name Madabhushi Sridhar) is an Author of 30 books on Law & Journalism both in English and Telugu languages. He was professor of law at National Academy of Legal Studies and Research (NALSAR) University of Law at Hyderabad till 20th November 2013 which he resigned to take up the position of Central Information Commissioner at New Delhi on 22nd November 2013.
- He wrote four books on Right to Information subject. He was a resource person at training workshops on Right to Information for the Information Commissioners organized by National Law School of India, Bengaluru and Center for Good Governance, Hyderabad. He was training different administrative officers, scientists, engineers and academicians at Administrative Staff College of India ASCI Hyderabad on RTI. Some of his popular books are: Right to Information-Law and Practice, Nirbhaya Act, Legal Language, Law of Expression, and Alternative Dispute Resolution. Professor Sridhar is given Best Teacher Award by Andhra Pradesh Government in September 2013.
- A double post graduate with LL.M., and M.C.J (Journalism) from Osmania University, Madabhushi achieved FIVE Gold Medals in all. Madabhushi has penned more than 100 research articles, developed lessons in Media Law and Journalism, presented papers at International and National Seminars on subjects of socio-legal importance and a columnist both in English and Vernacular Telugu on socio-legal issues in Daily Newspapers and the web journals. He wrote edit page articles in Eenadu, the Largest Circulated Telugu Daily and Property Law matters in Deccan Chronicle, Indian Express, The Hindu and The Hans India, Hyderabad. Besides, he also designed and presented various legal awareness programs on popular tv channels like ETV and HMTV. His BhoomiKosam(=for land) program on HMTV has spread awareness about land rights in AP. He wrote several articles on media and law in www.thehoot.org and indiacurrentaffairs.org websites.
- At NALSAR University of Law Hyderabad, he was coordinator of Center for Media Law and Public Policy and Registrar, Coordinator of NALSAR Proximate Education, MHRD Chair Professor of IPR in 2009-10. Prior to 2005 he was engaged by AP Government to draft legislation on Right to Information Bill. He led the teams to draft the legislations on Right to Redressal of Grievances, Rent Controls, Abolition of Child Labour and Compulsory Education, for Andhra Pradesh Government. For International Water Management Institute (IWMI) he studied thousand judgments of District Courts on enhancement of compensation for Land Acquisition, and presented an analytical report, based on which a paper also was presented at International Workshop on Inter-linking of Rivers and Issues, at New Delhi in 2009. For ILO he studied the status of Contract Labour in Andhra Pradesh in 2008. Dr. Madabhushi is also associated with the efforts of National Commission for Protection of Child Rights in evolving recommendations on education of children to abolish child labour.
- Born on 10th November 1956 to Freedom Fighter and Founder Editor of Janadharma Weekly and Warangal Vani Daily, Late M. S. Acharya and Mrs. Ranganayakamma, Dr Sridhar is educated in Masoom Ali High School, AVV Junior College, CKM College, Law College Warangal, and Osmania University, Hyderabad.
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Meeting Notice

Reference this Department’s Meeting Notice of even number dated 25.04.2014 intimating that the meeting of Selection Committee to select the Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission would be held at 1800 hrs. on 30.04.2014 at 7, Race Course Road, New Delhi. This meeting has been postponed and will now be held on 01.05.2014 at 1800 hrs at 7, Race Course Road, New Delhi.

2. Agenda note for the meeting has already been sent along with meeting notice referred to above.

3. Kindly make it convenient to attend the meeting.

(Archana Varma)
Joint Secretary to the Govt. of India
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To

1. Smt. Sushma Swaraj, Leader of Opposition, Lok Sabha
2. Shri Kapil Sibal, Minister for Law & Justice, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi

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3. Sr. PPS to Secretary (Personnel)
# Department of Personnel & Training
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR MAKING RECOMMENDATION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF INFORMATION COMMISSIONER IN THE CENTRAL INFORMATION COMMISSION

The Committee constituted under Section 12(3) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 under the Chairmanship of Hon’ble Prime Minister met on 1st May, 2014 to consider the proposal for the appointment of the Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission and recommended the name of Shri Rajiv Mathur for appointment as Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission.

(Sushma Swaraj) 
Leader of Opposition, Lok Sabha

(Kapil Sibal) 
Minister for Law and Justice

(Manmohan Singh) 
Prime Minister
Respected Sir,

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2. I would like to invite your attention to proviso to sub-section (2) of Section 13 of the RTI Act, 2005 which provides that an Information Commissioner shall be eligible for appointment as the Chief Information Commissioner on vacating his office. As you are holding the post of Information Commissioner, before your appointment as Chief Information Commissioner, you will be required to vacate the office of Information Commissioner.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely,

(Archana Varma)

Shri Rajiv Mathur,
Information Commissioner,
Central Information Commission,
2nd Floor, ‘B’ Wing, August Kranti Bhawan,
Bhikaji Cama Place,
New Delhi.
Archana Varma  
Joint Secretary (AT&A)  
Phone : 2309 3668  
Fax : 2309 4001

D.O.No.4/7/2014-IR  
Dated 13th May, 2014

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2. You are requested to inform the date and time at which Hon’ble President would be pleased to administer oath to the new Chief Information Commissioner.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Archana Varma)

Dr. Thomas Mathew,
Additional Secretary,
President Secretariat,
Rashtrapati Bhawan,
New Delhi.
Suggested list of invitees of swearing in ceremony of Chief Information Commissioner

1. Vice President of India
2. Prime Minister
3. Chief Justice of India
4. Speaker, Lok Sabha
5. Chairperson, National Advisory Council
6. Home Minister
7. Law Minister
8. Finance Minister
9. Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha
10. Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha
11. MoS(PP)
12. Smt. Sushma Singh, Outgoing Chief Information Commissioner
13. National Security Adviser
14. Chief Election Commissioner
15. Chief Vigilance Commissioner
16. Comptroller & Auditor General
17. Attorney General
18. Cabinet Secretary
19. Both Election Commissioners
20. Principal Secretary to PM
21. Chairman, UPSC
22. All Information Commissioners
23. Members, UPSC
24. Solicitor General
25. Home Secretary
26. Secretary(Personnel)
27. Law Secretary
28. Secretary, Legislative Department
29. Director, CBI
30. Director, IB
31. Chief Information Commissioner designate
32. Family of Chief Information Commissioner designate
33. Shri R. Ramanujan, Secretary to Prime Minister
34. Shri L. C. Goyal, Special Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat
35. Establishment officer, DoPT
36. Additional Secretary & Financial Advisor, DoPT
37. Secretary, CIC
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The President will be pleased to administer oath to the Chief Information Commissioner at 1130 hrs on 22 May 2014 in the Yellow Drawing Room of Rashtrapati Bhavan.

Details of the programmes could kindly be firmed up with Gp Capt Sharad S. Sharma, Deputy Military Secretary to the President (Tel: 23012959).

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

Ms. Archana Varma
Joint Secretary (AT&A)
Department of Personnel & Training
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
R.No.278-A, North Block,
New Delhi-110001
To

The Gr. Capt. Sharad S. Sharma
Dy. Military Secretary to the President
Rashtrapati Bhavan
New Delhi

Sir,

Reference Tele-conversation with the undersigned regarding oath ceremony of Chief Information Commissioner at 1130 hrs on 22nd May, 2014 in the Yellow Drawing Room of Rashtrapati Bhavan. As discussed, the desired details are as under:

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Yours faithfully,
(Sandeep Jain)
Director (IR)
Tel. 2309 2755
Rajiv Mathur  
Central Information Commissioner

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MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
(Deptartment of Personnel and Training)

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(अर्थना वर्मी)
संयुक्त सचिव, भारत सरकार

[फा. सं. 4/7/2014 - आई. आर.]

प्रवंधक,
भारत सरकार मुद्रणालय,
भारत, नई दिल्ली।
Ms Archana Varma  
Joint Secretary,  
Ministry of Personnel, PG and Pensions,  
Department of Personnel and Training  
North Block,  
New Delhi

Sub: Agenda Note for the meeting of the Selection Committee for the post of Chief Information Commissioner.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to Department of Personnel and Training Meeting Notice No.4/7/2014-IR dated 25 April, 2014 and to return herewith the Agenda Note for the meeting of the Selection Committee for the post of Chief Information Commissioner received for Hon'ble Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha.

Kindly acknowledge receipt.

Encls: as above

Yours sincerely,

Vijay P Dwivedi
Agenda note for the meeting of the Selection Committee for the post of Chief Information Commissioner

Smt. Sushma Singh, Chief Information Commissioner, Central Information Commission is due to retire on 21.05.2014. As per Section 12(2) of the RTI Act, the Central Information Commission shall have the Chief Information Commissioner and up to ten Information Commissioners. It is necessary to select new Chief Information Commissioner by 21.05.2014.

2. Section 12(3) of the Act stipulates that the Chief Information Commissioner and the Information Commissioners shall be appointment 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.

3. The Prime Minister has nominated Shri Kapil Sibal, Minister for Law and Justice on the Selection Committee. The composition of the Selection Committee will be as under:

(i) The Prime Minister who shall be the Chairman of the Committee,
(ii) The Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, and
(iii) Union Minister for Law and Justice.

4. Sub-sections (5) and (6) of Section 12 provide that the Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners shall be persons of eminence in public life with wide knowledge and experience in law, science and technology, social service, management, journalism, mass media or administration and governance. A Commissioner should not be a Member of Parliament or Member of the Legislature of any State or Union territory or hold any other office of profit or connected with any political party or carrying on any business or pursuing any profession.
5. 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. An Information Commissioner, on vacating his office can be appointed as the Chief Information Commissioner subject to the condition that his term of office shall not be more than five years in aggregate as Information Commissioner and the Chief Information Commissioner.

6. 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 as Chief Information Commissioner. Same practice was followed in the selection of Smt. Deepak Sandhu in September, 2013 and that of Smt. Sushma Singh in December, 2013.

7. Details of persons holding the post of Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission as on 25.4.2014 are given below:

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8. Bio-Data of the existing Information Commissioners in the Central Information Commissioners is enclosed [Annexure 'A'].

9. Submitted for consideration of the Selection Committee.
Shri Rajiv Mathur
Information Commissioner
Room No.6, Club Building,
Old JNU Campus
New Delhi - 110 067.
Phone:- 011 - 26105682
E-mail :- rajiv(mathur[at]nic[dot]in

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Experience

- Belonged to the 1972 batch of IPS, UP cadre and served for six years in the State, during the course of which, and remained posted as incharge of an armed battalion, and held charge of district policing. In 1978, joined Intelligence Bureau on deputation under the Earmarking Scheme (EMS) of the Government.

- Remained posted in Shillong, Gangtok and at IB Hqrs, and acquired several decades of experience in its various divisions with specialized experience in administration, governance and national security related issues.

- Was Director, Intelligence Bureau for a two year term from December 31, 2008. As DIB, had the unique opportunity of being privy to almost all aspects of governance and rendered advice on sensitive issues to the senior-most echelons of the government.

- Successfully coordinated operation with the State DGPs in a bid to stem the tide of terrorist actions in the hinterland, a task which required considerable administrative acumen and exemplary team work.

- Was instrumental in revamping the Intelligence set up and raising the quality of intelligence gathering and sharing. Also galvanized the IB machinery and provided leadership to the organization to face challenges.

- Acquired considerable international experience, having served for over three years with the Ministry of External Affairs, as Counselor, Embassy of India, Washington DC and as Chairman of the Asia Pacific World Regional Office, New Delhi, of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (ICAP) for two years.

- Recipient of the Indian Police Medal for Meritorious Service and the President’s Police Medal for Distinguished Service.
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Experience

- **Expert Member, National Green Tribunal, Principal Bench, New Delhi**

- **Public Service in I.A.S.**: Recent posting was as Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests (2008-10). Worked as Joint Secretary (1995-2001) in the same Ministry. Growing public interest in sustainability issues led to engage civil society productively and resolve information bottlenecks. As Additional/ Special Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat (2005-08), apart from servicing the Cabinet and its Committees, improved public service delivery systems, e.g., the procedures for renewal and issuance of passports. Was Secretary to State Government of UP for Environment, Housing and Energy. Had assignments in agricultural financing, cooperative banking and manufacturing. Also had a posting in the United Nations Environment Programme.

- **Law**: Education in law at University College London and Harvard Law School. Was instrumental in formulating the system for international emission trading and the Clean Development Mechanism as Coordinator & Spokesperson for the "Group of 77 & China" in the Kyoto Protocol debate (1995-2001). In the early years did district/sub-division court-work painstakingly. Posted to the State Chief Secretary's Branch for personnel and Cabinet matters (1979-81).

- **Information**: The jurisprudence of right-based information, including exemption from disclosure issues, was handled during stint in the Cabinet Secretariat when the RTI Act was taking off. Later, as Secretary, Environment & Forests, deployed technology effectively to enhance transparency, accountability and access to information.

- **Major Initiatives** some transformational, as illustrated by the following:
  - Wrote White Paper for Controlling Pollution in Delhi: for converting the public transport system from conventional fuels to CNG (1997).
  - International Processes: Conceived and drafted the U.N Guidelines for compliance with and
enforcement of Multilateral Environmental Agreements (2001), and the Delhi Ministerial Declaration on Climate Change and Sustainable Development (2002).

- **Institutions set up**: the National Environmental Appellate Authority (1997), the National Ganga River Basin Authority (2009) and the National Green Tribunal (2010).

- **India's Profile**: the Conference of Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change in New Delhi (2002) and the Conference of Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity in Hyderabad (2012) resulted from the personal initiative.

- **Law and Policy**: Drafted statutory norms for biomedical, plastics and solid wastes, noise, hazardous substances and chemical accidents, environmental clearances, coastal management housing policy for U.P, and protocol for managing government lands.

Curriculum Vitae

Name Basant Seth

Date of Birth 16 Feb 1952

Education Qualification
- Post Graduate Diploma in Bank Management
- Chartered Accountancy
- Bachelor of Science

Area of Eminence Banking & Finance, Management, Administration & Governance

Achievements / Work done / Experience:

- Qualified Chartered Accountant with a Post Graduate Diploma in Bank Management having over 37 years experience in the areas of Banking & Finance, Corporate and Taxation Laws, Accounting Standards, Audit Functions, Compliance, Administration etc.
- Joined Bank of India, a Public Sector Bank as Direct Recruit Officer in April 1974. Held various positions at field level including overseas posting and in administrative offices, posted as General Manager and Chief Financial officer of the Bank from October 21, 2002 to April 30, 2006 and thereafter as Chief Risk Officer upto February 28, 2007.
- Deputy Managing Director, Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) from March 01, 2007 to August 30, 2009. This was a Board Level appointment at par with whole time Directors of Public Sector Banks.
- Chairman & Managing Director, Syndicate Bank from August 31, 2009 to February 29, 2012.

Others:

- Was Bank of India's nominee on the Board of Directors of Indo-Zambian Bank, a joint venture with the Government of Zambia and on Commonwealth Finance Corporation Ltd., a company located in Hong Kong.
- Worked as Member of Auditing and Assurance Standards Board and also Study Group on International Financial Reporting Standards constituted by Institute of Chartered Accountants of India and Committee on Taxation constituted by Indian Banks Association.
Shri Yashovardhan Azad
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Work Experience

- Member of 1976 batch of Indian Police Service – Madhya Pradesh Cadre. Served in various capacities in the State:
  - as Superintendent of Police in four districts supervising crime, law and order and related issues (1979-1986).
  - as Deputy Inspector General of Police, Bhopal range covering four districts i.e. Bhopal, Sehore, Raisen and Vidisha (1994-96).
  - as Director, Youth and Sports, Government of Madhya Pradesh (1996-97).
- Inducted as Deputy Secretary/ Director, Joint Intelligence Committee, Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India (1986-92)
- Served as Special Assistant to the Union Minister of Environment, Government of India (1992-1993)
- Joined the Intelligence Bureau in 1997 - dealt with a range of issues pertaining to National Security while serving at various desks. Later served as Additional Director/ Special Director, Intelligence Bureau (2008-12), supervising/ handling various fields relating to Governance, Management and National Security
- Last posting as Secretary (Security), Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India (2012-13). In the same capacity was designated as the Convener of National Crisis Management Committee, headed by the Cabinet Secretary
Awards

Recipient of the

- President’s Police Medal for Distinguished service in 2002.
- Indian Police Medal for Meritorious service in 1994.
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Curriculum Vitae

Name Shri Sharat Sabharwal
Date of Birth September 23, 1952

Educational Qualification
- BA (Hons) Economics
- M.A (Political Science)

Shri Sharat Sabharwal joined the Indian Foreign Service in 1975. After serving in various positions in the Permanent Mission of India to the UN in Geneva and the Indian Missions in Madagascar, France and Mauritius, he was Director / Joint Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs in New Delhi from 1990 to 1995. The positions held by him in the more recent years have been Deputy High Commissioner of India in Pakistan (1995-99), Deputy Permanent Representative of India to the UN in Geneva (1999-2002), Ambassador of India to Uzbekistan (2002-2005) and Additional Secretary/Special Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs (September 2005-March 2009).

Shri Sabharwal was High Commissioner of India to Pakistan from April 2009 to June 2013.

Shri Sabharwal has been Deputy leader/member of the Indian delegations to the UN General Assembly, the erstwhile UN Commission on Human Rights, International Labour Conference and World Health Assembly. He was also Deputy Leader of the Indian delegation to the International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent held in Geneva in October 1999 and member of the Indian delegation to the World Conference against Racism, held in Durban in September 2001.
Name: Mrs Manjula Prasher  
Service: Indian Postal Service, 1976 batch  
Date of Birth: 16th Jan, 1953

Education Qualification:
- M.A. History from the Punjab University – 1971 – 1973
- B.A. (Hons.) History from Punjab University – 1968-1971
- Diploma in French language from Punjab University
- Certificate course in German language
- Attended the National Defence College at New Delhi for an eleven-month course

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Experience in administration, governance and postal management:
- Worked as Secretary to Govt. of India, Department of Posts from 1.11.2011 to 31.1.2013 and as ex-officio Director General Posts and Chairperson of the Postal Services Board, during this period.
- In this capacity, the officer was responsible for administering a department of nearly half a million employees and a network of 1.55 lakh post offices.
- As Chairman of the Inter-ministerial Steering Committee, the officer led the implementation of the India Post Technology project to streamline work at post offices and increase employees' efficiency.
- The Department of Posts receives approximately 50,000 RTI applications a year. These were effectively monitored and the public grievance settlement mechanism was strengthened. Implemented the Central Assistant Public Information Officer module in 4,700 post offices to increase accountability in the access to information.
- The Department received the National E-Governance Award for 2012-13 for outstanding performance in citizen-centric service delivery.

Representing the Department of Posts at international fora:
- The officer led the Indian delegation to the Universal Postal Union in Berne, Switzerland in November 2012 to participate in multilateral discussions on Postal issues including Financial Services, e-Commerce and the
development of ICTs, as well as on bilateral cooperation between India Post and Swiss Post:

- Impetus was given to bilateral cooperation. Discussions were held with representatives of Pakistan Post on trade facilitation through postal channels, opening of new routes to exchange mails & parcels, postal reforms and Philately. Also led the India delegation during meetings of the Pan African Postal Union (PAPU), a restricted Union of the UPU, at Ethiopia in 2012.

- The India – Israel Joint Commemorative Stamp on completion of 25 years of diplomatic relations between the two countries was released. Bilateral dialogue was held on promotion of e-Commerce, Financial Services and cooperation with Israel Post.

- In September-October 2012, the officer led the delegation from India to the 25th Universal Postal Union Congress, the supreme body of the Union, at Doha, Qatar.
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Area of Eminence 40 Years Legal Experience

- Shri M. A. Khan Yusufi joined the Central Information Commission as Information Commissioner on 22nd November, 2013. Prior to joining the Central Information Commission, has been a Chairperson, Airport Appellate Tribunal, Ministry of Civil Aviation, Safdarjung Airport, Rajiv Gandhi Bhawan, New Delhi. w.e.f. 03.02.2012 to 22.11.2013.
- Apart from above, also discharged the duties of the following assignments/posts on the appointment, as such :
  - **Jt. Secretary & Legal Adviser** in the Ministry of Law and Justice, Department of Legal Affairs and tendered legal advice to various Ministries/Departments Govt. of India, such as, M/o. Home Affairs, M/o. Finance, M/o. Urban Development, M/o. Commerce & Industry, M/o. Information & Broadcasting, M/o. Corporate Affairs, M/o. Human Rescore Development, M/o. Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, DoPT, etc.
  - **Chief Vigilance Officer** for 6 years in Ministry of Law & Justice, Department of Legal Affairs.
  - **First Appellate Authority** under RTI Act-2005 for 6 yrs in M/o. Law & Justice.
  - **Sole Arbitrator** dealt no. of arbitration cases assigned by Law Secretary along with other functions.
  - **In-charge of the Judicial Section**, Department of Legal Affairs, M/o. Law & Justice for empanelment of various kind of Govt. counsel and even appointment of Law Officers as
Attorney General of India, Solicitor General & Additional Solicitor General, etc.

- **Member-** Appellate Tribunal Foreign Exchange, M/o. Law & Justice, Janpath, New Delhi.
- **Member (Law)** of Mines Tribunal in Ministry of Mines, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
- **Legal Adviser**, M/o. Labour & Employment, New Delhi.
- **Nodal Officer** of Sixth Pay Commission in Ministry of Law & Justice.
- **Arbitrator**- in the Directorate General of Supplies & Disposal (DGS&D)
- On being deputation, as **Director (L)** in Ministry of Chemical and Fertilizer and advised them on various references and also conducted and supervised their litigation pending in various Courts of Law in Delhi/New Delhi and outside Delhi.
- **Deputy Director (Litigation) and Estate Officer** in the Directorate of Estates in the Ministry of Urban Development
- After having being selected through UPSC as **Assistant Legal Adviser** (Grade IV of ILS) in Indian Legal Service, worked as **Senior Counsel** of CPWD, Ministry of Urban Development advising on the subject of Arbitration Act 1940, Companies Act, 1956, Partnership Act, 1935 and also acted as **Senior Counsel** and appeared and argued on their behalf before various- arbitrators. Also acted as **Administrative Officer** of the said unit of CPWD.
- Worked in litigation side of Ministry of Law & Justice in various courts of Law i.e. District Courts, High Courts and even Supreme Court as an official of Law Ministry and dealt with the Govt. cases with thorough knowledge of law.

**Achievements**

- As **Chairperson** of AAT, heard and decided no. of **land cases** pertaining to encroachment of Airports Authority of India’s land spread all over India.
- As **First Appellate Authority** (FAA) in M/o. Law & Justice, Department of Law, heard and decided thousands Appeals filed u/s 19(1) of RTI Act 2005 after due notices to the parties concerned.
- Also attended no. of Conferences, Seminars & Meetings held in Delhi and even in foreign countries on various subjects of law including Intellectual Property Rights, on behalf of Law Ministry
- Dealt with **no. of Vigilance cases** on being appointed as Chief Vigilance Officer in Ministry of Law and Justice, Department of Legal Affairs, New Delhi.
- **Deputy Director (Lit)**- Directorate of Estates, M/o. Urban Development, acted as their Legal Adviser and also discharged duties of **Estate Officer** and decided **thousands of eviction cases** under the provisions of PP Act -1971 after due notice to the parties concerned.
Prof. Madabhushanam Sridhar Acharyulu

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Name   Madabhushanam Sridhar Acharyulu

Date of Birth   10 Nov, 1956

- Professor (Dr.) Madabhushanam Sridhar Acharyulu (known with pen name Madabhushi Sridhar) is an Author of 30 books on Law & Journalism both in English and Telugu languages. He was professor of law at National Academy of Legal Studies and Research (NALSAR) University of Law at Hyderabad till 20th November 2013 which he resigned to take up the position of Central Information Commissioner at New Delhi on 22nd November 2013.

- He wrote four books on Right to Information subject. He was a resource person at training workshops on Right to Information for the Information Commissioners organized by National Law School of India, Bengaluru and Center for Good Governance, Hyderabad. He was training different administrative officers, scientists, engineers and academicians at Administrative Staff College of India ASCI Hyderabad on RTI. Some of his popular books are: Right to Information-Law and Practice, Nirbhaya Act, Legal Language, Law of Expression, and Alternative Dispute Resolution. Professor Sridhar is given Best Teacher Award by Andhra Pradesh Government in September 2013.

- A double post graduate with LL.M., and M.C.J (Journalism) from Osmania University, Madabhushi Acharyulu achieved FIVE Gold Medals in all. Madabhushi has penned more than 100 research articles, developed lessons in Media Law and Journalism, presented papers at International and National Seminars on subjects of socio-legal importance and a columnist both in English and Vernacular Telugu on socio-legal issues in Daily Newspapers and the web journals. He wrote edit page articles in Eenadu, the Largest Circulated Telugu Daily and Property Law matters in Deccan Chronicle, Indian Express, The Hindu and The Hans India, Hyderabad. Besides, he also designed and presented various legal awareness programs on popular TV channels like ETV and HMTV. His BhoomiKosam (=for land) program on HMTV has spread awareness about land rights in AP. He wrote several articles on media and law in www.thehoot.org and indiacurrentaffairs.org websites.

- At NALSAR University of Law Hyderabad, he was coordinator of Center for Media Law and Public Policy and Registrar, Coordinator of NALSAR Proximate Education, MHRD Chair Professor of IPR in 2009-10. Prior to 2005 he was engaged by AP Government to draft legislation on Right to Information Bill. He led the teams to draft the legislations on Right to Redressal of Grievances, Rent Controls, Abolition of Child Labour and Compulsory Education, for Andhra Pradesh Government. For International Water Management Institute (IWMI) he studied thousand judgments of District Courts on enhancement of compensation for Land Acquisition, and presented an analytical report, based on which a paper also was presented at International Workshop on Inter-linking of Rivers and Issues, at New Delhi in 2009. For ILO he studied the status of Contract Labour in Andhra Pradesh in 2008. Dr. Madabhushi is also associated with the efforts of National Commission for Protection of Child Rights in evolving recommendations on education of children to abolish child labour.

- Born on 10th November 1956 to Freedom Fighter and Founder Editor of Janadharma Weekly and Warangal Vani Daily, Late M. S. Acharya and Mrs. Ranganayakamma, Dr Sridhar is educated in Masoom Ali High School, AVV Junior College, CKM College, Law College Warangal, and Osmania University, Hyderabad.
No.F.4/7/2014-IR
Government of India
Ministry of Personnel, PG and Pensions
Department of Personnel & Training

North Block, New Delhi
Dated May 23, 2014

To
The Manager
Govt. of India Press
Mayapuri
New Delhi

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith a copy of notification to be published in Part-II, Section 3, sub-section (ii) of the Gazette of India, Extraordinary. You are also requested to furnish 20 copies of the Gazette Notification for official use of this Department.

Yours faithfully,

(R.K. Girdhar)
Under Secretary to the Govt. of India
Tel. 2309 2759

Encl: As above
New Delhi, the 23rd May, 2014

S.O...........................(E). - The President, on the recommendation of the committee constituted under sub-section (3) of section 12 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (22 of 2005), is pleased to appoint Shri Rajiv Mathur as the Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission with effect from the 22nd day of May, 2014.

(Archana Varma)
Joint Secretary to the Government of India
[F.No. 4/7/2014-IR]

The Manager,
Government of India Press,
Mayapuri,
New Delhi.
नई दिल्ली, 23 मई, 2014

राष्ट्रपति, सूचना का अधिकार अधिनियम, 2005 (2005 का 22) की धारा 12 की उपधारा (3) के अधीन गठित समिति की सिफारिश पर, श्री राजीव माथुर को तारीख 22 मई, 2014 से केंद्रीय सूचना आयोग में मुख्य सूचना आयुक्त के रूप में नियुक्त करते हैं।

(अर्जनवर्मा)
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प्रबंधक,
भारत सरकार मुद्रणालय,
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नई दिल्ली।
Dear Madam

Reference your letter No.4/7/2014-IR dated 13 May 2014 regarding administering the oath to the new Chief Information Commissioner Shri Rajiv Mathur by the President.

The President will be pleased to administer oath to the Chief Information Commissioner at 1130 hrs on 22 May 2014 in the Yellow Drawing Room of Rashtrapati Bhavan.

Details of the programmes could kindly be firmes up with Gp Capt Sharad S. Sharma, Deputy Military Secretary to the President (Tel: 23012959).

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

Ms. Archana Varma
Joint Secretary (AT&A)
Department of Personnel & Training
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
R.No.278-A, North Block,
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F.No. 4/7/2014-IR  
Government of India  
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions  
Department of Personnel and Training  
North Block, New Delhi

Dated 25th April, 2014

Meeting Notice

A meeting of the Selection Committee for the post of Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission has been convened under the Chairmanship of the Hon'ble Prime Minister at 1800 hours on 30.04.2014 at 7, Race Course Road, New Delhi. A copy of the agenda note is attached.

2. Kindly make it convenient to attend the meeting.

( Archana Varma)  
Joint Secretary to the Govt. of India  
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To
1) Smt. Sushma Swaraj, Leader of Opposition, Lok Sabha  
2) Shri Kapil Sibal, Minister for Law & Justice, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi

Copy to:
  i. Private Secretary to the Prime Minister  
  ii. PS to MOS (PP)  
  iii. PPS to Secretary (P)
Agenda note for the meeting of the Selection Committee for the post of Chief Information Commissioner

Smt. Sushma Singh, Chief Information Commissioner, Central Information Commission is due to retire on 21.05.2014. 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 21.05.2014.

2. Section 12(3) of the Act stipulates that the Chief Information Commissioner and the Information Commissioners shall be appointment 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.

3. The Prime Minister has nominated Shri Kapil Sibal, Minister for Law and Justice on the Selection Committee. The composition of the Selection Committee will be as under:

(i) The Prime Minister who shall be the Chairman of the Committee,
(ii) The Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, and
(iii) Union Minister for Law and Justice.

4. Sub-sections (5) and (6) of Section 12 provide that the Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners shall be persons of eminence in public life with wide knowledge and experience in law, science and technology, social service, management, journalism, mass media or administration and governance. A Commissioner should not be a Member of Parliament or Member of the Legislature of any State or Union territory or hold any other office of profit or connected with any political party or carrying on any business or pursuing any profession.
5. 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. An Information Commissioner, on vacating his office can be appointed as the Chief Information Commissioner subject to the condition that his term of office shall not be more than five years in aggregate as Information Commissioner and the Chief Information Commissioner.

6. 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 and that of Smt. Sushma Singh in December, 2013.

7. Details of persons holding the post of Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission as on 25.4.2014 are given below:

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8. Bio-Data of the existing Information Commissioners in the Central Information Commissioners is enclosed [Annexure 'A'].

9. Submitted for consideration of the Selection Committee.
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Experience

- Belonged to the 1972 batch of IPS, UP cadre and served for six years in the State, during the course of which, and remained posted as incharge of an armed battalion, and held charge of district policing. In 1978, joined Intelligence Bureau on deputation under the Earmarking Scheme (EMS) of the Government.

- Remained posted in Shillong, Gangtok and at IB Hqrs, and acquired several decades of experience in its various divisions with specialized experience in administration, governance and national security related issues.

- Was Director, Intelligence Bureau for a two year term from December 31, 2008. As DIB, had the unique opportunity of being privy to almost all aspects of governance and rendered advice on sensitive issues to the senior-most echelons of the government.

- Successfully coordinated operation with the State DGPs in a bid to stem the tide of terrorist actions in the hinterland, a task which required considerable administrative acumen and exemplary team work.

- Was instrumental in revamping the Intelligence set up and raising the quality of intelligence gathering and sharing. Also galvanized the IB machinery and provided leadership to the organization to face challenges.

- Acquired considerable international experience, having served for over three years with the Ministry of External Affairs, as Counselor, Embassy of India, Washington DC and as Chairman of the Asia Pacific World Regional Office, New Delhi, of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (ICAP) for two years.

- Recipient of the Indian Police Medal for Meritorious Service and the President’s Police Medal for Distinguished Service.
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#### Experience

- **Expert Member, National Green Tribunal, Principal Bench, New Delhi**

- **Public Service in I.A.S.:** Recent posting was as Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests (2008-10). Worked as Joint Secretary (1995-2001) in the same Ministry. Growing public interest in sustainability issues led to engage civil society productively and resolve information bottlenecks. As Additional/ Special Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat (2005-08), apart from servicing the Cabinet and its Committees, improved public service delivery systems, e.g., the procedures for renewal and issuance of passports. Was Secretary to State Government of UP for Environment, Housing and Energy. Had assignments in agricultural financing, cooperative banking and manufacturing. Also had a posting in the United Nations Environment Programme.

- **Law:** Education in law at University College London and Harvard Law School. Was instrumental in formulating the system for international emission trading and the Clean Development Mechanism as Coordinator & Spokesperson for the “Group of 77 & China” in the Kyoto Protocol debate (1995-2001). In the early years did district/sub-division court-work painstakingly. Posted to the State Chief Secretary’s Branch for personnel and Cabinet matters (1979-81).

- **Information:** The jurisprudence of right-based information, including exemption from disclosure issues, was handled during stint in the Cabinet Secretariat when the RTI Act was taking off. Later, as Secretary, Environment & Forests, deployed technology effectively to enhance transparency, accountability and access to information.

- **Major Initiatives** some transformational, as illustrated by the following:
  - Wrote White Paper for Controlling Pollution in Delhi: for converting the public transport system from conventional fuels to CNG (1997).
  - [International Processes](#): Conceived and drafted the U.N Guidelines for compliance with and
enforcement of Multilateral Environmental Agreements (2001), and the Delhi Ministerial Declaration on Climate Change and Sustainable Development (2002).

- **Institutions set up**: the National Environmental Appellate Authority (1997), the National Ganga River Basin Authority (2009) and the National Green Tribunal (2010).

- **India's Profile**: the Conference of Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change in New Delhi (2002) and the Conference of Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity in Hyderabad (2012) resulted from the personal initiative.

- **Law and Policy**: Drafted statutory norms for biomedical, plastics and solid wastes, noise, hazardous substances and chemical accidents, environmental clearances, coastal management housing policy for U.P, and protocol for managing government lands.

Curriculum Vitae

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Date of Birth 16 Feb 1952

Education Qualification
- Post Graduate Diploma in Bank Management
- Chartered Accountancy
- Bachelor of Science

Area of Eminence Banking & Finance, Management, Administration & Governance

Achievements / Work done / Experience:

- Qualified Chartered Accountant with a Post Graduate Diploma in Bank Management having over 37 years experience in the areas of Banking & Finance, Corporate and Taxation Laws, Accounting Standards, Audit Functions, Compliance, Administration etc.
- Joined Bank of India, a Public Sector Bank as Direct Recruit Officer in April 1974. Held various positions at field level including overseas posting and in administrative offices, posted as General Manager and Chief Financial officer of the Bank from October 21, 2002 to April 30, 2006 and thereafter as Chief Risk Officer upto February 28, 2007.
- Deputy Managing Director, Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) from March 01, 2007 to August 30, 2009. This was a Board Level appointment at par with whole time Directors of Public Sector Banks.
- Chairman & Managing Director, Syndicate Bank from August 31, 2009 to February 29, 2012.

Others:

- Was Bank of India’s nominee on the Board of Directors of Indo-Zambian Bank, a joint venture with the Government of Zambia and on Commonwealth Finance Corporation Ltd., a company located in Hong Kong.
- Worked as Member of Auditing and Assurance Standards Board and also Study Group on International Financial Reporting Standards constituted by Institute of Chartered Accountants of India and Committee on Taxation constituted by Indian Banks Association.
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- As Chairman of the Inter-ministerial Steering Committee, the officer led the implementation of the India Post Technology project to streamline work at post offices and increase employees’ efficiency
- The Department of Posts receives approximately 50,000 RTI applications a year. These were effectively monitored and the public grievance settlement mechanism was strengthened. Implemented the Central Assistant Public Information Officer module in 4,700 post offices to increase accountability in the access to information
- The Department received the National E-Governance Award for 2012-13 for outstanding performance in citizen-centric service delivery

Representing the Department of Posts at international fora

- The officer led the Indian delegation to the Universal Postal Union in Berne, Switzerland in November 2012 to participate in multilateral discussions on Postal issues including Financial Services, e-Commerce and the
development of ICTs, as well as on bilateral cooperation between India Post and Swiss Post

- Impetus was given to bilateral cooperation. Discussions were held with representatives of Pakistan Post on trade facilitation through postal channels, opening of new routes to exchange mails & parcels, postal reforms and Philately. Also led the India delegation during meetings of the Pan African Postal Union (PAPU), a restricted Union of the UPU, at Ethiopia in 2012

- The India – Israel Joint Commemorative Stamp on completion of 25 years of diplomatic relations between the two countries was released. Bilateral dialogue was held on promotion of e-Commerce, Financial Services and cooperation with Israel Post

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Attorney General of India, Solicitor General & Additional Solicitor General, etc.

- Member- Appellate Tribunal Foreign Exchange, M/o. Law & Justice, Janpath, New Delhi.
- Member (Law) of Mines Tribunal in Ministry of Mines, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
- Legal Adviser, M/o. Labour & Employment, New Delhi.
- Nodal Officer of Sixth Pay Commission in Ministry of Law & Justice.
- Arbiterator- in the Directorate General of Supplies & Disposal (DGS&D)
- On being deputation, as Director (L) in Ministry of Chemical and Fertilizer and advised them on various references and also conducted and supervised their litigation pending in various Courts of Law in Delhi/New Delhi and outside Delhi.
- Deputy Director (Litigation) and Estate Officer in the Directorate of Estates in the Ministry of Urban Development
- After having being selected through UPSC as Assistant Legal Adviser (Grade IV of ILS) in Indian Legal Service, worked as Senior Counsel of CPWD, Ministry of Urban Development advising on the subject of Arbitration Act 1940, Companies Act, 1956, Partnership Act, 1935 and also acted as Senior Counsel and appeared and argued on their behalf before various- arbitrators. Also acted as Administrative Officer of the said unit of CPWD.
- Worked in litigation side of Ministry of Law & Justice in various courts of Law i.e. District Courts, High Courts and even Supreme Court as an official of Law Ministry and dealt with the Govt. cases with thorough knowledge of law.

Achievements

- As Chairperson of AAT, heard and decided no. of land cases pertaining to encroachment of Airports Authority of India’s land spread all over India.
- As First Appellate Authority (FAA) in M/o. Law & Justice, Department of Law, heard and decided thousands Appeals filed u/s 19(1) of RTI Act 2005 after due notices to the parties concerned.
- Also attended no. of Conferences, Seminars & Meetings held in Delhi and even in foreign countries on various subjects of law including Intellectual Property Rights, on behalf of Law Ministry
- Dealt with no. of Vigilance cases on being appointed as Chief Vigilance Officer in Ministry of Law and Justice, Department of Legal Affairs, New Delhi.
- Deputy Director (Lit)- Directorate of Estates, M/o. Urban Development, acted as their Legal Adviser and also discharged duties of Estate Officer and decided thousands of eviction cases under the provisions of PP Act -1971 after due notice to the parties concerned.
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- Professor (Dr.) Madabhushanam Sridhar Acharyulu (known with pen name Madabhushi Sridhar) is an Author of 30 books on Law & Journalism both in English and Telugu languages. He was professor of law at National Academy of Legal Studies and Research (NALSAR) University of Law at Hyderabad till 20th November 2013 which he resigned to take up the position of Central Information Commissioner at New Delhi on 22nd November 2013.
- He wrote four books on Right to Information subject. He was a resource person at training workshops on Right to Information for the Information Commissioners organized by National Law School of India, Bengaluru and Center for Good Governance, Hyderabad. He was training different administrative officers, scientists, engineers and academicians at Administrative Staff College of India ASCI Hyderabad on RTI. Some of his popular books are: Right to Information-Law and Practice, Nirbhaya Act, Legal Language, Law of Expression, and Alternative Dispute Resolution. Professor Sridhar is given Best Teacher Award by Andhra Pradesh Government in September 2013.
- A double post graduate with LL.M., and M.C.J (Journalism) from Osmania University, Madabhushi achieved FIVE Gold Medals in all. Madabhushi has penned more than 100 research articles, developed lessons in Media Law and Journalism, presented papers at International and National Seminars on subjects of socio-legal importance and a columnist both in English and Vernacular Telugu on socio-legal issues in Daily Newspapers and the web journals. He wrote edit page articles in Eenadu, the Largest Circulated Telugu Daily and Property Law matters in Deccan Chronicle, Indian Express, The Hindu and The Hans India, Hyderabad. Besides, he also designed and presented various legal awareness programs on popular tv channels like ETV and HMTV. His BhoomiKosam (=for land) program on HMTV has spread awareness about land rights in AP. He wrote several articles on media and law in www.thehoot.org and indiacurrentaffairs.org websites.
- At NALSAR University of Law Hyderabad, he was coordinator of Center for Media Law and Public Policy and Registrar, Coordinator of NALSAR Proximate Education, MHRD Chair Professor of IPR in 2009-10. Prior to 2005 he was engaged by AP Government to draft legislation on Right to Information Bill. He led the teams to draft the legislations on Right to Redressal of Grievances, Rent Controls, Abolition of Child Labour and Compulsory Education, for Andhra Pradesh Government. For International Water Management Institute (IWMI) he studied thousand judgments of District Courts on enhancement of compensation for Land Acquisition, and presented an analytical report, based on which a paper also was presented at International Workshop on Inter-linking of Rivers and Issues, at New Delhi in 2009. For ILO he studied the status of Contract Labour in Andhra Pradesh in 2008. Dr. Madabhushi is also associated with the efforts of National Commission for Protection of Child Rights in evolving recommendations on education of children to abolish child labour.
- Born on 10th November 1956 to Freedom Fighter and Founder Editor of Janadharma Weekly and Warangal Vani Daily, Late M. S. Acharya and Mrs. Ranganayakamma, Dr Sridhar is educated in Masoom Ali High School, AVV Junior College, CKM College, Law College Warangal, and Osmania University, Hyderabad.
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New Delhi, the 23rd May, 2014

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[F. No. 4/7/2014-IR ]
ARCHANA VARMA, Jt. Secy.
OFFICE ORDER

Smt. Sushma Singh, Chief Information Commissioner, CIC demits office as Chief Information Commissioner on completion of her tenure on 21.05.2014 (AN).

Copy to:-

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3. Secretary, President Secretariat, Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi.
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5. PAO, CAT, AGCR Building, IP Estate, New Delhi.
6. Cash Section.
Subject: Meeting under the Chairmanship of Prime Minister at 6.00 p.m. on 1st May 2014 at 7, RCR, New Delhi

A meeting of the Selection Committee for the post of Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission will be convened under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Prime Minister at 6.00 p.m. on 1st May 2014 at 7, Race Course Road, New Delhi. It is requested that necessary arrangements may kindly be made for the entry of the following officers on that day, as they would be present in connection with the meeting.

I. Dr. S.K. Sarkar, Secretary (Personnel) Vehicle No. DL 2C Q 8032 (SX-4), white

II. Ms. Archana Varma, Joint Secretary (AT&A), Vehicle No. DL 2C Q 5852 (Accent) white

2. It is also requested that they may be allowed to carry pen drives along with them.

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Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith a copy of notification to be published in Part-II, Section 3, sub-section (ii) of the Gazette of India, Extraordinary. You are also requested to furnish 20 copies of the Gazette Notification for official use of this Department.

Yours faithfully,

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Experience

- Belonged to the 1972 batch of IPS, UP cadre and served for six years in the State, during the course of which, and remained posted as incharge of an armed battalion, and held charge of district policing. In 1978, joined Intelligence Bureau on deputation under the Earmarking Scheme (EMS) of the Government.

- Remained posted in Shillong, Gangtok and at IB Hqrs, and acquired several decades of experience in its various divisions with specialized experience in administration, governance and national security related issues.

- Was Director, Intelligence Bureau for a two year term from December 31, 2008. As DIB, had the unique opportunity of being privy to almost all aspects of governance and rendered advice on sensitive issues to the senior-most echelons of the government.

- Successfully coordinated operation with the State DGPs in a bid to stem the tide of terrorist actions in the hinterland, a task which required considerable administrative acumen and exemplary team work.

- Was instrumental in revamping the Intelligence set up and raising the quality of intelligence gathering and sharing. Also galvanized the IB machinery and provided leadership to the organization to face challenges.

- Acquired considerable international experience, having served for over three years with the Ministry of External Affairs, as Counselor, Embassy of India, Washington DC and as Chairman of the Asia Pacific World Regional Office, New Delhi, of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (ICAP) for two years.
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o Law: Education in law at University College London and Harvard Law School. Was instrumental in formulating the system for international emission trading and the Clean Development Mechanism as Coordinator & Spokesperson for the “Group of 77 & China” in the Kyoto Protocol debate (1995-2001). In the early years did district/sub-division court-work painstakingly. Posted to the State Chief Secretary’s Branch for personnel and Cabinet matters (1979-81).

o Information: The jurisprudence of right-based information, including exemption from disclosure issues, was handled during stint in the Cabinet Secretariat when the RTI Act was taking off. Later, as Secretary, Environment & Forests, deployed technology effectively to enhance transparency, accountability and access to information.
Major Initiatives some transformational, as illustrated by the following:

- Wrote White Paper for Controlling Pollution in Delhi: for converting the public transport system from conventional fuels to CNG (1997).

- International Processes: Conceived and drafted the U.N Guidelines for compliance with and enforcement of Multilateral Environmental Agreements (2001), and the Delhi Ministerial Declaration on Climate Change and Sustainable Development (2002).

- Institutions set up: the National Environmental Appellate Authority (1997), the National Ganga River Basin Authority (2009) and the National Green Tribunal (2010).

- India's Profile: the Conference of Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change in New Delhi (2002) and the Conference of Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity in Hyderabad (2012) resulted from the personal initiative.


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Education Qualification
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Area of Eminence
Banking & Finance, Management,
Administration & Governance

Achievements / Work done / Experience :

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- Joined Bank of India, a Public Sector Bank as Direct Recruit Officer in April 1974. Held various positions at field level including overseas posting and in administrative offices, posted as General Manager and Chief Financial officer of the Bank from October 21, 2002 to April 30, 2006 and thereafter as Chief Risk Officer upto February 28, 2007.

- Deputy Managing Director, Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) from March 01, 2007 to August 30, 2009. This was a Board Level appointment at par with whole time Directors of Public Sector Banks.

- Chairman & Managing Director, Syndicate Bank from August 31, 2009 to February 29, 2012.

Others :

- Was Bank of India's nominee on the Board of Directors of Indo-Zambian Bank, a joint venture with the Government of Zambia and on Commonwealth Finance Corporation Ltd., a company located in Hong Kong.

- Worked as Member of Auditing and Assurance Standards Board and also Study Group on
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Name: Shri M.A. Khan Yusufi

Date of Birth: 01-01-1952

Educational Qualification:
- B.Sc. (Hons)
- LL.B. (Hons)
- Advocate - practised No. of years at various Courts of Law
- Indian Legal Service cadre - 1988 (ILS-1988)

Area of Eminence: 40 Years Legal Experience

- Shri M.A. Khan Yusufi joined the Central Information Commission as Information Commissioner on 22nd November, 2013. Prior to joining the Central Information Commission, he has been a Chairperson, Airport Appellate Tribunal, Ministry of Civil Aviation, Safdarjung Airport, Rajiv Gandhi Bhawan, New Delhi. w.e.f. 03.02.2012 to 22.11.2013.

- Apart from above, also discharged the duties of the following assignments/posts on the appointment, as such:
  - Jt. Secretary & Legal Adviser in the Ministry of Law and Justice, Department of Legal Affairs and tendered legal advice to various Ministries/Departments Govt. of India, such as, M/o. Home Affairs, M/o. Finance, M/o. Urban Development, M/o. Commerce & Industry, M/o. Information & Broadcasting, M/o. Corporate Affairs, M/o. Human Rescure Development, M/o. Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, DoPT, etc.
  - Chief Vigilance Officer for 6 years in Ministry of Law & Justice, Department of Legal Affairs.
  - First Appellate Authority under RTI Act-2005 for 6 yrs in M/o. Law & Justice.
- **Sole Arbitrator** dealt no. of arbitration cases assigned by Law Secretary along with other functions.

- **In-charge of the Judicial Section**, Department of Legal Affairs, M/o. Law & Justice for empanelment of various kind of Govt. counsel and even appointment of Law Officers as Attorney General of India, Solicitor General & Additional Solicitor General, etc.

- **Member- Appellate Tribunal Foreign Exchange, M/o. Law & Justice**, Janpath, New Delhi.

- **Member (Law)** of Mines Tribunal in Ministry of Mines, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi

- **Legal Adviser**, M/o. Labour & Employment, New Delhi.

- **Nodal Officer** of Sixth Pay Commission in Ministry of Law & Justice.

- **Arbitrator**- in the Directorate General of Supplies & Disposal (DGS&D)

- On being deputation, as **Director (L)** in Ministry of Chemical and Fertilizer and advised them on various references and also conducted and supervised their litigation pending in various Courts of Law in Delhi/New Delhi and outside Delhi.

- **Deputy Director (Litigation)** and **Estate Officer** in the Directorate of Estates in the Ministry of Urban Development.

- After having being selected through UPSC as **Assistant Legal Adviser** (Grade IV of ILS) in Indian Legal Service, worked as **Senior Counsel of CPWD**, Ministry of Urban Development advising on the subject of Arbitration Act 1940, Companies Act, 1956, Partnership Act, 1935 and also acted as **Senior Counsel** and appeared and argued on their behalf before various- arbitrators. Also acted as **Administrative Officer** of the said unit of CPWD.

- Worked in litigation side of Ministry of Law & Justice in various courts of Law i.e. District Courts, High Courts and even Supreme Court as an official of Law Ministry and dealt with the Govt. cases with thorough knowledge of law.

**Achievements**

- **As Chairperson** of AAT, heard and decided no. of **land cases** pertaining to encroachment of Airports Authority of India’s land spread all over India.

- **As First Appellate Authority** (FAA) in M/o. Law & Justice, Department of Law, heard and decided thousands Appeals filed u/s 19(1) of RTI Act 2005 after due notices to the parties concerned.

- Also attended no. of Conferences, Seminars & Meetings held in **Delhi and even in foreign countries** on various subjects of law including Intellectual Property Rights. on behalf of Law Ministry

- Dealt with no. of **Vigilance cases** on being appointed as **Chief Vigilance Officer** in
Ministry of Law and Justice, Department of Legal Affairs, New Delhi.

- **Deputy Director (Lit)**- Directorate of Estates, M/o. Urban Development, acted as their Legal Adviser and also discharged duties of Estate Officer and decided *thousands of eviction cases* under the provisions of PP Act -1971 after due notice to the parties concerned.
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- Professor (Dr.) Madabhushanam Sridhar Acharyulu (known with pen name Madabhushi Sridhar) is an Author of 30 books on Law & Journalism both in English and Telugu languages. He was professor of law at National Academy of Legal Studies and Research (NALSAR) University of Law at Hyderabad till 20th November 2013 which he resigned to take up the position of Central Information Commissioner at New Delhi on 22nd November 2013.

- He wrote four books on Right to Information subject. He was a resource person at training workshops on Right to Information for the Information Commissioners organized by National Law School of India, Bengaluru and Center for Good Governance, Hyderabad. He was training different administrative officers, scientists, engineers and academicians at Administrative Staff College of India ASCI Hyderabad on RTI. Some of his popular books are: Right to Information-Law and Practice, Nirbhaya Act, Legal Language, Law of Expression, and Alternative Dispute Resolution. Professor Sridhar is given Best Teacher Award by Andhra Pradesh Government in September 2013.

- A double post graduate with LL.M., and M.C.J (Journalism) from Osmania University, Madabhushi achieved FIVE Gold Medals in all. Madabhushi has penned more than 100 research articles, developed lessons in Media Law and Journalism, presented papers at International and National Seminars on subjects of socio-legal importance and a columnist both in English and Vernacular Telugu on socio-legal issues in Daily Newspapers and the web journals. He wrote edit page articles in Eenadu, the Largest Circulated Telugu Daily and Property Law matters in Deccan Chronicle, Indian Express, The Hindu and The Hans India, Hyderabad. Besides, he also designed and presented various legal awareness programs on popular tv channels like ETV and HMTV. His BhoomiKosam(=for land) program on HMTV has spread awareness about land rights in AP. He wrote several articles on media and law in www.thehoot.org and indiacurrentaffairs.org websites.

- At NALSAR University of Law Hyderabad, he was coordinator of Center for Media Law and Public Policy and Registrar, Coordinator of NALSAR Proximate Education, MHRD Chair Professor of IPR in 2009-10. Prior to 2005 he was engaged by AP Government to draft legislation on Right to Information Bill. He led the teams to draft the legislations on Right to Redressal of Grievances, Rent Controls, Abolition of Child Labour and Compulsory Education, for Andhra Pradesh Government. For International Water Management Institute
(IWMI) he studied thousand judgments of District Courts on enhancement of compensation for Land Acquisition, and presented an analytical report, based on which a paper also was presented at International Workshop on Inter-linking of Rivers and Issues, at New Delhi in 2009. For ILO he studied the status of Contract Labour in Andhra Pradesh in 2008. Dr. Madabhushi is also associated with the efforts of National Commission for Protection of Child Rights in evolving recommendations on education of children to abolish child labour.

o Born on 10th November 1956 to Freedom Fighter and Founder Editor of Janadharma Weekly and Warangal Vani Daily, Late M. S. Acharya and Mrs. Ranganayakamma, Dr Sridhar is educated in Masoom Ali High School, AVV Junior College, CKM College, Law College Warangal, and Osmania University, Hyderabad.
Office Memorandum

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

The Union of India is in the process of making appointments to the post of Information Commissioners in Central Information Commission.

2. As per Section 12(3) of the Act, the Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners shall be appointed by the President on the recommendation of a committee consisting of—

(i) the Prime Minister, who shall be the Chairperson of the committee;
(ii) the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha; and
(iii) a Union Cabinet Minister to be nominated by the Prime Minister.

Explanation.—For the purposes of removal of doubts, it is hereby declared that where the Leader of Opposition in the House of the People has not been recognised as such, the Leader of the single largest group in opposition of the Government in the House of the People shall be deemed to be the Leader of Opposition.

3. Lok Sabha Secretariat is requested to kindly clarify whether any leader of opposition in the Lok Sabha has been recognized. If the leader of opposition in the Lok Sabha has not been recognized as such, it is requested to kindly intimate the name of the leader of the single largest group in opposition of the Government in Lok Sabha, for the purpose of selection of Information Commissioners as per the RTI Act.

(Sandeep Jain)
Director (IR)
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To

Shri V. R. Ramesh,
Joint Secretary,
(Table Office)
46-A, Parliament House
New Delhi

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LOK SABHA SECRETARIAT
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Subject: Information regarding Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha.

Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Department of Personnel & Training may refer to their OM No.4/4/2014-IR dated 12 June, 2014 on the above subject.

2. As on date, there is no Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha. Indian National Congress with a strength of 44 members is, however, the single largest party in opposition to the Government in Lok Sabha. As per information received from the party, Shri Mallikarjun Kharge is the Leader of Indian National Congress in Lok Sabha.

3. Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Department of Personnel & Training may see for information.

(RAVINDRA GARIMELLA)
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Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Department of Personnel & Training [Shri Sandeep Jain, Director (IR)], North Block, New Delhi.

L.S.S. U.O. No.46/2/2014/T(B) dated the 19 June, 2014
Subject: Appointment of Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission.

Reference is invited to the note dated 15.07.2014 of Department of Personnel & Training on file No. 4/7/2014-IR on the subject cited above.

2. The Prime Minister has nominated Shri Arun Jaitley, Union Cabinet Minister of Finance, Corporate Affairs and Defence, as the Member of the Selection Committee under of Section 12(3) of the RTI Act.

3. The undersigned is directed to convey that the matter shall be resubmitted for a decision on date of meeting of Selection Committee, after the issue raised in para 6 of the aforesaid note is decided.

4. The file/folder No. 4/7/2014-IR of the Department of Personnel & Training is returned herewith.

(Signature)
(V. Sheshadri)
Director
Tel. No. 2301 3485

Secretary, Department of Personnel & Training

Dated. 21.07.2014
AGENDA NOTE FOR THE MEETING OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR THE POST OF CHIEF INFORMATION COMMISSIONER

Shri Rajiv Mathur, the present Chief Information Commissioner of the Central Information Commission, will be completing his tenure on 22.8.2014. As per Section 12(2) of the RTI Act 2005, the Central Information Commission shall have one Chief Information Commissioner and up to 10 Central Information Commissioners. It is necessary to select the new Chief Information Commissioner by 22.8.2014.

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

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

2.1 Further, as per explanation below Section 12(3) of the RTI Act, 2005, for the purposes of removal of doubts, it is hereby declared that where the leader of the Opposition in the House of the People has not been recognised as such, the Leader of the single largest group in opposition of the Government in the House of the People shall be deemed to be the leader of opposition.

2.2 The Prime Minister has nominated Shri Arun Jaitley, Minister of Finance, Corporate Affairs and Defence to the Selection Committee. On the issue of Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha, it has been clarified by the Ministry of Law (Department of Legal Affairs) that the leader of the single largest party in opposition in Lok Sabha can be considered as the leader of single largest group in opposition in Lok Sabha, for the limited purpose of Section 12(3) of the RTI ACT, 2005. Thus, the composition of the Selection Committee will be as under:

(i) The Prime Minister, Chairman of the Committee;
(ii) Shri Mallikarjun Kharge, the Leader of Indian National Congress in Lok Sabha-Member, and
(iii) Shri Arun Jaitley, Union Minister of Finance, Corporate Affairs and Defence-Member

3. Sub-sections (5) & (6) of Section 12 of the RTI Act provide that the Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners shall be persons of eminence in public life with wide knowledge and experience in law, science and technology, social service, management, journalism, mass media or administration and governance. The Chief Information Commissioner or an Information Commissioner shall not be a Member of Parliament or Member of the Legislature of any State or Union
Territory, as the case may be, or hold any office of profit or connected with any political party or carrying on any business or pursuing any profession.

4. Sub-sections (1) & (2) of Section 13 of the Act provide that the Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners can hold office for a term of 5 years or till the age of 65 years, whichever is earlier. An Information Commissioner, on vacating his office, can be appointed as the Chief Information Commissioner subject to the condition that his term of office shall not be more than five years in aggregate as Information Commissioner and Chief Information Commissioner.

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 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. Thereafter, the same practice was followed in the selection of subsequent Chief Information Commissioners viz. Shri Satyanand Mishra (December, 2010), Smt. Deepak Sandhu (September, 2013), Smt. Sushma Singh (December, 2013) and Shri Rajiv Mathur (May, 2014).

6. Details of persons holding the post of Information Commissioner as on is given below:

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7. Bio-data of the existing Information Commissioners in the Central Information Commission is enclosed (Annexure-A).

8. Submitted for consideration of the Selection Committee.
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| Area of Eminence | (a) Administration and Governance, and (b) Law |

**Experience**

- **Expert Member, National Green Tribunal, Principal Bench, New Delhi**

- **Public Service in I.A.S.**: Recent posting was as Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests (2008-10). Worked as Joint Secretary (1995-2001) in the same Ministry. Growing public interest in sustainability issues led to engage civil society productively and resolve information bottlenecks. As Additional/ Special Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat (2005-08), apart from servicing the Cabinet and its Committees, improved public service delivery systems, e.g., the procedures for renewal and issuance of passports. Was Secretary to State Government of UP for Environment, Housing and Energy. Had assignments in agricultural financing, cooperative banking and manufacturing. Also had a posting in the United Nations Environment Programme.

- **Law**: Education in law at University College London and Harvard Law School. Was instrumental in formulating the system for international emission trading and the Clean Development Mechanism as Coordinator & Spokesperson for the “Group of 77 & China” in the Kyoto Protocol debate (1995-2001). In the early years did district/sub-division court-work painstakingly. Posted to the State Chief Secretary’s Branch for personnel and Cabinet matters (1979-81).

- **Information**: The jurisprudence of right-based information, including exemption from disclosure issues, was handled during stint in the Cabinet Secretariat when the RTI Act was taking off. Later, as Secretary, Environment & Forests, deployed technology effectively to enhance transparency, accountability and access to information.

- **Major Initiatives** some transformational, as illustrated by the following:
  - Wrote White Paper for Controlling Pollution in Delhi: for converting the public transport system from conventional fuels to CNG (1997).
  - International Processes: Conceived and drafted the U.N Guidelines for compliance with and
enforcement of Multilateral Environmental Agreements (2001), and the Delhi Ministerial Declaration on Climate Change and Sustainable Development (2002).

- **Institutions set up**: the National Environmental Appellate Authority (1997), the National Ganga River Basin Authority (2009) and the National Green Tribunal (2010).

- **India's Profile**: the Conference of Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change in New Delhi (2002) and the Conference of Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity in Hyderabad (2012) resulted from the personal initiative.

- **Law and Policy**: Drafted statutory norms for biomedical, plastics and solid wastes, noise, hazardous substances and chemical accidents, environmental clearances, coastal management, housing policy for U.P., and protocol for managing government lands.

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**Achievements / Work done / Experience :**

- Qualified Chartered Accountant with a Post Graduate Diploma in Bank Management having over 37 years experience in the areas of Banking & Finance, Corporate and Taxation Laws, Accounting Standards, Audit Functions, Compliance, Administration etc.
- Joined Bank of India, a Public Sector Bank as Direct Recruit Officer in April 1974. Held various positions at field level including overseas posting and in administrative offices, posted as General Manager and Chief Financial officer of the Bank from October 21, 2002 to April 30, 2006 and thereafter as Chief Risk Officer upto February 28, 2007.
- Deputy Managing Director, Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) from March 01, 2007 to August 30, 2009. This was a Board Level appointment at par with whole time Directors of Public Sector Banks.
- Chairman & Managing Director, Syndicate Bank from August 31, 2009 to February 29, 2012.

**Others :**

- Was Bank of India's nominee on the Board of Directors of Indo-Zambian Bank, a joint venture with the Government of Zambia and on Commonwealth Finance Corporation Ltd., a company located in Hong Kong.
- Worked as Member of Auditing and Assurance Standards Board and also Study Group on International Financial Reporting Standards constituted by Institute of Chartered Accountants of India and Committee on Taxation constituted by Indian Banks Association.
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|                  | - Master in Management, Asian Institute of Management, Manila  |
| Area of Eminence| Administration, Governance and Business Management |

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| - Member of 1976 batch of Indian Police Service – Madhya Pradesh Cadre. Served in various capacities in the State:  
| - as Superintendent of Police in four districts supervising crime, law and order and related issues (1979-1986).  
| - as Deputy Inspector General of Police, Bhopal range covering four districts i.e. Bhopal, Sehore, Raisen and Vidisha (1994-96).  
| - as Director, Youth and Sports, Government of Madhya Pradesh (1996-97).  
| - Inducted as Deputy Secretary/ Director, Joint Intelligence Committee, Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India (1986-92)  
| - Served as Special Assistant to the Union Minister of Environment, Government of India (1992-1993)  
| - Joined the Intelligence Bureau in 1997 - dealt with a range of issues pertaining to National Security while serving at various desks. Later served as Additional Director/ Special Director, Intelligence Bureau (2008-12), supervising/handling various fields relating to Governance, Management and National Security  
| - Last posting as Secretary (Security), Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India (2012-13). In the same capacity was designated as the Convener of National Crisis Management Committee, headed by the Cabinet Secretary |
Awards

Recipient of the

- President's Police Medal for Distinguished service in 2002.
- Indian Police Medal for Meritorious service in 1994.
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- Shri Sharat Sabharwal joined the Indian Foreign Service in 1975. After serving in various positions in the Permanent Mission of India to the UN in Geneva and the Indian Missions in Madagascar, France and Mauritius, he was Director / Joint Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs in New Delhi from 1990 to 1995. The positions held by him in the more recent years have been Deputy High Commissioner of India in Pakistan (1995-99), Deputy Permanent Representative of India to the UN in Geneva (1999-2002), Ambassador of India to Uzbekistan (2002-2005) and Additional Secretary/Special Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs (September 2005-March 2009).

- Shri Sabharwal was High Commissioner of India to Pakistan from April 2009 to June 2013.

- Shri Sabharwal has been Deputy leader/member of the Indian delegations to the UN General Assembly, the erstwhile UN Commission on Human Rights, International Labour Conference and World Health Assembly. He was also Deputy Leader of the Indian delegation to the International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent held in Geneva in October 1999 and member of the Indian delegation to the World Conference against Racism, held in Durban in September 2001.
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**Education Qualification**

- M.A. History from the Punjab University – 1971 - 1973
- B.A. (Hons.) History from Punjab University – 1968-1971
- Diploma in French language from Punjab University
- Certificate course in German language
- Attended the National Defence College at New Delhi for an eleven-month course

**Experience in administration, governance and postal management**

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| Area of Eminence | 40 Years Legal Experience |

- Shri M. A. Khan Yusufi joined the Central Information Commission as **Information Commissioner** on **22nd November, 2013.** Prior to joining the Central Information Commission, has been a **Chairperson, Airport Appellate Tribunal,** Ministry of Civil Aviation, Safdarjung Airport, Rajiv Gandhi Bhawan, New Delhi, w.e.f. **03.02.2012 to 22.11.2013.**

- Apart from above, also discharged the duties of the following assignments/posts on the appointment, as such:

  - **Jt. Secretary & Legal Adviser** in the Ministry of Law and Justice, Department of Legal Affairs and tendered **legal advice** to various Ministries/Departments Govt. of India, such as, M/o. Home Affairs, M/o. Finance, M/o. Urban Development, M/o. Commerce & Industry, M/o. Information & Broadcasting, M/o. Corporate Affairs, M/o. Human Resource Development, M/o. Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, DoPT, etc.

  - **Chief Vigilance Officer** for 6 years in Ministry of Law & Justice, Department of Legal Affairs.

  - **First Appellate Authority** under RTI Act-2005 for 6 yrs in M/o. Law & Justice.

  - **Sole Arbitrator** dealt no. of arbitration cases assigned by Law Secretary along with other functions.

  - **In-charge of the Judicial Section**, Department of Legal Affairs, M/o. Law & Justice for empanelment of various kind of Govt. counsel and even appointment of Law Officers as
Attorney General of India, Solicitor General & Additional Solicitor General, etc.

- **Member-** Appellate Tribunal Foreign Exchange, M/o. Law & Justice, Janpath, New Delhi.
- **Member (Law)** of Mines Tribunal in Ministry of Mines, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
- **Legal Adviser,** M/o. Labour & Employment, New Delhi.
- **Nodal Officer** of Sixth Pay Commission in Ministry of Law & Justice.
- **Arbitrator**- in the Directorate General of Supplies & Disposal (DGS&D)
- On being deputation, as **Director (L)** in Ministry of Chemical and Fertilizer and advised them on various references and also conducted and supervised their litigation pending in various Courts of Law in Delhi/New Delhi and outside Delhi.
- **Deputy Director (Litigation) and Estate Officer** in the Directorate of Estates in the Ministry of Urban Development
- After having being selected through UPSC as **Assistant Legal Adviser** (Grade IV of ILS) in Indian Legal Service, worked as **Senior Counsel of CPWD,** Ministry of Urban Development advising on the subject of Arbitration Act 1940, Companies Act, 1956, Partnership Act, 1935 and also acted as **Senior Counsel** and appeared and argued on their behalf before various- arbitrators. Also acted as **Administrative Officer** of the said unit of CPWD.
- Worked in litigation side of Ministry of Law & Justice in various courts of Law i.e. District Courts, High Courts and even Supreme Court as an official of Law Ministry and dealt with the Govt. cases with thorough knowledge of law.

### Achievements

- As **Chairperson** of AAT, heard and decided no. of **land cases** pertaining to encroachment of Airports Authority of India's land spread all over India.
- As **First Appellate Authority** (FAA) in M/o. Law & Justice, Department of Law, heard and decided thousands Appeals filed u/s 19(1) of RTI Act 2005 after due notices to the parties concerned.
- Also attended no. of Conferences, Seminars & Meetings held in Delhi and even in foreign countries on various subjects of law including Intellectual Property Rights, on behalf of Law Ministry
- Dealt with **no. of Vigilance cases** on being appointed as **Chief Vigilance Officer** in Ministry of Law and Justice, Department of Legal Affairs, New Delhi.
- **Deputy Director (Lit)**- Directorate of Estates, M/o. Urban Development, acted as their Legal Adviser and also discharged duties of **Estate Officer** and decided thousands of eviction cases under the provisions of PP Act -1971 after due notice to the parties concerned.
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Curriculum Vitae

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- Professor (Dr.) Madabhushanam Sridhar Acharyulu (known with pen name Madabhushi Sridhar) is an Author of 30 books on Law & Journalism both in English and Telugu languages. He was professor of law at National Academy of Legal Studies and Research (NALSAR) University of Law at Hyderabad till 20th November 2013 which he resigned to take up the position of Central Information Commissioner at New Delhi on 22nd November 2013.

- He wrote four books on Right to Information subject. He was a resource person at training workshops on Right to Information for the Information Commissioners organized by National Law School of India, Bengaluru and Center for Good Governance, Hyderabad. He was training different administrative officers, scientists, engineers and academicians at Administrative Staff College of India ASCI Hyderabad on RTI. Some of his popular books are: Right to Information-Law and Practice, Nirbhaya Act, Legal Language, Law of Expression, and Alternative Dispute Resolution. Professor Sridhar is given Best Teacher Award by Andhra Pradesh Government in September 2013.

- A double post graduate with LL.M., and M.C.J (Journalism) from Osmania University, Madabhushi achieved FIVE Gold Medals in all. Madabhushi has penned more than 100 research articles, developed lessons in Media Law and Journalism, presented papers at International and National Seminars on subjects of socio-legal importance and a columnist both in English and Vernacular Telugu on socio-legal issues in Daily Newspapers and the web journals. He wrote edit page articles in Eenadu, the Largest Circulated Telugu Daily and Property Law matters in Deccan Chronicle, Indian Express, The Hindu and The Hans India, Hyderabad. Besides, he also designed and presented various legal awareness programs on popular tv channels like ETV and HMTV. His BhoomiKosam (=for land) program on HMTV has spread awareness about land rights in AP. He wrote several articles on media and law in www.thehoot.org and indiacurrentaffairs.org websites.

- At NALSAR University of Law Hyderabad, he was coordinator of Center for Media Law and Public Policy and Registrar. Coordinator of NALSAR Proximate Education, MHRD Chair Professor of IPR in 2009-10. Prior to 2005 he was engaged by AP Government to draft legislation on Right to Information Bill. He led the teams to draft the legislations on Right to Redressal of Grievances, Rent Controls, Abolition of Child Labour and Compulsory Education, for Andhra Pradesh Government. For International Water Management Institute (IWMI) he studied thousand judgments of District Courts on enhancement of compensation for Land Acquisition, and presented an analytical report, based on which a paper also was presented at International Workshop on Inter-linking of Rivers and Issues, at New Delhi in 2009. For ILO he studied the status of Contract Labour in Andhra Pradesh in 2008. Dr. Madabhushi is also associated with the efforts of National Commission for Protection of Child Rights in evolving recommendations on education of children to abolish child labour.

- Born on 10th November 1956 to Freedom Fighter and Founder Editor of Janadharma Weekly and Warangal Vani Daily, Late M. S. Acharya and Mrs. Ranganayakamma, Dr Sridhar is educated in Masoom Ali High School, AVV Junior College, CKM College, Law College Warangal, and Osmania University, Hyderabad.
PRIME MINISTER’S OFFICE

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South Block,
New Delhi – 110 011

Subject: Appointment of Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission.

Reference is invited to the DoP&T’s note dated 31.07.2014 of file No. 4/7/2014-IR on the subject cited above.

2. Prime Minister has desired that for the sake of consistency and uniformity in approach, the procedure for selection of Information Commissioners which includes, among other things, advertising the post and short listing by a Search Committee, may be adopted for appointment to the post of Central Information Commissioner as well. Such short-listed panel may then be placed before the Selection Committee for its consideration.

3. DoPT’s file / folder Nos. 4/7/2014-IR is returned herewith.

(V. Sheshadri)
Director
Tel. No. 2301 3485

Secretary, Department of Personnel & Training
PMO ID no. 600/31/C/39/2013-ES.2 (Vol.8)
Dated 17.10.2014

[Signatures and dates]

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Subject: Appointment of Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission.

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2. It is proposed to appoint Chief Information Commissioner in the Commission. The Act provides that the Chief Information Commissioner shall be person of eminence in public life with wide knowledge and experience in law, science and technology, social service, management, journalism, mass-media or administration and governance.

3. Further, the Chief Information Commissioner shall not be a Member of Parliament or Member of the Legislature of any State or Union Territory, as the case may be, or hold any other office of profit or connected with any political party or carrying on any business or pursuing any profession. It is clarified that cessation/termination of holding of office of profit, pursuing any profession or carrying any business is a condition precedent to the appointment of a person as Chief Information Commissioner.

4. The Chief Information Commissioner shall hold office for a term of five years from the date on which he enters upon his office or till he attains the age of 65 years, whichever is earlier. The salary and allowances payable to the Chief Information Commissioner shall be the same as that of the Chief Election Commissioner, subject to adjustment of the pensionary/retirement benefits availed by him, if any, in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

5. Persons fulfilling the criteria for appointment as Chief Information Commissioner and interested for appointment to the post may send their particulars in the enclosed proforma by post to Under Secretary (RTI), Department of Personnel and Training, North Block, New Delhi or through e-mail to usrti-dopt@nic.in by 20th November, 2014. Persons who are serving under the State/Central Government or any other Organization, may send their particulars through proper channel.

(Sandeep Jain)
Director
Tel: 23092755
Proforma for sending particulars for consideration for the post of Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission

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   b) Mobile : 
   c) Fax : 
5. E-mail Address : 
6. Educational Qualification : 
7. Area of Eminence : 
8. Present Occupation : 
9. Achievements/Work Experience (in brief) : 

Date : 
Signature :

Place : 
Name :
विषय:- केन्द्रीय सूचना आयोग में मुख्य सूचना आयुक्त की नियुक्ति।

भारत सरकार ने सूचना का अधिकार अधिनियम, 2005 (अधिनियम) के अंतर्गत केन्द्रीय सूचना आयोग नाम से जात एक निकाय का गठन अधिनियम में प्रदत्त शक्तियाँ का प्रयोग करने एवं उसे सीमित कर देते के निर्देशों हेतु किया है। यह नई दिल्ली में स्थित है। आयोग में मुख्य सूचना आयुक्त एवं दस से अन्धधिक सूचना आयुक्त होंगे। केन्द्रीय सूचना आयोग में मुख्य सूचना आयुक्त की शक्तियाँ एवं दायित्व सूचना का अधिकार अधिनियम के अनुसार हैं।

2. आयोग में मुख्य सूचना आयुक्त की नियुक्ति किया जाना प्रस्तावित है। अधिनियम में प्रावधान है कि मुख्य सूचना आयुक्त, विधि, विज्ञान एवं प्रौद्योगिकी, समाज सेवा, प्रबंधन, पत्रकारिता, जनसंस्करण माध्यम एवं प्रशासन तथा शासन का व्यापक जान और अनुभव रखने वाले जनजीवन में प्रख्यात व्यक्ति होगा।

3. इसके अतिरिक्त, मुख्य सूचना आयुक्त यथास्थिति संसद का सदस्य या किसी राज्य या संघ राज्य क्षेत्र के विधान मण्डल का सदस्य नहीं होगा या कोई अन्य लाभ का पद धारित नहीं करेगा या किसी राजनैतिक दल से संबंध नहीं होगा अथवा कोई कार्यालय नहीं करेगा या कोई वृत्त नहीं करेगा। यह स्पष्ट किया जाता है कि मुख्य सूचना आयुक्त के रूप में नियुक्ति से पूर्व संबंधित व्यक्ति को लाभ का पद, कोई कार्यालय या व्यापार छोड़ना/बंद करना होगा।

4. मुख्य सूचना आयुक्त, उस तारीख से, जिसको वह अपना पद ग्रहण करता है पांच वर्ष की अवधि के लिए या पाँच साल की आयु प्राप्त करने तक, इनमें से जो भी पूर्तित हो, पद धारण करेगा। मुख्य सूचना आयुक्त को वेतन एवं भत्ते मुख्य चुनाव आयुक्त के समान देने होंगे बसर्थ कि इस अधिनियम के प्राधिकृतों के अनुसार उसके द्वारा लिए गए पेशन/सेवानिवृत्ति लाभ, यदि कोई हो, को समायोजित कर लिया जाएगा।

5. मुख्य सूचना आयुक्त की नियुक्ति के लिए मापदंड पूरा करने वाले इच्छुक व्यक्ति अपने विवरण संलग्न प्रपत्र में अवर सचिव (आरटीआई), कार्यालय और प्रशिक्षण विभाग, नई दिल्ली, नई दिल्ली को डाक द्वारा या ई-मेल usrti-dopt@nic.in के माध्यम से 20 नवंबर, 2014 तक भेज सकते हैं। राज्य/केन्द्रीय सरकार या अन्य किसी संगठन के अन्तर्गत सेवारत व्यक्ति अपने विवरण समुचित माध्यम से भेजें।

(संदीप जैन)
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केंद्रीय सूचना आयोग में मुख्य सूचना आयुक्त के पद पर विचारार्थ श्रेणी जाने वाले विवरण संबंधी प्रपत्र

कृपया नवीनतम पासपोर्ट आकार का फोटो चिपकाएं

1. नाम :
2. जन्म तिथि :
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4. संपर्क संख्या
   क) दूरभाष (एसटीडी कोड सहित) :
   ख) मोबाइल :
   ग) फैक्स :
5. ई-मेल पता :
6. शैक्षिक अहेताएं :
7. विशेषज्ञता क्षेत्र :
8. वर्तमान व्यवसाय :
9. उपलब्धियां/कार्य अनुभव (संक्षेप में) :

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Applications are invited for the post of Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission, located at New Delhi.

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6. Educational Qualification : 
7. Area of Eminence : 
8. Present Occupation : 
9. Achievements/Work Experience (in brief) : 

Date : Signature :
Place : Name :
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2. आयोग में मुख्य सूचना आयुक्त की नियुक्ति किया जाना प्रस्तावित है । अधिनियम में प्रावधान है कि मुख्य सूचना आयुक्त, विधि, विज्ञान एवं प्रौद्योगिकी, समाज सेवा, प्रबंध, पत्रकारिता, जनसंपक माध्यम या प्रशासन तथा शासन का व्यापक ज्ञान और अनुभव रखने वाले जनजीवन में प्रख्यात व्यक्ति होगा ।

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4. मुख्य सूचना आयुक्त, उस तारीख से, जिसको वह अपना पद ग्रहण करता है पाँच वर्ष की अवधि के लिए या पेशेवर वर्ष की आयु प्राप्त करने तक, इनमें से जो भी पूर्वतन हो, पद धारण करेगा । मुख्य सूचना आयुक्त को वेतन एवं भत्ते मुख्य चुनाव आयुक्त के समान देंगे होंगे बशर्ते कि इस अधिनियम के प्रावधानों के अनुसार उसके दौरान लिए गए पेशेवर/सेवानिवृत्त लाभ, यदि कोई हैं, को समायोजित कर लिया जाएगा ।

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The court also fined him Rs.2,000, failing which he would further serve six months of imprisonment.

Begged outside Kali Mandir

AccusedHasin Ahmed had bashed Sanjay’s head against the road over ownership of a blanket in January 2012. The incident had occurred outside a Kali Mandir in Rohini in Outer Delhi. The two used to beg outside the shrine and stayed there on the footpath.

Earlier, the court had stayed the trial when it was medically proved that the mental condition of the accused was not in a position to face it. After his medical examination showed that he was fit to face the trial and since the accused gave proper responses on the queries put to him by the court, it later resumed the trial.

Culpable homicide

When the court rejected the amicus curiae submission for giving the accused immunity from trial, he argued for converting the case from murder into culpable homicide not amounting to murder, arguing that it had occurred on the

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AAP wants new voters

Staff Reporter

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A party delegation met Delhi Chief Electoral Officer Vijay Dev and demanded that even details of those whose names are being deleted due to any reason must be uploaded.

“We have requested the authorities to put the details online so that people can cross check the details. The officials assured us that they would act...
Prosecution to appeal verdict

Johannesburg: South African prosecutors will appeal the verdict and sentencing of Oscar Pistorius, who was handed a 5-year prison term after being convicted of culpable homicide, the country’s National Prosecuting Authority said on Monday. “We are appealing it,” said Nathi Mncube, Mncube, a prosecution spokesman. “Both conviction and sentence.”

Prosecutors will file papers in court, and more details about their appeal arguments will be available at that time, Mncube said. Pistorius started serving his prison sentence on Oct. 21 after he was acquitted of murder by a judge and found guilty of a lesser charge of culpable homicide, or manslaughter, for shooting girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp through a toilet door in his home last year.

Under the current terms, the Olympic runner is eligible for release after 10 months and would then complete his sentence under house arrest. At the time of the sentencing, Mncube said prosecutors were disappointed with the culpable homicide conviction and that prosecutors believed they had a strong murder case against the double-amputee athlete.

The decision to go ahead with further court action means Pistorius could still face a murder conviction and a much longer prison term for killing Steenkamp.

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PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

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South Block,
New Delhi – 110 011

Sub: Selection of two Information Commissioner (ICs) in Central Information Commission (CIC)

Reference is invited to the proposal of the Department contained in the note dated 20.02.2014 at page 1-3/n in the DoPT's File no. 4/4/2014-IR, on the above subject.

2. The Prime Minister has approved the following proposals of the DoPT as contained in para 5 of the aforesaid Note:

(i) Action for selection of two ICs in CIC, may be initiated;

(ii) The same procedure as was followed during the last selection of ICs, by issuing a draft circular for inviting applications and draft advertisement for newspapers as per draft submitted, may be followed;

(iii) The same Search Committee for appointment of the ICs, may continue.

3. As proposed by MoS (PP), DoPT may also inform Election Commission of India of the commencement of the process immediately.

4. The DoPT's File no. 4/4/2014-IR is returned herewith.

(Dheeraj Gupta)
Joint Secretary to PM
Tel: 2301 5944

Secretary, Department of Personnel & Training
PMO ID no. 600/31/C/18/2014-ES.2 Dated. 25.02.2014
PRIME MINISTER’S OFFICE

South Block,
New Delhi – 110 011

Subject: Selection of Chief Information Commissioner/Information Commissioners in Central Information Commission.

Reference is invited to DoPT’s note on pages 37-39/N of file no. 4/4/2014-IR(Main) dated 03.09.2014 on the subject cited above.

2. The undersigned is directed to convey that the Prime Minister has approved the following:

(a) the earlier practice of having a Search Committee headed by the Cabinet Secretary to scrutinize the applications and shortlist candidates for consideration of the Selection Committee may continue.

(b) the Search Committee may comprise the following:

(i) Cabinet Secretary - Chairman
(ii) Additional Principal Secretary to PM - Member
(iii) Secretary (Personnel) - Member
(iv) Secretary (Information & Broadcasting) - Member
(v) Law Secretary - Member
(vi) Prof. Ramesh Chand, Director National Centre for Agricultural Economics and Policy (NCAP) - Member

3. DoPT’s file/folders no. 4/4/2014-IR(Main) is returned herewith.

(V. Sheshadri)
Director
Tel. No. 2301 3485

Secretary, Department of Personnel & Training
PMO ID no. 600/31/C/18/2014-ES.2
Dated. 22.09.2014

On file please.

23.09.2014

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PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

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South Block,
New Delhi – 110 011

Subject: Search Committee for filling up the posts of Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioner.

Reference is invited to DoPT's note on pages 36-37/N of file no. 4/7/2014-IR dated 09.12.2014 on the subject cited above.

2. The Prime Minister has approved reconstitution of the Search Committee for shortlisting a panel of names for the post of Information Commissioner and Chief Information Commissioner in Central Information Commission as under:

(i) Cabinet Secretary - Chairman
(ii) Additional Principal Secretary to PM - Member
(iii) Secretary (Personnel) - Member
(iv) Home Secretary - Member
(v) Secretary, D/o Expenditure - Member
(vi) Prof. Ramesh Chand, Director National Centre for Agricultural Economics and Policy (NCAP) - Member

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(V. Sheshadri)
Director
Tel. No. 2301 3485

Secretary, Department of Personnel & Training

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has already been sought from the Lok Sabha Secretariat. Nomination of a Union Cabinet Minister to the Selection Committee would also be sought before convening the meeting of Selection Committee.

7. It is submitted for orders of Hon‘ble Prime Minister as to whether the third post may be filled up after fresh advertisement or the third post may be filled up from the existing applicants, who have applied against the advertisement for the earlier two posts.

8. Director (UR)

9. JS (AT/A)

10. ED/AS

11. The process filling up all the three vacancies of Information Commissioners may be initiated afresh.

12. Hon‘ble PM has approved the recommendation of MOS (PP) at para 11 above that the process of filling up all the three vacancies of Information Commissioners be initiated afresh.

(V. SHESHADRI)
Director
Prime Minister's Office
South Block, New Delhi

Secretory, Dept.

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Dated 10/7/14
F. No.4/4/2014 – IR  
Government of India  
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions  
(Department of Personnel and Training)  

North Block, New Delhi  
Dated: July 16th, 2014

Subject: **Appointment of Information Commissioners in the Central Information Commission.**

The Government of India has constituted a body under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (the Act) known as the Central Information Commission to exercise the powers conferred on and to perform the functions assigned to it under the Act. It is located in New Delhi. The Commission shall have the Chief Information Commissioner and upto ten Information Commissioners. The present composition of the Central Information Commission can be seen at www.cic.gov.in. The powers and functions of an Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission are as per chapter V of the Act.

2. Vide this Department’s circular of even number dated 25/02/2014, as advertised in newspapers vide advertisement no. davp 32101/11/0008/1314 published on 28/02/2014, applications were invited for the post of Information Commissioners in the Central Information Commission. It is now proposed to appoint more Information Commissioners in the Commission. Those who have applied earlier in response to the circular dated 25/02/2014 need not apply afresh. They will be considered along with other applicants to this circular.

3. The Act provides that the Information Commissioners shall be persons of eminence in public life with wide knowledge and experience in law, science and technology, social service, management, journalism, mass-media or administration and governance.

4. Further, the Information Commissioner shall not be a Member of Parliament or Member of the Legislature of any State or Union Territory, as the case may be, or hold any other office of profit or connected with any political party or carrying on any business or pursuing any profession. It is clarified that cessation/termination of holding of office of profit, pursuing any profession or carrying any business is a condition precedent to the appointment of a person as Information Commissioner.

5. An Information Commissioner shall hold office for a term of five years from the date on which he enters upon his office or till he attains the age of 65 years, whichever is earlier. The salary and allowances payable to an Information Commissioner shall be the same as that of an Election Commissioner, subject to adjustment of the pensionary/retirement benefits availed by him, if any, in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

6. Persons fulfilling the criteria for appointment as Information Commissioner and interested for appointment to the post may send their particulars in the enclosed proforma by post to Under Secretary (RTI), Department of Personnel and Training,
North Block, New Delhi or through e-mail to usrti-dopt@nic.in by August 19th, 2014. Persons who are serving under the State/Central Government or any other Organization, may send their particulars through proper channel.

(Sandeep Jain)
Director
Tel: 23092755
Proforma for sending particulars for consideration for the post of Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission

Please affix the latest passport size photograph

1. Name :
2. Date of Birth :
3. Present Address :
4. Contact No.
   a) Telephone (along with STD code) :
   b) Mobile :
   c) Fax :
5. E-mail Address :
6. Educational Qualification :
7. Area of Eminence :
8. Present Occupation :
9. Achievements/Work Experience (in brief) :

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Pages 151 to 273 contain particulars of applicants for the post of Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission.

The particulars are personal in nature and exempt under Section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act.
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Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions  
Department of Personnel and Training  

North Block, New Delhi  
Dated: 31st December 2014  

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i. Cabinet Secretary  
   Chairman

ii. Additional Principal Secretary to PM  
    Member

iii. Secretary (Personnel)  
    Member

iv. Home Secretary  
    Member

v. Secretary D/o Expenditure  
    Member

vi. Prof. Ramesh Chand, Director National Centre for Agricultural Economics & Policy (NCAP)  
    Member

2. Meeting of the Search Committee would be held on 16.01.2015 at 3.30 p.m. in the Cabinet Secretariat, Rashtrapati Bhawan. Two agenda notes viz. one for preparation of panel for Chief Information Commissioner and another for preparation of panel for Information Commissioners are annexed.

3. Kindly make it convenient to attend the meeting.

Encl: As above.

(Sandeep Jain)  
Director (IR)  
2309 2755

1. Cabinet Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat, Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi.
2. Additional Principal Secretary to PM, Prime Minister's Office, South Block, New Delhi.
3. Secretary (Personnel), D/o Personnel & Training, North Block, New Delhi.
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Copy to:-
PPS to Cabinet Secretary - to provide secretarial assistance to the Search Committee.
Agenda Note

Appointment of Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission.

1. As per section 12 (2) of the Act, the Central Information Commission shall consist of the Chief Information Commissioner and such number of Central Information Commissioners, not exceeding ten, as may be deemed necessary. At present, the Central Information Commission has Chief Information Commissioner and 8 (eight) Information Commissioners.

2. 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.

The Act further explains that for the purpose of removal of doubts, it is hereby declared that where the Leader of the Opposition in the House of the People has not been recognized as such, the Leader of the single largest group in opposition of the Government in the House of the People shall be deemed to be the Leader of Opposition.

3. Section 12(6) of the RTI Act, 2005 mandates that “The Chief Information commissioner or an Information Commissioner shall not be a Member of Parliament or Member of the Legislature of any State or Union territory, as the case may be, or hold any other office of profit or connected with any political party or carrying on any business or pursuing any profession.”

4. PMO has directed that for the sake of consistency and uniformity in approach, the procedure for selection of Information Commissioner which includes, among other things, advertising the post and short listing by a Search Committee, may be adopted for appointment to the post of Chief Information Commissioner as well. Such short-listed panel may then be placed before the Selection Committee for its consideration.

5. Accordingly, a circular was posted on the website of DoPT inviting applications to the post of Chief Information Commissioner on 24.10.2014. The post was also advertised in three leading newspapers (two in English and one in Hindi) as was done for appointment to the posts of Information Commissioners. The last date of receipt of applications is
24.11.2014. A total number of 203 applications for the post of Chief Information Commissioner in CIC were received. Applications received after the cut-off date of 24/11/2014 are not being considered.

6. As per Section 12(5) of the RTI Act, 2005, the Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners shall be persons of eminence in public life with wide knowledge and experience in "law, science and technology, social service, management, journalism, mass media or administration and governance."

7. Accordingly, all these 203 applications have been broadly categorised into 7 categories of knowledge and experience, as mentioned above. Few applications which do not fall within these 7 categories, have been mentioned in "others" category. However, for the sake of categorisation, only the main field of knowledge and experience have been mentioned, while the additional fields of knowledge and experience, if any, have not been indicated. Tabulated details on the basis of such categorisation is at Annexure-I.

8. The category-wise distribution of these applications is as under:-

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9. It is pertinent to mention that in a Review Petition filed by Union of India against Hon'ble Supreme Court judgement dated 13.09.2012 in Namit Sharma case, the Hon'ble Supreme Court vide its judgement dated 03.09.2013, inter-alia, gave the following directions:-

(i) We direct that only persons of eminence in public life with wide knowledge and experience in the fields mentioned in Sections 12 (5) and 15 (5) of the Act be
considered for appointment as Information Commissioner and Chief Information Commissioner.

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(i) Cabinet Secretary - Chairman
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Director National Center for Agricultural Economics and Policy (NCAP)

11. During the last round of selection, the Search Committee had decided that since seeking report from CVC would take considerable time, DoPT may seek reports from CBI in respect of shortlisted persons as to whether these persons are under any investigation by the CBI. The Committee also decided that DoPT may also obtain reports from IB in respect of all the shortlisted persons and vigilance clearance from the respective cadre controlling authorities.
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CORRIGENDUM

Subject:- Appointment of Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners in Central Information Commission

Reference this Department's notice dated 31.12.2014 for meeting of Search Committee to be held on 16.1.2015 at 3.30 p.m. in the Cabinet Secretariat enclosing thereby two Agenda Notes i.e. one for preparation of panel for Chief Information Commissioner and another for preparation of panel for Information Commissioners.

2. In both the Agenda notes, in the first para, the line "At present, the Central Information Commission has Chief Information Commissioner and 8(eight) Information Commissioners" may be substituted with the line "At present, the Central Information Commission has no Chief Information Commissioner and 7(seven) Information Commissioners."

(Sandeep Jain)
Director (IR)
2309 2755

1. Cabinet Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat, Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi.
2. Additional Principal Secretary to PM, Prime Minister's Office, South Block, New Delhi.
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Department of Personnel and Training  

North Block, New Delhi  
Dated : 21st January, 2015

Meeting Notice

The Second meeting of Search Committee for recommending panel of names to the Selection Committee for appointment of Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners in the Central Information Commission will be held on 6.2.2015 at 3.30 p.m. in the Cabinet Secretariat, Rashtrapati Bhawan.

2. Kindly make it convenient to attend the meeting.

(Sandeep Jain)  
Director (IR)  
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1. Cabinet Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat, Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi.
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Department of Personnel & Training

Subject: Appointment of Chief Information Commissioner and
Information Commissioners in Central Information Commission

The last meeting of Search Committee to prepare panels for
appointment to the post of Chief Information Commissioner and
Information Commissioners in Central Information Commission was
held in the Cabinet Secretariat on 6.2.2015.

2. It is requested that date and time for the next meeting of
Search Committee may be intimated at the earliest.

(Sandeep Jain)
Director – IR
27.2.2015

Director, (kind attention Dr. Amarpreet Duggal), Cabinet Secretariat,
New Delhi

DoPT, IR Division, F.No. 4/7/2014-IR, North Block, New Delhi
No. 8/28/2014-CS (A)
CABINET SECRETARIAT

Subject: Appointment of Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners in Central Information Commission-reg.

Reference DoPT Communication No.4/7/2014-IR dated 27.02.2015.

2. Next meeting of Search Committee for appointment to the post of Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners in Central Information Commission will be held on 13th March, 2015 at 05:00 pm in the Committee Room, Cabinet Secretariat, Rashtrapati Bhawan. All the members of the Committee may kindly be requested to attend the meeting.

(M. Dharaj)
Joint Secretary
03.03.2015

Department of Personnel & Training
(Shri Sanjay Kothari, Secretary)
F.No. 4/7/2014-IR
Government of India
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
Department of Personnel and Training

North Block, New Delhi
Dated: 4th March, 2015

Meeting Notice

The third meeting of the Search Committee for recommending panel of names to the Selection Committee for appointment of Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners in the Central Information Commission will be held on 13.3.2015 (Friday) at 5.00 p.m. in the Committee Room, Cabinet Secretariat, Rashtrapati Bhawan.

2. Kindly make it convenient to attend the meeting.

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Dated: 10th March, 2015

Meeting Notice

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2. Kindly make it convenient to attend the meeting.

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Dated: 10th March, 2015

Meeting Notice

Reference notice dated 10.03.2015 (morning) regarding third meeting of the Search Committee.

The third meeting of the Search Committee (for the current round of selection for appointment of Information Commissioners and Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission) earlier scheduled to be held on 13.03.2015 (Friday) at 5.00 p.m. and rescheduled for 12.3.2015 at 4.15 p.m. in the Cabinet Secretariat, Rashtrapati Bhawan stands postponed. The date and time of the meeting shall be intimated in due course of time.

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Director (IR)
2309 2755

Cabinet Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat, Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi.
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2. Kindly make it convenient to attend the meeting.

(Sanddeep Jain)
Director (IR)
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Department of Personnel and Training  

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Dated : 30th March, 2015  

Meeting Notice  

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(Sandeep Jain)  
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PPS to Cabinet Secretary - to provide secretarial assistance to the Search Committee.
Subject: Appointment of Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners in Central Information Commission

The last meeting of Search Committee to prepare panels for appointment to the post of Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners in Central Information Commission was held in the Cabinet Secretariat on 6.2.2015.

2. It is pertinent to mention that a writ petition bearing number 3386/2015 has been filed by Shri R.K. Jain and Ors Vs Union of India in the High Court of Delhi regarding delay in appointments of Information Commissioners/Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission. The matter was last heard on 9.4.2015. On behalf of Union of India the case was represented by Shri Sanjay Jain, ASG. It was submitted before the Court by ASG that no time frame can be fixed for making the said appointments. However, the court mentioned that it would be pleased if the Search Committee complete its shortlisting in four weeks time and the whole process of appointment is completed within 3 months. Hon’ble Court also directed that it would like to be apprised of the developments in the case during the next hearing on 11.5.2015. ASG has opined that the Search Committee should complete the shortlisting process positively before the next date of hearing i.e. 11.5.2015.

3. In view of above it is requested that the next meeting of the Search Committee may kindly be scheduled at the earliest (preferably within this month i.e. April, 2015) so that the shortlisting process can be competed well before the next date of hearing.

(Sandeep Jain)
Director – IR
15.4.2015

Joint Secretary, (kind attention to Shri M. Devraj), Cabinet Secretariat, New Delhi

DoPT, IR Division, F.No. 4/7/2014-IR, North Block, New Delhi
F.No. 4/7/2014-IR  
Government of India  
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions  
Department of Personnel and Training  

North Block, New Delhi  
Dated: 21st April, 2015

Meeting Notice

Reference notice dated 30.03.2015 regarding postponement of third meeting of the Search Committee.

The third meeting of the Search Committee (for the current round of selection for appointment of Information Commissioners and Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission) will now be held on 24.04.2015 (Friday) at 5.00 p.m. in the Cabinet Secretariat, Rashtrapati Bhawan. Kindly make it convenient to attend the meeting.

(Sandeep Jain)  
Director (IR)  
2309 2755

1. Cabinet Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat, Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi.
2. Additional Principal Secretary to PM, Prime Minister's Office, South Block, New Delhi.
3. Secretary (Personnel), D/o Personnel & Training, North Block, New Delhi.
4. Secretary Home, MHA, North Block, New Delhi.
5. Secretary, D/o Expenditure, North Block, New Delhi.
6. Prof. Ramesh Chand, Director, National Centre for Agricultural Economics & Policy, DPS Marg, Pusa, New Delhi- 110 012.

Copy to:-

PPS to Cabinet Secretary - to provide secretarial assistance to the Search Committee.
Meeting Notice

Reference notice dated 21.04.2015 regarding third meeting of the Search Committee.

The third meeting of the Search Committee (for the current round of selection for appointment of Information Commissioners and Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission) scheduled to be held on 24.04.2015 (Friday) at 5.00 p.m. stands postponed. The fresh date and time of the meeting shall be intimated in due course of time.

(Sandeep Jain)
Director (IR)
2309 2755

1. Cabinet Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat, Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi.
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Meeting Notice

Reference notice dated 23.04.2015 regarding postponement of third meeting of the Search Committee.

The third meeting of the Search Committee (for the current round of selection for appointment of Information Commissioners and Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission) will now be held on 27.04.2015 (Monday) at 11.30 a.m. in the Cabinet Secretariat, Rashtrapati Bhawan. Kindly make it convenient to attend the meeting.

(Sandeep Jain)
Director (IR)
2309 2755

1. Cabinet Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat, Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi.
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Meeting Notice

Reference notice dated 24.04.2015 regarding third meeting of the Search Committee.

The third meeting of the Search Committee for recommending panel of names to the Selection Committee for appointment of Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners in the Central Information Commission scheduled to be held on 27.4.2015 (Monday) at 11.30 a.m. in the Committee Room, Cabinet Secretariat, Rashtrapati Bhawan has been post-poned and will now be held on 27.4.2015 (Monday) at 5.00 p.m. The venue of the meeting will remain same.

2. Kindly make it convenient to attend the meeting.

(Sandeep Jain)
Director (IR)
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1. Cabinet Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat, Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi.
2. Additional Principal Secretary to PM, Prime Minister's Office, South Block, New Delhi.
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2. Kindly make it convenient to attend the meeting.

(Sandeep Jain)
Director (IR)
2309 2755

1. Cabinet Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat, Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi.
2. Additional Principal Secretary to PM, Prime Minister's Office, South Block, New Delhi.
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Copy to:-
PPS to Cabinet Secretary - to provide secretarial assistance to the Search Committee.
Minutes of the meeting of the Search Committee held on 27.04.2015 for shortlisting names for selection to the posts of Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners in the Central Information Commission

Present: Shri Ajit Seth, Cabinet Secretary ... In Chair
Shri P. K. Mishra, Additional Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister
Shri Sanjay Kothari, Secretary (Personnel)
Shri L. C. Goyal, Home Secretary
Shri Ratan P. Watal, Secretary (Expenditure)
Prof. Ramesh Chand, Director, National Centre for Agricultural Economics & Policy

The Search Committee was informed that as per Section 12(2)(a) of the RTI Act, the Central Information Commission shall consist of the Chief Information Commissioner (CIC). It was further informed that as per Section 12(2) (b) of the RTI Act, the Central Information Commission shall consist of such number of Information Commissioners (IC), not exceeding ten, as may be deemed necessary. At present there is no CIC and there are seven ICs in the Central Information Commission (A list of the existing ICs is at Annexure I). The Committee had also noted the provisions of Section 12(5) of the RTI Act that the CIC and IC shall be a person of eminence in public life with wide knowledge and experience in law, science and technology, social service, management, journalism, mass media or administration and governance.

2. The Search Committee had in an earlier meeting held on 16.01.2015 taken note of the Agenda circulated on 31.12.2014 for filling up of the post of
CIC and three posts of IC. In the said meeting, after preliminary scrutiny, the Committee had decided to further consider the detailed applications of persons with experience of 30 years and above. The meetings of the Committee on 06.02.2015 and 27.04.2015 were held in continuation of the earlier meeting.

3. The Committee noted that in the meantime a case had been filed by Shri R. K. Jain & Others in the High Court of Delhi regarding delay in appointment of CIC and IC. The Committee also noted the observation of the High Court expressing concern over the delay and its direction to the respondent (Department of Personnel and Training) to report the progress made by the next date of hearing on 11.05.2015.

4. The Committee noted that Circular No 4/7/2014-IR dated 24.10.2014 seeking applications from interested persons for the post of CIC was posted on the website of Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) on 24.10.2014 and advertisement was published in 70 editions of the Dainik Bhaskar, Times of India and The Hindu on 28.10.2014. The last date for receipt of applications was 24.11.2014. A total of 203 applications had been received by the last date (The details of the 203 applicants are at Annexure II). The Committee, as per past practice, decided not to consider 04 applications which were received after the due date; their details are at Annexure III.

5. The Committee further noted that Circular No 4/4/2014-IR dated 25.02.2014 seeking applications from interested persons for two posts of IC was posted on the website of DoPT on 25.02.2014 and advertisement was published in 70 editions of the Dainik Bhaskar, Times of India and The Hindu.
On 28.02.2014. With the elevation of Shri Rajiv Mathur, the then IC as CIC on 22.05.2014, one more post of IC became vacant. It was, therefore, decided to fill three posts of IC and to invite applications afresh. Those persons who had applied earlier were not required to apply again. Accordingly, on 16.07.2014 Circular No. 4/4/2014-IR dated 16.7.2014 was posted on the website of DoPT and advertisement was also published in 70 editions of The Hindu, Times of India and Dainik Bhaskar on 23.07.2014. The last dates for receipt of applications were 25.03.2014 and 19.08.2014, respectively. A total of 553 applications had been received by the last date (The details of the 553 applicants are at Annexure IV). The Committee, as per past practice, decided not to consider 24 applications which were received after the due date; their details are at Annexure V.

6. With a view to shortlisting the candidates, the Committee deliberated upon the eligibility and suitability of each candidate in terms of her/his knowledge, eminence and experience in the categories mentioned in Section 12(5) of the RTI Act. The Committee, thereafter, shortlisted the applicants for the posts of CIC and IC.

7. After detailed deliberations, the Committee shortlisted the following applicants (in alphabetical order of surname) for the post of CIC:

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<td>Atul Kumar Gupta; IAS(Retd.) (UP:1974)</td>
<td>He is a retired IAS Officer with more than 35 years of experience. He retired as Chief Secretary of Uttar Pradesh. He served in various capacities in the State Government of Uttar Pradesh and the Central Government. He made efforts to enable panchayats and municipalities to enhance their capacity and</td>
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2. Dinesh Kumar Mehrotra; (Retired LIC Executive)

He has served as Chairman, Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC). Presently, he is Director in the Boards of TISCO, CAMS and MCX. He has 36 years of experience in the Insurance sector. He worked across various operating, service and strategic departments in India and abroad. He was a key member of various strategic and policy making committees. He spearheaded innovations in IT systems. He also supervised investment portfolio of LIC. He represented Indian insurance in international fora. He guided the creation of LIC’s Vision 2020. He got CNBC award for outstanding finance professional for 2012.

3. Vijai Sharma; IAS(Retd.) (UP:1974)

A retired IAS Officer with more than 35 years of service, he is serving as Information Commissioner in Central Information Commission since 01.03.2012. He served in various capacities in the State Government of Uttar Pradesh and Central Government. He has experience in sectors such as Environment, Vigilance, Housing, Energy, Elections, Pollution Control and Co-operative Banks. He held important assignments in U.N. such as Special adviser to Executive Director, U.N. Environment Programme and Senior adviser to the Secretary-General of the U.N. Commission on Sustainable Development. He also developed statutory norms for biomedical, plastics and solid wastes, noise, hazardous substances and chemical accidents etc. He has worked in quasi Judicial Capacity as Member (Expert), National Green Tribunal, Principal Bench, New Delhi.

8. Similarly, the Committee shortlisted the following applicants (in alphabetical order of surname) for three posts of IC:
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<td>Ashish Bahuguna, IAS(Retd.) (RJ:1978)</td>
<td>A retired IAS Officer with more than 32 years of experience, he retired as Secretary, Department of Agriculture and Cooperation. He served in various capacities in the State Government of Rajasthan and Central Government. He has wide experience of working in sectors such as Urban and Rural Development, Finance, Textiles, Tourism, Local Self Government, Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Transport. He also had exposure to tax related matters. As Member, Rajasthan Tax Tribunal, he adjudicated tax related matters.</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Sudhir Bhargava, IAS(Retd.) (RJ:1979)</td>
<td>A retired IAS Officer with more than 35 years of experience, he retired as Secretary, Department of Social Justice and Empowerment. He served in various capacities in the State Government of Rajasthan and Central Government. He has experience in sectors such as Personnel administration, Law &amp; Order, Internal Security, Urban Development, Financial Administration, Agriculture, Rural Development and Planning. He motivated colleagues to adopt holistic approach to development. He also made improvements in public service delivery mechanism. He was instrumental in setting up of Sardar Patel Institute of Textile Management, creation of Venture Capital Fund for SC entrepreneurs, conceptualizing and implementing 'Panchamrit' programme to reduce infant mortality and maternal mortality.</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Amitava Bhattacharyya, IAS(Retd.) (GJ:1980)</td>
<td>A retired IAS Officer with more than 36 years of experience, he is presently Chairman, Staff Selection Commission (SSC). He is adept in handling finance and accounts. As Chairman SSC, he is responsible for conduct of examination for recruitment in Government of India. As the head of Land Revenue Appellate Authority in Gujarat, he worked in quasi-judicial capacity and adjudicated cases against orders of Collectors. He also interpreted various acts and regulations relating to land revenue, land ceiling and land acquisition.</td>
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| **Stuti Narain Kacker**  
| **IAS(Retd.)**  
| **(UP:1978)**  

A retired IAS Officer with more than 35 years of experience, she retired as Secretary, Department of Disability Affairs. She served in various capacities in the State Government of Uttar Pradesh and Central Government. She established National Handicapped Finance Development Corporation from zero base, as its CMD. She was instrumental in establishment of Economic Development Corporation at Laos. She has helped in setting up of new Department of Disability Affairs in GoI. She has to her credit a number of publications on persons with disabilities. She was Judicial member, Board of Revenue, Uttar Pradesh from January 1989 to December, 1990.

| **Dr. S.S. Mantha**  
| **(Former Chairman, AICTE)**  

He is former Chairman of All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE). He has published in a number of national and international journals. He attended many national/international conferences/seminars. He has specialised in Robotics, CAD/CAM and Control theory. He is advisor to many quasi/semi-Government bodies. He is an Expert Member in a number of committees of Government of India on education, e-Governance and skill development. He is also Member, Scientific Advisory Committee to the Cabinet, GoI.; Member, GOB, IIMs; Member, Council of IITs, NITs and Governing Council, DOEACC Society. He is also associated with a number of Universities.

| **Rajan K. Medhekar, IPS(Retd.)**  
| **(KL:1975)**  

A retired IPS Officer with more than 36 years of experience, he retired as Director General, National Security Guard, Ministry of Home Affairs. He has experience in General and Police Administration, Law, Crime Investigation & Prosecution, Border Management, Counter Intelligence, Counter Insurgency Operations, Disaster Management, Civil Defence, Training and Computer Applications. He is recipient of the President's Police Medal for Meritorious Service. He is also a recipient of the Physicist of the year Award (1975). He has published research work in the journal of Applied Physics, USA.
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<td>Vijaya Moorthy, IAAS (Retd.) (1978)</td>
<td>A retired officer of Indian Audit and Accounts Service with more than 35 years of experience, she retired as Deputy Controller &amp; Auditor General, C&amp;AG. She has specialized knowledge of Defence, Railways and Telecommunication and Communication sectors. She is adept in application of knowledge of Commercial Audit, Management Accounting, Financial Management, application of Companies Act and audit of PSEs. She has also contributed various articles on auditing and finance. She represented India in various international fora in the field of audit.</td>
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<td>8</td>
<td>Dr. Syamal Kumar Sarkar, IAS(Retd.) (WB:1979)</td>
<td>A retired IAS Officer with more than 35 years of experience, he retired as Secretary, DoPT. He is presently a fellow at TERI. He served in various capacities in the State Government of West Bengal and Central Government. During his stint as Secretary, DoPT, anti-corruption legislations like Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act, 2013 and Whistle Blowers Act were passed by the Parliament. Various measures were taken to make RTI more effective which inter-alia included study on RTI in 2009; framing of RTI Rules, 2012, issuance of Guidelines on suo-motu disclosure, e-filing of RTI applications, creation of RTI Logo etc. He also introduced Centrally sponsored scheme in 2009-10 under which awareness generation programmes were started. During his tenure as Secretary, DoPT, capacity building of State Information Commissions and Administrative Training Institutes was undertaken and Fellowship/internship programmes were introduced.</td>
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<td>9</td>
<td>R Venkateswarlu, IIS(Retd.)</td>
<td>A retired Indian Information Service Officer, he retired as Director General, All India Radio (AIR). He has more than 35 years of experience in mass media as an IIS Officer and of working in AIR, Doordarshan and Prasar Bharti. He introduced live phone-in programmes in AIR, Warangal. He also introduced 24 hours satelllite channel with regional programmes in Doordarshan Kendra, Hyderabad. He has handled personnel matters in AIR and Doordarshan.</td>
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9. The Committee decided that vigilance clearance from the respective Cadre Controlling Authority in respect of shortlisted serving officers and inputs from the Intelligence Bureau in respect of retired officers be obtained.
before placing the recommendations of the Search Committee to the Selection Committee.

(Ramesh Chand)  
(L.C. Goyal)  
(Ratan P. Watal)

(Sanjay Kothari)  
(P.K. Mishra)  
(Ajit Seth)
Information exempted under and 101(f)
Section 8(1)(i) of RTI Act,
2005.
Subject: Appointment of Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners in Central Information Commission

The Search Committee, under the chairmanship of Cabinet Secretary, met on 27.4.2015 and shortlisted the persons for the post of Chief Information Commissioner and three posts of Information Commissioners in the Central Information Commission.

2. As per the practice, Intelligence Bureau has been requested to provide inputs with regard to character, antecedents, reputation, integrity, political affiliations and connection etc. in respect of retired/private shortlisted persons and Vigilance Clearance from the Cadre Controlling Authority in respect of serving persons is also being obtained separately.

3. In the meanwhile, the Hon’ble High Court of Delhi, in a case filed by Shri R.K. Jain and Others regarding delay in appointment of CIC and IC has expressed concerns over the delay in the appointments and has directed DoPT to report the progress made in this regard by the next date of hearing on 11.5.2015.

4. After receiving report from IB and Vigilance Clearance, file will be put up before the Selection Committee, headed by Hon’ble Prime Minister, in terms of Section 12(3) of the RTI Act, 2005.

5. In view of the above, a date at the earliest, after 15th May, 2015 is solicited for the meeting of Selection Committee.

Archana Varma
Joint Secretary (AT&A)
2.5.2015

Prime Minister’s Office, (kind attention - Shri Bhaskar Khulbe, Additional Secretary) South Block, New Delhi

DoPT, IR Division, F.No. 4/7/2014-IR, North Block, New Delhi
Information exempted under and 10(1)
Section 8(i)(ii) of
RTI Act, 2005.
Agenda Note

Fourth meeting of Search Committee for selection of Chief Information Commissioner and three Information Commissioners in the Central Information Commission to be held on 14.5.2015 at 12.30 hrs

As per section 12 (2) of the Act, the Central Information Commission shall consist of the Chief Information Commissioner and such number of Central Information Commissioners, not exceeding ten, as may be deemed necessary. At present, Central Information Commission has no Chief Information Commissioner and seven Information Commissioners.

2. PMO has conveyed the approval of the Prime Minister for appointment to three posts of Information Commissioners in the current round of selection. On the issue of filling up of the vacant post of Chief Information Commissioner, Prime Minister directed on 17.10.2014 to follow the same procedure as was being followed in appointment of Information Commissioners.

3. PMO has also conveyed approval for a Search Committee, as given below:-

(i) Cabinet Secretary - Chairman
(ii) Additional Principal Secretary to PM - Member
(iii) Secretary (Personnel) - Member
(iv) Home Secretary - Member
(v) Secretary D/o Expenditure - Member
(vi) Professor Ramesh Chand - Member

Director National Center for Agricultural Economics and Policy (NCAP)

4. The Search Committee met on 16.1.2015, 6.2.2015 and 27.4.2015. After detailed deliberations upon the eligibility and suitability of each candidate in terms of her/his knowledge, eminence and experience in the categories mentioned in Section 12(5) of the RTI Act, the Search Committee shortlisted the following candidates for consideration of the Selection Committee prescribed in section 12(3) of the RTI Act for making recommendations to the President for appointment of Chief Information Commissioner and three Information Commissioners:

Shortlisted persons, in alphabetical order of surname for the post of Chief Information Commissioner:

(i) Shri Atul Kumar Gupta
(ii) Shri Dinesh Kumar Mehrotra
(iii) Shri Vijai Sharma
Shortlisted persons, in alphabetical order of surname for three posts of Information Commissioners:

(i) Shri Ashish Bahuguna
(ii) Shri Sudhir Bhargava
(iii) Shri Amitava Bhattacharya
(iv) Ms. Stuti Narain Kacker
(v) Dr. S.S. Mantha
(vi) Rajan K. Medhekar
(vii) Ms. Vijaya Moorthy
(viii) Dr. Syamal Kumar Sarkar
(ix) Shri R Venkateswarlu

5. The Search Committee recommended that Vigilance Clearance from the respective Cadre Controlling Authority in respect of shortlisted serving officers and inputs from the Intelligence Bureau in respect of retired officers be obtained before placing the recommendations of the Search Committee to the Selection Committee.

6. Accordingly, inputs from IB in respect of retired officers and vigilance clearance from the Cadre controlling authorities in respect of one serving officer has been obtained. It is pertinent to mention that regarding the shortlisted persons for the post of Chief Information Commissioner, some comments have been received from IB in respect of Shri Atul Kumar Gupta, which would be placed before the Search Committee at the time of the meeting. CBI inputs in respect of Shri Atul Kumar Gupta have also been obtained and would be placed before the Search Committee at the time of the meeting.

7. Regarding shortlisted persons for three posts of Information Commissioners, some comments have been received from IB in respect of Shri Sudhir Bhargava, which would be placed before the Search Committee at the time of the meeting.

8. Further, as per the report from the Cadre controlling authority, the serving officer is clear from Vigilance angle.

9. The Search Committee on the basis of inputs from IB/CBI in respect of retired persons and vigilance clearance from the concerned Cadre controlling authorities in respect of serving officer may determine the suitability of shortlisted applicants for the post of Chief Information Commissioner and three posts of Information Commissioners in the Central Information Commission. A list of 203 applicants for the post of Chief Information Commissioner and a list of 553 applicants for the post of Information Commissioners respectively, duly tabulated is at Annexure 1 and 2.
Minutes of the meeting of the Search Committee held on 14.05.2015 for shortlisting names for selection to the post of Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission

Present:  Shri Ajit Seth, Cabinet Secretary ... In Chair  
Shri P. K. Mishra, Additional Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister  
Shri Sanjay Kothari, Secretary (Personnel)  
Shri L. C. Goyal, Home Secretary  
Prof. Ramesh Chand, Director, National Centre for Agricultural Economics & Policy  
(Shri Ratan P. Watal, Secretary (Expenditure) could not attend)

The Search Committee was informed that as directed by the Committee, report had been obtained from the Intelligence Bureau (IB) in respect of shortlisted candidates for the post of Chief Information Commissioner (CIC).
Thereafter it deliberated upon the eligibility and suitability of other candidate in terms of her/his knowledge, eminence and experience in the categories mentioned in Section 12(5) of the RTI Act and shortlisted the following applicant for the post of CIC in addition to the other two applicants shortlisted earlier:

obtained before placing the recommendations of the Search Committee to the Selection Committee.

(Ramesh Chand)  (L.C. Goyal)  (Sanjay Kothari)

(P. K. Mishra)  (Ajit Seth)
AGENDA NOTE FOR THE SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR THE POST OF CHIEF INFORMATION COMMISSIONER AND INFORMATION COMMISSIONERS IN THE CENTRAL INFORMATION COMMISSION
23.05.2015, 11.00 am, 7, Race Course Road, New Delhi

1.0 Introduction

Right to Information Act, 2005, mandates constitution of a Central Information Commission (CIC), consisting of the Chief Information Commissioner and such number of Information Commissioners not exceeding ten, as may be deemed necessary. The Commission adjudicates appeals and complaints under the RTI Act. At present, the Central Information Commission has no Chief Information Commissioner and 7 Information Commissioners. The current constitution of the CIC is at Annexure – ‘1’.

2.0 Rule and Legal position

2.1 The Rule position with respect to qualification, tenure etc. of Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioner is at Annexure – ‘2’.

2.2 Hon’ble Supreme Court in its judgement dated 03.09.2013 in a Review Petition filed by Union of India against Hon’ble Supreme Court judgement dated 13.09.2012 in Namit Sharma case gave certain directions for making appointments to the post of Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners. The operative part of the judgement is placed at Annexure – ‘3’. For the sake of emphasis, few of the directions are mentioned below:

(i) We further direct that persons of eminence in public life with wide knowledge and experience in all the fields mentioned in Sections 12(5) and 15(5) of the Act, namely, law, science and technology, social service, management, journalism, mass media or administration and governance, be considered by the Committees under Sections 12(3) and 15(3) of the Act for appointment as Chief Information Commissioner or Information Commissioners.

(ii) We further direct that the Committees under Sections 12(3) and 15(3) of the Act while making recommendations to the President or to the Governor, as the case may be, for appointment of Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners must mention against the name of each candidate recommended, the
facts to indicate his eminence in public life, his knowledge in the particular field and his experience in the particular field and these facts must be accessible to the citizens as part of their right to information under the Act after the appointment is made.

2.3 A Writ Petition was filed before High Court of Delhi by Shri R. K. Jain & Ors. regarding delay in appointment of CIC/ICs. Hon’ble Court in its interim order dated 09.04.2015, while expressing concern over delay had directed to file the progress report by the next date of hearing on 11.05.2015. An affidavit has been filed in Hon’ble High Court on 08.05.2015 informing that the process to appoint Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners is at an advanced stage and that the Search Committee has shortlisted the applicants. The next date of hearing is 21.05.2015, as hearing could not take place on 11.05.2015.

3.0 Constitution of the Committee

3.1 The Committee has now been constituted under Section 12(3) of the RTI Act 2005 with the following composition:

i. The Prime Minister who shall be the Chairman of the committee,

ii. Leader of single Largest Party in opposition in Lok Sabha (Shri Mallikarjun Kharge, INC).

iii. The Union Cabinet Minister of Finance, Corporate Affairs and Information & Broadcasting (and then Minister of Defence also), (Shri Arun Jaitley).

4.0 Search Procedure

4.1 A Circular dated 25.02.2014 seeking applications from interested persons for two posts of Information Commissioners was posted on the website of DoPT on 25.02.2014 after approval of the competent authority. Advertisement was also published in 38 editions of the Dainik Bhaskar, 16 editions of The Times of India and 16 editions of The Hindu on 28.02.2014. The last date of receiving applications was 25.03.2014. While the matter was being processed, one more post of Information Commissioner became vacant consequent to elevation of Shri Rajiv Mathur, the then Information Commissioner to the post of Chief Information Commissioner on 22.05.2014. Prime Minister gave approval on 08.07.2014, to fill three posts of Information Commissioners by initiating process afresh. Accordingly, on 16.07.2014, a circular was posted on the website of DoPT and advertisement was also published in 38 editions of the Dainik Bhaskar, 16 editions of Time of India and 16 editions of The Hindu on 23.07.2014. Those persons who had applied earlier were not required to apply again. The last date of receipt of applications was
19.08.2014. A total of 553 applications were received against the two advertisements. A list of the applicants, with particulars in brief in a tabular form is at Annexure - '4'.

4.2 On the issue of filling up of the vacant post of Chief Information Commissioner, Prime Minister directed on 17.10.2014 to follow the same procedure (advertisement, shortlisting of applicants by Search Committee, IB/Cadre Clearance input, selection by Selection Committee and appointment by Hon'ble President) as was being followed in appointment of Information Commissioners. Accordingly, a circular dated 24.10.2014 seeking applications from interested persons for the post of Chief Information Commissioner was posted on the website of DoPT and advertisement was also published in 38 editions of the Dainik Bhaskar, 16 editions of The Times of India and 16 editions of The Hindu on 28.10.2014. The last date of receipt of applications was 24.11.2014. A total of 203 applications had been received by the last date. A list of the applicants, with particulars in brief in a tabular form is at Annexure - '5'.

5.0 Search Committee and shortlisting of candidates

5.1 Prime Minister on 17.12.2014 had approved reconstitution of a Search Committee for the present round of selection process, as given below:-

(i) Cabinet Secretary - Chairman
(ii) Additional Principal Secretary to Prime Minister - Member
(iii) Secretary (Personnel) - Member
(iv) Home Secretary - Member
(v) Secretary D/o Expenditure - Member
(vi) Professor Ramesh Chand - Member

Director, National Center for Agricultural Economics and Policy (NCAP)

5.2 The Search Committee met on 16.01.2015, to take note of the Agenda to fill up the post of Chief Information Commissioner and three posts of Information Commissioners. In the said meeting, the Committee, after preliminary scrutiny, decided to further consider the detailed applications of persons with experience of 30 years and above. The meetings of the Search Committee on 06.02.2015 and 27.04.2015 were held in continuation of the earlier meeting. The Committee, after detailed deliberations, shortlisted the following applicants, in alphabetical order of surname,
a) for the post of Chief Information Commissioner:-

1. Shri Atul Kumar Gupta
2. Shri Dinesh Kumar Mehrotra
3. Shri Vijai Sharma

b) for three posts of Information Commissioners:-

1) Shri Ashish Bahuguna
2) Shri Sudhir Bhargava
3) Shri Amitava Bhattacharyya
4) Ms. Stuti Narain Kacker
5) Dr. S.S. Mantha
6) Rajan K. Medhekar
7) Ms. Vijaya Moorthy
8) Dr. Syamal Kumar Sarkar
9) Shri R Venkateswarlu

A copy of the minutes of the Search Committee dated 27.04.2015 is annexed as Annexure - '6'.

5.3 The Search Committee decided that Vigilance Clearance from the respective Cadre Controlling Authority in respect of shortlisted serving officers and inputs from the Intelligence Bureau in respect of retired officers be obtained before placing the recommendations of the Search Committee to the Selection Committee. Accordingly, inputs of Intelligence Bureau and Vigilance Clearance, as the case may be, in respect of shortlisted persons were obtained.

A copy of Minutes of the Meeting is enclosed as Annexure - '7'. The Committee further decided that inputs from IB in respect of new shortlisted person be obtained before placing the recommendations of the Search Committee to the Selection Committee.
6. **Shortlisted applicants**

6.1 After detailed deliberations during the four rounds of meeting, the Search Committee shortlisted the following applicants, in alphabetical order of surname, for the post of Chief Information Commissioner:

1) Shri Dinesh Kumar Mehrotra  
2) Shri Vijai Sharma  
3) Shri Sanjay Kumar Srivastava

6.2 Similarly, the Committee shortlisted the following applicants, in alphabetical order of surname, for three posts of Information Commissioners.

1) Shri Ashish Bahuguna  
2) Shri Sudhir Bhargava  
3) Shri Amitava Bhattacharyya  
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7. The eminence in public life, knowledge and experience of the shortlisted persons for the post of Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners are at **Annexure – ‘8’** and **Annexure – ‘9’** respectively.

8. The IB inputs/Vigilance status in respect of shortlisted applicants shall be placed before the Selection Committee at the time of meeting.

9. Submitted for consideration of the Selection Committee for recommending names for the post of Chief Information Commissioner and three posts of Information Commissioners to the President.
PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

South Block,
New Delhi-110011

Subject: Agenda Note for the Selection Committee for the post of Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners in the Central Information Commission.

Reference is invited to DoPT's agenda note on the subject cited above.

2. The undersigned is directed to request the Department to suitably revise Annexure-8 of the agenda on eminence in public life, experience, and knowledge in particular field, as required by the Supreme Court guidelines.

(Gulzar(N.),
Director
Tel.23017442

Secretary, Department of Personnel & Training
PMO ID No.600/31/C/39/2013–ES.2 (No. 3) Dated: 11.05.2015

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PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

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South Block,
New Delhi – 110 011

Subject: Appointment of Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners in Central Information Commission.

Prime Minister will chair a meeting of the Committee for selection of Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners in the Central Information Commission on 23.05.2015 at 11:00 AM at 7 – RCR.

2. The undersigned is directed to request the Department to take necessary action in the matter.

(Gulzar N.)
Director
Tel. No. 2301 3485

Secretary, Department of Personnel & Training

PMO ID no.: 600/31/C/39/2013-ES&I (Vol.3)  Dated.  14.05.2015

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F.No. 4/7/2014-IR  
Government of India  
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions  
Department of Personnel and Training

North Block, New Delhi  
Dated: 15th May, 2015

Meeting Notice

A meeting of the Selection Committee for the posts of Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners in the Central Information Commission will be convened under the Chairmanship of the Hon'ble Prime Minister on 23.05.2015 (Saturday) from 11.00 a.m. onwards. The venue of the meeting and the agenda note will follow.

2. Kindly make it convenient to attend the meeting.

(Archana Varma)  
Joint Secretary  
Tel. 2309 3668

1. Shri Mallikarjun Kharge, Leader of the single largest Party in Opposition in Lok Sabha

2. Shri Arun Jaitley, Minister of Finance & Corporate Affairs and Information & Broadcasting

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Department of Personnel and Training  

North Block, New Delhi  
Dated: 18th May, 2015

**Meeting Notice**

In continuation of the meeting notice dated 15th May, 2015, the meeting of the Selection Committee for the posts of Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners in the Central Information Commission will be convened under the Chairmanship of the Hon'ble Prime Minister on **23.05.2015 (Saturday)** from **11.00 a.m. onwards** at 7 Race Course Road, New Delhi. The Agenda of the meeting is enclosed.

2. Kindly make it convenient to attend the meeting.

\[signature\]

(Shri Mallikarjun Kharge, Leader of the single largest Party in Opposition in Lok Sabha)

2. Shri Arun Jaitley, Minister of Finance & Corporate Affairs and Information & Broadcasting

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AGENDA NOTE FOR THE SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR THE POST OF CHIEF INFORMATION COMMISSIONER AND INFORMATION COMMISSIONERS IN THE CENTRAL INFORMATION COMMISSION

23.05.2015, 11.00 am, 7, Race Course Road, New Delhi

1. Introduction

Right to Information Act, 2005, mandates constitution of a Central Information Commission (CIC), consisting of the Chief Information Commissioner and such number of Information Commissioners not exceeding ten, as may be deemed necessary. The Commission adjudicates appeals and complaints under the RTI Act. At present, the Central Information Commission has no Chief Information Commissioner and 7 Information Commissioners. The current constitution of the CIC is at Annexure – 'I'.

2. Rule and Legal position

2.1 The Rule position with respect to qualification, tenure etc. of Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioner is at Annexure – 'II'.

2.2 Hon'ble Supreme Court in its judgement dated 03.09.2013 in a Review Petition filed by Union of India against Hon'ble Supreme Court judgement dated 13.09.2012 in Namit Sharma case gave certain directions for making appointments to the post of Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners. The operative part of the judgement is placed at Annexure – 'III'. For the sake of emphasis, few of the directions are mentioned below:

(i) We further direct that persons of eminence in public life with wide knowledge and experience in all the fields mentioned in Sections 12(5) and 15(5) of the Act, namely, law, science and technology, social service, management, journalism, mass media or administration and governance, be considered by the Committees under Sections 12(3) and 15(3) of the Act for appointment as Chief Information Commissioner or Information Commissioners.

(ii) We further direct that the Committees under Sections 12(3) and 15(3) of the Act while making recommendations to the President or to the Governor, as the case may be, for appointment of Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners must mention against the name of each candidate recommended, the
facts to indicate his eminence in public life, his knowledge in the particular field and his experience in the particular field and these facts must be accessible to the citizens as part of their right to information under the Act after the appointment is made.

2.3 A Writ Petition was filed before High Court of Delhi by Shri R. K. Jain & Ors. regarding delay in appointment of CIC/ICs. Hon’ble Court in its interim order dated 09.04.2015, while expressing concern over delay had directed to file the progress report by the next date of hearing on 11.05.2015. An affidavit has been filed in Hon’ble High Court on 08.05.2015 informing that the process to appoint Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners is at an advanced stage and that the Search Committee has shortlisted the applicants. The next date of hearing is 21.05.2015, as hearing could not take place on 11.05.2015.

3. Constitution of the Committee

3.1 The Committee has now been constituted under Section 12(3) of the RTI Act 2005 with the following composition: (May kindly see the details at Annexure 'II')

i. The Prime Minister who shall be the Chairman of the committee,
ii. Leader of single Largest Party in opposition in Lok Sabha (Shri Mallikarjun Kharge, INC).
iii. The Union Cabinet Minister of Finance, Corporate Affairs and Information & Broadcasting (and then Minister of Defence also), (Shri Arun Jaitley).

4. Search Procedure

4.1 A Circular dated 25.02.2014 seeking applications from interested persons for two posts of Information Commissioners was posted on the website of DoPT on 25.02.2014 after approval of the competent authority. Advertisement was also published in 38 editions of the Dainik Bhaskar, 16 editions of The Times of India and 16 editions of The Hindu on 28.02.2014. The last date of receiving applications was 25.03.2014.

4.2 While the matter was being processed, one more post of Information Commissioner became vacant consequent to elevation of Shri Rajiv Mathur, the then Information Commissioner to the post of Chief Information Commissioner on 22.05.2014. Prime Minister gave approval on 08.07.2014, to fill three posts of Information Commissioners by initiating process afresh. Accordingly, on 16.07.2014, a circular was posted on the website of DoPT and
advertisement was also published in 38 editions of the Dainik Bhaskar, 16 editions of Time of India and 16 editions of The Hindu on 23.07.2014. Those persons who had applied earlier were not required to apply again. The last date of receipt of applications was 19.08.2014. A total of 553 applications were received against the two advertisements. A list of the applicants, with particulars in a tabular form is at Annexure - 'IV'.

4.3 On the issue of filling up of the vacant post of Chief Information Commissioner, Prime Minister directed on 17.10.2014 to follow the same procedure (advertisement, shortlisting of applicants by Search Committee, IB/Cadre Clearance inputs, selection by Selection Committee and appointment by Hon'ble President) as was being followed in appointment of Information Commissioners. Accordingly, a circular dated 24.10.2014 seeking applications from interested persons for the post of Chief Information Commissioner was posted on the website of DoPT and advertisement was also published in 38 editions of the Dainik Bhaskar, 16 editions of The Times of India and 16 editions of The Hindu on 28.10.2014. The last date of receipt of applications was 24.11.2014. A total of 203 applications had been received by the last date. A list of the applicants, with particulars in a tabular form is at Annexure - 'V'.

5. Search Committee and shortlisting of candidates

5.1 Prime Minister on 17.12.2014 had approved re-constitution of a Search Committee for the present round of selection process, as given below:-

(i) Cabinet Secretary - Chairman
(ii) Additional Principal Secretary to Prime Minister - Member
(iii) Secretary (Personnel) - Member
(iv) Home Secretary - Member
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(vi) Professor Ramesh Chand - Member

Director, National Center for Agricultural Economics and Policy (NCAP)

5.2 The Search Committee met on 16.01.2015, to take note of the agenda to fill up the post of Chief Information Commissioner and three posts of Information Commissioners. In the said meeting, the Committee, after preliminary scrutiny, decided to further consider the detailed applications of persons with experience of 30 years and above. The meetings of the Search Committee on 06.02.2015 and 27.04.2015 were held in continuation of the
earlier meeting. The Committee, after detailed deliberations, shortlisted applicants for the post of Chief Information Commissioner and for three posts of Information Commissioners. A copy of the minutes of the Search Committee meeting dated 27.04.2015 is annexed as Annexure - ‘VI’.

5.3 The Search Committee decided that Vigilance Clearance from the respective Cadre Controlling Authority in respect of shortlisted serving officers and inputs from the Intelligence Bureau in respect of retired officers be obtained before placing the recommendations of the Search Committee to the Selection Committee. Accordingly, inputs of Intelligence Bureau and Vigilance Clearance, as the case may be, in respect of shortlisted persons were obtained.

6. Shortlisted applicants

6.1 After detailed deliberations during the four rounds of meeting, the Search Committee shortlisted the following applicants, in alphabetical order of surname, for the post of Chief Information Commissioner:

(i) Shri Dinesh Kumar Mehrotra
(ii) Shri Vijai Sharma
(iii) Shri Sanjay Kumar Srivastava

6.2 Similarly, the Committee shortlisted the following applicants, in alphabetical order of surname, for three posts of Information Commissioners.

(i) Shri Ashish Bahuguna
(ii) Shri Sudhir Bhargava
(iii) Shri Amitava Bhattacharyya
7. The bio-data of the shortlisted persons for the post of Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners are at Annexure – 'VIII' and Annexure – 'IX' respectively. The bio-data of all the other candidates (200 for the post of Chief Information Commissioner and 544 for the posts of Information Commissioner) would be placed before the Selection Committee at the time of the meeting.

8. The IB inputs/Vigilance status in respect of shortlisted applicants shall be placed before the Selection Committee at the time of meeting.

9. The agenda note is submitted for kind consideration of the Selection Committee. The Committee may kindly recommend names of candidates for one post of Chief Information Commissioner and three posts of Information Commissioners in the Central Information Commission for appointment by the President.
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The qualification, tenure etc of Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioner.

1. Section 12(3) of the RTI Act:- The Chief Information Commissioner and the Information Commissioners are appointed by the President on the recommendation of a Committee consisting of-
   i. The Prime Minister;
   ii. The Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha; and
   iii. A Union Cabinet Minister to be nominated by the Prime Minister

   Explanation.—For the purposes of removal of doubts, it is hereby declared that where the Leader of Opposition in the House of the People has not been recognised as such, the Leader of the single largest group in opposition of the Government in the House of the People shall be deemed to be the Leader of Opposition.

   Ministry of Law and Justice has opined that in the absence of Leader of opposition, the Leader of the single largest party in opposition can be considered as the leader of the single largest group in opposition, only for the limited purpose of RTI Act.

   The Prime Minister on 21.7.2014 has nominated Shri Arun Jaitley, Union Cabinet Minister of Finance, Corporate Affairs and Defence, as the Member of the Selection Committee under Section 12(3) of the RTI Act.

2. Section 12 (5) of the RTI Act:- The Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners shall be persons of eminence in public life with wide knowledge and experience in law, science and technology, social service, management, journalism, mass media or administration and governance.

3. Section 12(6) of the RTI Act:- The Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioner shall not be a Member of Parliament or Member of Legislature of any state or Union Territory or hold any other office of profit or connected with any political party or carrying on any business or pursuing any profession.
4. Section 13(1) of the RTI Act:- The Chief Information Commissioner shall hold office for a term of five years from the date on which he enters upon his office and shall not be eligible for reappointment: Provided that no Chief Information Commissioner shall hold office as such after he has attained the age of sixty-five years.

5. Section 13 (2) of the RTI Act:- Every Information Commissioner shall hold office for a term of five years from the date on which he enters upon his office or till he attains the age of 65 years, whichever is earlier, and shall not be eligible for reappointment as such Information Commissioner:

Provided that every Information Commissioner shall, on vacating his office under this sub-section be eligible for appointment as the Chief Information Commissioner in the manner specified in sub-section (3) of section 12:

Provided further that where the Information Commissioner is appointed as the Chief Information Commissioner, his term of office shall not be more than five years in aggregate as the Information Commissioner and the Chief Information Commissioner.
(i) We declare that Sections 12(5) and 15(5) of the Act are not ultra vires the Constitution.

(ii) We declare that Sections 12(6) and 15(6) of the Act do not debar a Member of Parliament or Member of the Legislature of any State or Union Territory, as the case may be, or a person holding any other office of profit or connected with any political party or carrying on any business or pursuing any profession from being considered for appointment as Chief Information Commissioner or Information Commissioner, but after such person is appointed as Chief Information Commissioner or Information Commissioner, he has to discontinue as Member of Parliament or Member of the Legislature of any State or Union Territory, or discontinue to hold any other office of profit or remain connected with any political party or carry on any business or pursue any profession during the period he functions as Chief Information Commissioner or Information Commissioner.

(iii) We direct that only persons of eminence in public life with wide knowledge and experience in the fields mentioned in Sections 12(5) and 15(5) of the Act be considered for appointment as Information Commissioner and Chief Information Commissioner.

(iv) We further direct that persons of eminence in public life with wide knowledge and experience in all the fields mentioned in Sections 12(5) and 15(5) of the Act, namely, law, science and technology, social service, management, journalism, mass media or administration and governance, be considered by the Committees under Sections 12(3) and 15(3) of the Act for appointment as Chief Information Commissioner or Information Commissioners.

(v) We further direct that the Committees under Sections 12(3) and 15(3) of the Act while making recommendations to the President or to the Governor, as the case may be, for appointment of Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners must mention against the name of each candidate recommended, the facts to indicate his eminence in public life, his knowledge in the particular field and his experience in the particular field and these facts must be accessible to the citizens as part of their right to information under the Act after the appointment is made.

(vi) We also direct that wherever Chief Information Commissioner is of the opinion that intricate questions of law will have to be decided in a matter coming up before the Information Commission, he will ensure that the matter is heard by an Information Commissioner who has wide knowledge and experience in the field of law.
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Minutes of the meeting of the Search Committee held on 27.04.2015 for shortlisting names for selection to the posts of Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners in the Central Information Commission

Present: Shri Ajit Sethi, Cabinet Secretary ... In Chair
Shri P. K. Mishra, Additional Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister
Shri Sanjay Kothari, Secretary (Personnel)
Shri L. C. Goyal, Home Secretary
Shri Ratan P. Watal, Secretary (Expenditure)
Prof. Ramesh Chand, Director, National Centre for Agricultural Economics & Policy

The Search Committee was informed that as per Section 12(2)(a) of the RTI Act, the Central Information Commission shall consist of the Chief Information Commissioner (CIC). It was further informed that as per Section 12(2)(b) of the RTI Act, the Central Information Commission shall consist of such number of Information Commissioners (IC), not exceeding ten, as may be deemed necessary. At present there is no CIC and there are seven ICs in the Central Information Commission (A list of the existing ICs is at Annexure I). The Committee had also noted the provisions of Section 12(5) of the RTI Act that the CIC and IC shall be a person of eminence in public life with wide knowledge and experience in law, science and technology, social service, management, journalism, mass media or administration and governance.

2. The Search Committee had in an earlier meeting held on 16.01.2015 taken note of the Agenda circulated on 31.12.2014 for filling up of the post of
CIC and three posts of IC. In the said meeting, after preliminary scrutiny, the Committee had decided to further consider the detailed applications of persons with experience of 30 years and above. The meetings of the Committee on 06.02.2015 and 27.04.2015 were held in continuation of the earlier meeting.

3. The Committee noted that in the meantime a case had been filed by Shri R. K. Jain & Others in the High Court of Delhi regarding delay in appointment of CIC and IC. The Committee also noted the observation of the High Court expressing concern over the delay and its direction to the respondent (Department of Personnel and Training) to report the progress made by the next date of hearing on 11.05.2015.

4. The Committee noted that Circular No 4/7/2014-IR dated 24.10.2014 seeking applications from interested persons for the post of CIC was posted on the website of Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) on 24.10.2014 and advertisement was published in 70 editions of the Dainik Bhaskar, Times of India and The Hindu on 28.10.2014. The last date for receipt of applications was 24.11.2014. A total of 203 applications had been received by the last date (The details of the 203 applicants are at Annexure II). The Committee, as per past practice, decided not to consider 04 applications which were received after the due date; their details are at Annexure III.

5. The Committee further noted that Circular No 4/4/2014-IR dated 25.02.2014 seeking applications from interested persons for two posts of IC was posted on the website of DoPT on 25.02.2014 and advertisement was published in 70 editions of the Dainik Bhaskar, Times of India and The Hindu
on 28.02.2014. With the elevation of Shri Rajiv Mathur, the then IC as CIC on 22.05.2014, one more post of IC became vacant. It was, therefore, decided to fill three posts of IC and to invite applications afresh. Those persons who had applied earlier were not required to apply again. Accordingly, on 16.07.2014 Circular No. 4/4/2014-IR dated 16.7.2014 was posted on the website of DoPT and advertisement was also published in 70 editions of The Hindu, Times of India and Dainik Bhaskar on 23.07.2014. The last dates for receipt of applications were 25.03.2014 and 19.08.2014, respectively. A total of 553 applications had been received by the last date (The details of the 553 applicants are at Annexure IV). The Committee, as per past practice, decided not to consider 24 applications which were received after the due date; their details are at Annexure V.

6. With a view to shortlisting the candidates, the Committee deliberated upon the eligibility and suitability of each candidate in terms of her/his knowledge, eminence and experience in the categories mentioned in Section 12(5) of the RTI Act. The Committee, thereafter, shortlisted the applicants for the posts of CIC and IC.

7. After detailed deliberations, the Committee shortlisted the following applicants (in alphabetical order of surname) for the post of CIC:

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<td>1</td>
<td>Atul Kumar Gupta, IAS(Retd.) (UP:1974)</td>
<td>He is a retired IAS Officer with more than 35 years of experience. He retired as Chief Secretary of Uttar Pradesh. He served in various capacities in the State Government of Uttar Pradesh and the Central Government. He made efforts to enable panchayats and municipalities to enhance their capacity and</td>
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<td>Competence. He has experience in sectors such as Energy, Power, Agriculture, Rural and Urban Development. He brought the office of Chief Secretary of Uttar Pradesh under RTI Act. He persuaded the Departments of Government of Uttar Pradesh for maximum proactive disclosure on their websites. He also organised workshops to put into effect the RTI Act.</td>
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<td>Dinesh Kumar Mehrotra; (Retired LIC Executive)</td>
<td>He has served as Chairman, Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC). Presently, he is Director in the Boards of TISCO, CAMS and MCX. He has 36 years of experience in the Insurance sector. He worked across various operating, service and strategic departments in India and abroad. He was a key member of various strategic and policy making committees. He spearheaded innovations in IT systems. He also supervised investment portfolio of LIC. He represented Indian insurance in international fora. He guided the creation of LIC’s Vision 2020. He got CNBC award for outstanding finance professional for 2012.</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Vijai Sharma; IAS(Retd.) (UP:1974)</td>
<td>A retired IAS Officer with more than 35 years of service, he is serving as Information Commissioner in Central Information Commission since 01.03.2012. He served in various capacities in the State Government of Uttar Pradesh and Central Government. He has experience in sectors such as Environment, Vigilance, Housing, Energy, Elections, Pollution Control and Co-operative Banks. He held important assignments in U.N. such as Special adviser to Executive Director, U.N. Environment Programme and Senior adviser to the Secretary-General of the U.N. Commission on Sustainable Development. He also developed statutory norms for biomedical, plastics and solid wastes, noise, hazardous substances and chemical accidents etc. He has worked in quasi Judicial Capacity as Member (Expert), National Green Tribunal, Principal Bench, New Delhi.</td>
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8. Similarly, the Committee shortlisted the following applicants (in alphabetical order of surname) for three posts of IC:
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<td>Ashish Bahuguna, IAS(Retd.) (RJ:1978)</td>
<td>A retired IAS Officer with more than 32 years of experience, he retired as Secretary, Department of Agriculture and Cooperation. He served in various capacities in the State Government of Rajasthan and Central Government. He has wide experience of working in sectors such as Urban and Rural Development, Finance, Textiles, Tourism, Local Self Government, Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Transport. He also had exposure to tax related matters. As Member, Rajasthan Tax Tribunal, he adjudicated tax related matters.</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Sudhir Bhargava, IAS(Retd.) (RJ:1979)</td>
<td>A retired IAS Officer with more than 35 years of experience, he retired as Secretary, Department of Social Justice and Empowerment. He served in various capacities in the State Government of Rajasthan and Central Government. He has experience in sectors such as Personnel administration, Law &amp; Order, Internal Security, Urban Development, Financial Administration, Agriculture, Rural Development and Planning. He motivated colleagues to adopt holistic approach to development. He also made improvements in public service delivery mechanism. He was instrumental in setting up of Sardar Patel Institute of Textile Management, creation of Venture Capital Fund for SC entrepreneurs, conceptualizing and implementing ‘Panchamrit’ programme to reduce infant mortality and maternal mortality.</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Amitava Bhattacharya, IAS(Retd.) (GJ:1980)</td>
<td>A retired IAS Officer with more than 36 years of experience, he is presently Chairman, Staff Selection Commission (SSC). He is adept in handling finance and accounts. As Chairman SSC, he is responsible for conduct of examination for recruitment in Government of India. As the head of Land Revenue Appellate Authority in Gujarat, he worked in quasi-judicial capacity and adjudicated cases against orders of Collectors. He also interpreted various acts and regulations relating to land revenue, land ceiling and land acquisition.</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>Stuti Narain Kacker IAS(Rtd.) (UP:1978)</td>
<td>A retired IAS Officer with more than 35 years of experience, she retired as Secretary, Department of Disability Affairs. She served in various capacities in the State Government of Uttar Pradesh and Central Government. She established National Handicapped Finance Development Corporation from zero base, as its CMD. She was instrumental in establishment of Economic Development Corporation at Laos. She has helped in setting up of new Department of Disability Affairs in Govt. She has to her credit a number of publications on persons with disabilities. She was Judicial member, Board of Revenue, Uttar Pradesh from January 1989 to December, 1990.</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>Dr. S.S. Mantha (Former Chairman, AICTE)</td>
<td>He is former Chairman of All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE). He has published in a number of national and international journals. He attended many national/international conferences/seminars. He has specialised in Robotics, CAD/CAM and Control theory. He is advisor to many quasi/semi-Government bodies. He is an Expert Member in a number of committees of Government of India on education, e-Governance and skill development. He is also Member, Scientific Advisory Committee to the Cabinet, Govt.; Member, GOB, IIMs; Member, Council of IITs, NITs and Governing Council, DOEACC Society. He is also associated with a number of Universities.</td>
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<td>6</td>
<td>Rajan K Medhekar, IPS(Rtd.) (KL:1975)</td>
<td>A retired IPS Officer with more than 36 years of experience, he retired as Director General, National Security Guard, Ministry of Home Affairs. He has experience in General and Police Administration, Law, Crime Investigation &amp; Prosecution, Border Management, Counter Intelligence, Counter Insurgency Operations, Disaster Management, Civil Defence, Training and Computer Applications. He is recipient of the President’s Police Medal for Meritorious Service. He is also a recipient of the Physicist of the year Award (1975). He has published research work in the journal of Applied Physics, USA.</td>
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<td>7</td>
<td>Vijaya Moorthy, IAAS (Retd.) (1978)</td>
<td>A retired officer of Indian Audit and Accounts Service with more than 35 years of experience, she retired as Deputy Controller &amp; Auditor General, C&amp;AG. She has specialized knowledge of Defence, Railways and Telecommunication and Communication sectors. She is adept in application of knowledge of Commercial Audit, Management Accounting, Financial Management, application of Companies Act and audit of PSEs. She has also contributed various articles on auditing and finance. She represented India in various international fora in the field of audit.</td>
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<td>8</td>
<td>Dr. Syamal Kumar Sarkar, IAS(Retd.) (WB:1979)</td>
<td>A retired IAS Officer with more than 35 years of experience, he retired as Secretary, DoPT. He is presently a fellow at TERI. He served in various capacities in the State Government of West Bengal and Central Government. During his stint as Secretary, DoPT, anti-corruption legislations like Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act, 2013 and Whistle Blowers Act were passed by the Parliament. Various measures were taken to make RTI more effective which inter-alia included study on RTI in 2009; framing of RTI Rules, 2012; issuance of Guidelines on suo-motu disclosure, e-filing of RTI applications, creation of RTI Logo etc. He also introduced Centrally sponsored scheme in 2009-10 under which awareness generation programmes were started. During his tenure as Secretary, DoPT, capacity building of State Information Commissions and Administrative Training Institutes was undertaken and Fellowship/internship programmes were introduced.</td>
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<td>9</td>
<td>R Venkateswarlu, IIS(Retd.)</td>
<td>A retired Indian Information Service Officer, he retired as Director General, All India Radio (AIR). He has more than 35 years of experience in mass media as an IIS Officer and of working in AIR, Doordarshan and Prasar Bharti. He introduced live phone-in programmes in AIR, Warangal. He also introduced 24 hours sattelite channel with regional programmes in Doordarshan Kendra, Hyderabad. He has handled personnel matters in AIR and Doordarshan.</td>
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9. The Committee decided that vigilance clearance from the respective Cadre Controlling Authority in respect of shortlisted serving officers and inputs from the Intelligence Bureau in respect of retired officers be obtained
before placing the recommendations of the Search Committee to the Selection Committee.

(Ramesh Chand)  (L.C. Goyal)  (Ratan P. Watal)

(Sanjay Kothari)  (P. K. Mishra)  (Ajit Seth)
Minutes of the meeting of the Search Committee held on 14.05.2015 for shortlisting names for selection to the post of Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission

Present: Shri Ajit Seth, Cabinet Secretary ... In Chair
Shri P. K. Mishra, Additional Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister
Shri Sanjay Kothari, Secretary (Personnel)
Shri L. C. Goyal, Home Secretary
Prof. Ramesh Chand, Director, National Centre for Agricultural Economics & Policy
(Shri Ratan P. Watal, Secretary (Expenditure) could not attend)

The Search Committee was informed that as directed by the Committee, report had been obtained from the Intelligence Bureau (IB) in respect of shortlisted candidates for the post of Chief Information Commissioner (CIC).

Information exempted under Section 8(1)(ii) and 10(1) of RTI Act, 2005.
Thereafter it deliberated upon the eligibility and suitability of other candidate in terms of her/his knowledge, eminence and experience in the categories mentioned in Section 12(5) of the RTI Act and shortlisted the following applicant for the post of CIC in addition to the other two applicants shortlisted earlier:

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<td>Sanjay Kumar S. rivastava; IAS(Retd.) (AM:1978)</td>
<td>He is a retired IAS Officer with more than 35 years of experience. He retired as Secretary, Ministry of Coal. He served in various capacities in the State Governments of Assam and Meghalaya and the Central Government. He has experience in sectors such as Textiles, Electronics, Industries, Power, Sericulture and Mining. He has worked extensively in the fields of child labour, social security and occupational health &amp; safety. He also has experience of working in UPSC. He had initiated comprehensive amendment proposals in Factories Act and Minerals Act.</td>
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3. The Committee decided that inputs from IB in respect of Shri Sanjay Kumar S. rivastava be obtained before placing the recommendations of the Search Committee to the Selection Committee.

(Ramesh Chand) (L.C. Goyal) (Sanjay Kothari)

(P. K. Mishra) (Ajit Seth)
Information exempted under Section 8 (i) (ii) and 10 (1) of RTI Act, 2005.
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE HELD ON 23rd MAY, 2015 AT 7, RACE COURSE ROAD, NEW DELHI FOR MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF INFORMATION COMMISSIONER AND INFORMATION COMMISSIONERS IN THE CENTRAL INFORMATION COMMISSION

The Committee constituted under Section 12 (3) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 met under the Chairmanship of the Hon'ble Prime Minister at 11.00 am on 23.05.2015 at 7, Race Course Road, New Delhi to consider the proposal for appointment of Chief Information Commissioner and three Information Commissioners in the CIC.

The meeting was attended by the following:

(i) Shri Narendra Modi, Prime Minister - Chairman
(ii) Shri Mallikarjun Kharge, Leader of Indian National Congress, the single largest party in Opposition in Lok Sabha - Member
(iii) Shri Arun Jaitley, Finance Minister - Member

Dr. Jitendra Singh, Minister of State, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, and Shri Sanjay Kothari, Secretary (Personnel) also attended the meeting and assisted the Committee.

2. The Committee was apprised that there could be a maximum of ten Information Commissioners in the Central Information Commission. At present, the Commission has no Chief Information Commissioner and seven Information Commissioners. The Committee was also apprised that the Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners shall be persons of eminence in public life with wide knowledge and experience in law, science and technology, social service, management, journalism, mass media or administration and governance.

3. The Committee perused the detailed agenda including the process involved in the search procedure for short-listing the applicants for consideration. The Committee also considered the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in a Review Petition No. 2309/2012 filed by Union of India against Hon'ble Supreme Court judgement dated 13.9.2012 in the matter of Namit Sharma Vs. Uol. The Committee considered all the applications received in response to open advertisement made on 24.10.2014 for the post of Chief Information Commissioner (203 in number) and advertisement made on 25.02.2014 and 16.07.2014 for the posts of Information Commissioner (553 in number).
4. After taking into account all the relevant factors, the Committee decided to obtain further details on the following candidates:

For CIC

(i) Shri Vijai Sharma IAS (Retd) (UP:1974)

For IC

(i) Shri Sudhir Bhargava IAS (Retd) (RJ:1979)
(ii) Ms Stuti Narain Kacker IAS (Retd) (UP:1978)

5. The Committee decided to meet again shortly to take a final decision based on the information sought.

(Shri Arun Jaitley)
Minister of Finance, Corporate Affairs, and Information & Broadcasting

(Shri Mallikarjun Kharge)
Leader of Indian National Congress, the single largest party in Opposition in the Lok Sabha

(Shri Narendra Modi)
Prime Minister
Information exempted under Section 8 (i) (j) and 10 (i) of RTI Act, 2005.
AGENDA NOTE FOR THE 2ND MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE FOR SELECTION TO
THE POST OF CHIEF INFORMATION COMMISSIONER AND INFORMATION
COMMISSIONERS IN THE CENTRAL INFORMATION COMMISSION
01.06.2015, 5.00 pm, 7, Race Course Road, New Delhi

1. Introduction

Right to Information Act, 2005, mandates constitution of a Central Information Commission (CIC), consisting of the Chief Information Commissioner and such number of Information Commissioners not exceeding ten, as may be deemed necessary. The Commission adjudicates appeals and complaints under the RTI Act. At present, the Central Information Commission has no Chief Information Commissioner and 7 Information Commissioners.

2. First meeting of the Committee

2.1 The detailed agenda note was circulated to the Committee on 18.05.2015 for its first meeting of 23.05.2015, which is placed at Annexure ‘A’.

The Committee constituted under Section 12 (3) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 met under the Chairmanship of the Hon’ble Prime Minister at 11.00 am on 23.05.2015 at 7, Race Course Road, New Delhi to consider the proposal for appointment of Chief Information Commissioner and three Information Commissioners in the CIC.

2.2 The Committee perused the detailed agenda including the process involved in the search procedure for short-listing the applicants for consideration. The Committee also considered the directions of the Hon’ble Supreme Court in a Review Petition No. 2309/2012 filed by Union of India against Hon’ble Supreme Court judgement dated 13.9.2012 in the matter of Namit Sharma Vs. Uol. The Committee considered all the applications received in response to open advertisement made on 24.10.2014 for the post of Chief Information Commissioner (203 in number) and advertisement made on 25.02.2014 and 16.07.2014 for the posts of Information Commissioner (553 in number).

2.3 After taking into account all the relevant factors, the Committee decided to obtain further details on the following candidates:

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(ii) Ms Stuti Narain Kacker IAS (Retd) (UP:1978)

2.4 The Committee decided to meet again shortly to take a final decision based on the information sought.

3 Further details of the candidate for CIC

3.1 In pursuance of the decision of the Committee for further information on the candidates mentioned above, the details on work experience as obtained from ER sheet, ACR gradings obtained from ACR Dossiers, Vigilance status obtained from DOP&T and special achievements as mentioned in the Bio-data of the candidates have been compiled. All inputs under category "Other inputs" will be placed before the Committee during the meeting itself. The aforesaid details are as under:

3.2 SHRI VIJAI SHARMA : IAS (RETD.)(UP : 1974)

I. Date of Birth : 02/12/1950

II. Academic Qualification : He has done Masters in Law from Harvard University and is also a Bachelor of Science from Lucknow University.

III. Important Assignments :

- He is Information Commissioner since 01.03.2012
- Retired as Secretary, M/o Environment & Forests (July 2008 to Dec 2010)
- 3 years as Spl/Addl Secy in Cabinet Sectt (June 2005 to June 2008)
- About 2 years as Chief Electoral Officer, UP (Sep 2003 to May 2005)
- About 2 years as Advisor to Executive Director, United Nations (August 2001 to June 2003)
• About 6 years as Joint Secy, M/o Environment & Forests (May 1995 to July 2001)

• More than 7 years as District Magistrate of Meerut (Nov 1987 to May 1990), Moradabad (Aug 1983 to Dec 1985) and Jhansi district (April 1981 to July 1983).

• Worked as Member (Expert), National Green Tribunal, Principal Bench, New Delhi (2010).

IV. Special Achievements, as mentioned in the Bio-data:

• He held important assignments in United Nations such as Special adviser to Executive Director, U. N. Environment Programme and Senior Adviser to the Secretary- General of the U. N. Commission on Sustainable Development.

• He also developed statutory norms for biomedical, plastics and solid wastes, noise, hazardous substances and chemical accidents etc.

• He is co-author of two books namely 'The Forts of India' and 'The Forts of Bundelkhand'.

SHRI SUDHIR BHARGAVA : IAS (RETD.)(RJ : 1979)

I. Date of Birth : 12/01/1955

II. Academic Qualification : Masters of Science in Physics from University of Calcutta (1978) and Masters in Public Administration from Cambridge, USA (1993). He has done PG Diploma in Governance, Democratization and Public Policy from Institute of Social Studies, Hague (2007).

III. Important Assignments :
• Retired as Secretary, M/o Social Justice and Empowerment (May 2013 to January 2015)

• About 3 years as Addl/Spl Secy in M/o Petroleum and Natural Gas (March 2010 to April 2013)

• More than 6 years as Joint Secy in D/o Fertilizers (Jan 2009 to Feb 2010) and M/o Textiles (Oct 2000 to Oct 2005)

• More than 5 years as Principal Secy/Secy to Govt. of Rajasthan in the Departments of School Education (Oct 2006 to Jan 2009) and Personnel (March 1998 to March 2000).

• One year as Collector, Tonk (June 1985 to June 1986)

IV. Special Achievements, as mentioned in the Bio-data:

• He devised strategies for creating a stimulating, engaging and enjoyable school environment to motivate students to learn and discover, for which the department was awarded the Marico India Innovation Award.

• He was instrumental in setting up of Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel Institute of Textile Management;

• Creation of Venture Capital fund for SC entrepreneurs;

• Conceptualizing and implementing ‘Panchamrit’ programme to reduce infant mortality and maternal mortality;

• Formulation of policy for Public-Private partnership in education sector for setting up of primary schools in remote / educationally backward areas;

• Re-orienting Public-Private community partnership to provide for health related unmet needs of the population and improve health outcomes.

VI. Other inputs: Will be placed in the meeting
3.2.2 MS. STUTI NARAIN KACKER, IAS (RETD.) (UP : 1978)

I. Date of Birth : 19/12/1954

II. Academic Qualification : She is a Masters of Science in Botany. She has also done M. Phil. in Public Administration from Punjab University.

III. Important Assignments :

- Retired as Secretary, D/o Disability Affairs (Aug 2012 to Dec 2014)
- More than 5 years as Addl Secy/Joint Secy in M/o Information and Broadcasting (June 2006 to Oct 2009) and M/o Small Scale Industries (MSME) (March 2003 to June 2005)
- 4 years as Dy. Director General, D/o Sugar and Edible Oils (May 1994 to May 1998)
- About 2 years as Member, Revenue Board, UP (Jan 1989 to Dec 1990)
- One year as District Magistrate Gajipur (July 1987 to July 1988)

IV. Special Achievements, as mentioned in the Bio-data :

- She helped in setting up of new Department of Disability Affairs in Government of India.
- She established National Handicapped Finance Development Corporation (NHFDC) from Zero base at Faridabad, as its CMD.
• She was instrumental in establishment of Economic Development Corporation (EDC) at Laos by MEA.

• She organized the first ever SAMARTH festival- celebrating diversity for Persons with Disabilities (Jan 2014).

• She has to her credit a number of publications such as those relating to rehabilitation of persons with disabilities and ‘Metamorphosis Turnaround’ stories of 11 CPSEs (2010).

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Information exempted under Section 8(1)(ii) and 10(1) of RTI Act, 2005.

4. The agenda note is submitted for kind consideration of the Committee. The Committee may kindly recommend names of candidates for one post of Chief Information Commissioner and three posts of Information Commissioners in the Central Information Commission for appointment by the President of India.
Subject: Meeting under the Chairmanship of Prime Minister at 5.00 p.m. on 1st June, 2015 at 7, RCR, New Delhi

A meeting of the Selection Committee for the post of Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners in the Central Information Commission will be convened under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Prime Minister at 5.00 p.m. on 1st June, 2015 at 7, Race Course Road, New Delhi. It is requested that necessary arrangements may kindly be made for the entry of the following officers on that day, as they would be present in connection with the meeting:

1. Shri Sanjay Kothari, Secretary (Personnel), Vehicle No. DL 2C Q 8032 (Maruti SX-4)
2. Shri Devesh Chaturvedi, Joint Secretary (S & V.I), Vehicle No. DL 2C Q 5852, Hyundai Accent. It is also requested that he may be allowed to carry pen drive along with him.
3. Shri Sandeep Jain, Director (IR), Vehicle No DL 3C BM 7477 (Tata Indigo). It is also requested that he may be allowed to carry pen drive along with him.
4. Shri Pankaj Gandhi, (Stenographer ‘D’) and Shri Manoj Maiti, (Assistant) to provide assistance for carrying bulky folders including resumes of more than 750 applicants.

To
Private Secretary to PM
Prime Minister's Residence
7, Race Course Road
New Delhi
(Fax: 011-23017429)
Information exempted under Section 8 (1) (7) and 10 (1) of RTI Act, 2005.
Subject: Appointment of Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners in Central Information Commission.

Reference is invited to DoPT's note dated 25.05.2015 at page 1/N of file No. 4/7/2014-IR (Pt.V) on the subject cited above.

2. The undersigned is directed to convey that Prime Minister will chair a meeting of the Committee for selection of Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners in the Central Information Commission on 01.06.2015 at 5:00 PM at 7 – RCR.

3. The undersigned is also directed to request the Department to take necessary action in the matter.

4. DoPT's file/folder No. 4/7/2014-IR (Pt.V) is returned herewith.

(V. Sheshadri)
Director
Tel. No. 2301 3485

Secretary, Department of Personnel & Training
PMO ID no.: 600/31/C/18/2014-ES/2 Dated. 26.05.2015
F.No. 4/7/2014-IR
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Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
Department of Personnel and Training

Meeting Notice

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2. Kindly make it convenient to attend the meeting.

(Archana Varma)
Joint Secretary
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Department of Personnel and Training

North Block, New Delhi  
Dated : 27th May, 2015

Meeting Notice

In continuation of the meeting notice dated 25th May, 2015, the 2nd meeting of the Selection Committee for the posts of Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners in the Central Information Commission will be convened under the Chairmanship of the Hon'ble Prime Minister on 01.06.2015 (Monday) from 5.00 p.m. onwards at 7 Race Course Road, New Delhi. The Agenda of the meeting is enclosed.

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1. Introduction

Right to Information Act, 2005, mandates constitution of a Central Information Commission (CIC), consisting of the Chief Information Commissioner and such number of Information Commissioners not exceeding ten, as may be deemed necessary. The Commission adjudicates appeals and complaints under the RTI Act. At present, the Central Information Commission has no Chief Information Commissioner and 7 Information Commissioners.

2. First meeting of the Committee

2.1 The detailed agenda note was circulated to the Committee on 18.05.2015 for its first meeting of 23.05.2015, which is placed at Annexure 'A'. The Committee constituted under Section 12 (3) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 met under the Chairmanship of the Hon'ble Prime Minister at 11.00 am on 23.05.2015 at 7, Race Course Road, New Delhi to consider the proposal for appointment of Chief Information Commissioner and three Information Commissioners in the CIC.

2.2 The Committee perused the detailed agenda including the process involved in the search procedure for short-listing the applicants for consideration. The Committee also considered the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in a Review Petition No. 2309/2012 filed by Union of India against Hon'ble Supreme Court judgement dated 13.9.2012 in the matter of Namit Sharma Vs. UoI. The Committee considered all the applications received in response to open advertisement made on 24.10.2014 for the post of Chief Information Commissioner (203 in number) and advertisement made on 25.02.2014 and 16.07.2014 for the posts of Information Commissioner (553 in number).

2.3 After taking into account all the relevant factors, the Committee decided to obtain further details on the following candidates :-
For CIC
(i) Shri Vijai Sharma IAS (Retd) (UP:1974)

For IC
(i) Shri Sudhir Bhargava IAS (Retd) (RJ:1979)
(ii) Ms Stuti Narain Kacker IAS (Retd) (UP:1978)

2.4 The Committee decided to meet again shortly to take a final decision based on the information sought.

3. Further details of the candidate for CIC

3.1 In pursuance of the decision of the Committee for further information on the candidates mentioned above, the details on work experience as obtained from ER sheet, ACR gradings obtained from ACR Dossiers, Vigilance status obtained from DOP&T and special achievements as mentioned in the Bio-data of the candidates have been compiled. All inputs under category "Other inputs" will be placed before the Committee during the meeting itself. The aforesaid details are as under:

3.2 SHRI VIJAI SHARMA : IAS (RETD.) (UP : 1974)

I. Date of Birth : 02/12/1950

II. Academic Qualification : He has done Masters in Law from Harvard University and is also a Bachelor of Science from Lucknow University.

III. Important Assignments :
- He is Information Commissioner since 01.03.2012
- Retired as Secretary, M/o Environment & Forests (July 2008 to Dec 2010)
- 3 years as Spl/Addl Secy in Cabinet Sectt (June 2005 to June 2008)
- About 2 years as Chief Electoral Officer, UP (Sep 2003 to May 2005)
- About 2 years as Advisor to Executive Director, United Nations (August 2001 to June 2008)
• About 6 years as Joint Secy, M/o Environment & Forests (May 1995 to July 2001)

• More than 7 years as District Magistrate of Meerut (Nov 1987 to May 1990), Moradabad (Aug 1983 to Dec 1985) and Jhansi district (April 1981 to July 1983).

• Worked as Member (Expert), National Green Tribunal, Principal Bench, New Delhi (2010).

IV. Special Achievements, as mentioned in the Bio-data:

• He held important assignments in United Nations such as Special adviser to Executive Director, U. N. Environment Programme and Senior Adviser to the Secretary- General of the U. N. Commission on Sustainable Development.

• He also developed statutory norms for biomedical, plastics and solid wastes, noise, hazardous substances and chemical accidents etc.

• He is co-author of two books namely 'The Forts of India' and 'The Forts of Bundelkhand'.

3.3 Further details of the candidates for IC

SHRI SUDHIR BHARGAVA : IAS (RETD.) (RJ : 1979)

I. Date of Birth : 12/01/1955

II. Academic Qualification : Masters of Science in Physics from University of Calcutta (1978) and Masters in Public Administration from Cambridge, USA (1993). He has done PG Diploma in Governance, Democratization and Public Policy from Institute of Social Studies, Hague (2007).

III. Important Assignments : 
- Retired as Secretary, M/o Social Justice and Empowerment (May 2013 to January 2015)

- About 3 years as Addl/Spl Secy in M/o Petroleum and Natural Gas (March 2010 to April 2013)

- More than 6 years as Joint Secy in D/o Fertilizers (Jan 2009 to Feb 2010) and M/o Textiles (Oct 2000 to Oct 2005)

- More than 5 years as Principal Secy/Secy to Govt. of Rajasthan in the Departments of School Education (Oct 2006 to Jan 2009) and Personnel (March 1998 to March 2000).

- One year as Collector, Tonk (June 1985 to June 1986)

IV. Special Achievements, as mentioned in the Bio-data:

- He devised strategies for creating a stimulating, engaging and enjoyable school environment to motivate students to learn and discover, for which the department was awarded the Marico India Innovation Award.

- He was instrumental in setting up of Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel Institute of Textile Management;

- Creation of Venture Capital fund for SC entrepreneurs;

- Conceptualizing and implementing 'Panchamrit' programme to reduce infant mortality and maternal mortality;

- Formulation of policy for Public-Private partnership in education sector for setting up of primary schools in remote / educationally backward areas;

- Re-orienting Public-Private community partnership to provide for health related unmet needs of the population and improve health outcomes.

Information exempted under Section 8(1)(j) and 10(1) of RTI Act, 2005.

VI. Other inputs: Will be placed in the meeting
3.2.2  

**MS. STUTI NARAIN KACKER, IAS (RETD.) (UP : 1978)**

I. **Date of Birth :** 19/12/1954

II. **Academic Qualification :** She is a Masters of Science in Botany. She has also done M. Phil. in Public Administration from Punjab University.

III. **Important Assignments :**

- Retired as Secretary, D/o Disability Affairs (Aug 2012 to Dec 2014)
- More than 5 years as Addl Secy/ Joint Secy in M/o Information and Broadcasting (June 2006 to Oct 2009) and M/o Small Scale Industries (MSME) (March 2003 to June 2005)
- 4 years as Dy. Director General, D/o Sugar and Edible Oils (May 1994 to May 1998)
- About 2 years as Member, Revenue Board, UP (Jan 1989 to Dec 1990)
- One year as District Magistrate Gajipur (July 1987 to July 1988)

IV. **Special Achievements, as mentioned in the Bio-data :**

- She helped in setting up of new Department of Disability Affairs in Government of India.
- She established National Handicapped Finance Development Corporation (NHFDC) from Zero base at Faridabad, as its CMD.
• She was instrumental in establishment of Economic Development Corporation (EDC) at Laos by MEA.

• She organized the first ever SAMARTH festival- celebrating diversity for Persons with Disabilities (Jan 2014).

• She has to her credit a number of publications such as those relating to rehabilitation of persons with disabilities and ‘Metamorphosis Turnaround’ stories of 11 CPSEs (2010).

Information exempted under Section 8 (i) (j) and 10 (1) of RTI Act, 2005.

4. The agenda note is submitted for kind consideration of the Committee. The Committee may kindly recommend names of candidates for one post of Chief Information Commissioner and three posts of Information Commissioners in the Central Information Commission for appointment by the President of India.
O/o Sh. Mallikarjun Kharge, MP (LS) and Leader of Congress Party in Lok Sabha
9, Safdarjung Road, New Delhi-11

23rd May, 2015

As directed by Shri Mallikarjun Kharge, MP and Leader of Congress Party in Lok Sabha, I would like to inform that Shri Mallikarjun Kharge, MP and Leader of Congress Party in Lok Sabha will be available for meeting on 26th May, 2015 at 11.00am or 27th May, 2015 any time. Kindly convey this message to hon'le MoS for PMO and confirm to our office also.

With regards,

(\(\text{M. Chaudhary}\))
PS To Mr. Mallikarjun Kharge,
Leader of Congress Party in Lok Sabha.
New Delhi.
011-23793082

\(\text{PS to Hon'le MoS for PMO}\)

For kind perusal and appropriate action please.

\(\text{\underline{\text{Signature}}}\)
23/05/2015
PS to MoS (PM)

\(\text{\underline{\text{Signature}}}\)
26/05/2015
PS to PM (CF)

Discussed - A meeting has been concluded on 1st July 5.00 PM preceded by briefing at 4.00 PM on 27th.

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26/05/2015
PS (CF) 8.25 AM

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RS-MOs (PMO)

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MINUTES OF THE 2ND MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE HELD ON 1ST JUNE, 2015 AT 7, RACE COURSE ROAD, NEW DELHI FOR MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF INFORMATION COMMISSIONER AND INFORMATION COMMISSIONER IN THE CENTRAL INFORMATION COMMISSION

The Committee constituted under the Right to Information Act, 2005 met under the Chairmanship of the Hon’ble Prime Minister at 5.00 pm on 01.06.2015 at 7, Race Course Road, New Delhi to make recommendation for appointment of Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners.

The meeting was attended by the following:

(i) Shri Narendra Modi, Prime Minister, Chairman
(ii) Shri Mallikarjun Kharge, Leader of Indian National Congress, the single largest party in Opposition in Lok Sabha, Member
(iii) Shri Arun Jaitley, Finance Minister, Member

Shri Sanjay Kothari, Secretary (Personnel) also attended the meeting and assisted the Committee.

The Committee was informed that as decided by the Committee during its last meeting held on 23.05.2015, further details in respect of the following officers have been obtained and placed with the agenda note:

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For IC

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The Committee perused the agenda including the details of the above mentioned officers along with their vigilance profile. The Committee decided to fill only one post of Information Commissioner in addition to the Chief Information Commissioner. After taking into account all the relevant aspects, the Committee recommended the following for appointment as Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission:

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(i) Shri Vijai Sharma, IAS (Retd) (UP:1974) - Chief Information Commissioner

(ii) Shri Sudhir Bhargava, IAS (Retd) (RJ:1979) - Information Commissioner

4. The details on eminence in public life, knowledge and experience in the respective field in respect of each person mentioned above, are given in the Annexure.

(Shri Arun Jaitley),
Minister of Finance,
Corporate Affairs,
and Information &
Broadcasting

(Shri Mallikarjun Kharge),
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(Shri Narendra Modi),
Prime Minister
For the post of Chief Information Commissioner

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I am happy to inform you that you have been selected for appointment as Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission. Terms of appointment will be regulated in accordance with the provision of the Right to Information Act, 2005. You are requested to confirm that offer of appointment as Chief Information Commissioner is acceptable to you.

2. I would like to invite your attention to proviso to sub-section(2) of Section 13 of the RTI Act, 2005 which provides that an Information Commissioner shall be eligible for appointment as the Chief Information Commissioner on vacating his office. As you are holding the post of Information Commissioner, before your appointment as Chief Information Commissioner, you will be required to vacate the office of Information Commissioner.

3. Please accept our best wishes in your new assignment.

Yours sincerely,

(Devesh Chaturvedi)

Shri Vijai Sharma
Central Information Commissioner,
Central Information Commission,
Room No. 3, Old JNU Campus,
I am happy to inform you that you have been selected for appointment as Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission. You are requested to confirm that offer of appointment as Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission is acceptable to you.

2. Terms of appointment in the Commission will be regulated in accordance with the provisions of the Right to Information Act, 2005.

3. Section 12 (6) of the RTI Act, 2005 provides that the Chief Information Commissioner or an Information Commissioner shall not be a Member of Parliament or Member of Legislature of any State or Union Territory, as the case may be, or hold any other office of profit or connected with any political party or carrying on any business or pursuing any profession. If you are associated with any other office/organization in any capacity which is otherwise debarred / prohibited under the above Act, it would be necessary for you to resign therefrom before appointment as Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission.

4. Please accept our best wishes in your new assignment.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Devesh Chaturvedi)

Shri Sudhir Bhargava,
Bungalow No. 16,
New Moti Bagh,
New Delhi -23.
June 8, 2015

Dear Shri Chaturvedi,

Please refer to your d.o.letter No.4/7/2014-IR dated June 8, 2015 conveying the decision of the Government for my appointment as Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission.

2. I accept the appointment as Chief Information Commissioner.


With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Vijai Sharma)

Shri Devesh Chaturvedi
Joint Secretary
Department of Personnel & Trg.
North Block, New Delhi.
The Hon'ble President of India has approved the appointment of Shri Vijai Sharma as the Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission. The new Chief Information Commissioner would have to be administered an Oath or affirmation as per the First Schedule of the Right to Information Act, 2005 by the President. A list of dignitaries who may be invited for the swearing-in-ceremony is enclosed.

2. You are requested to inform the date and time at which Hon'ble President would be pleased to administer Oath to the new Chief Information Commissioner. A copy of the Oath, in Hindi, is also enclosed.

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Suggested list of invitees of swearing in ceremony of Chief Information Commissioner

1. Vice President of India
2. Prime Minister
3. Chief Justice of India
4. Speaker, Lok Sabha
5. Home Minister
6. Finance Minister
7. Law Minister
8. Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha
9. Shri Mallikarjun Kharge, Leader of INC in the Lok Sabha
10. MoS (PP)
11. National Security Adviser
12. Chairman, UPSC
13. Chief Election Commissioner
14. Comptroller & Auditor General
15. Attorney General of India
16. Cabinet Secretary
17. Chief Vigilance Commissioner
18. Chief Information Commissioner designate
19. Family of Chief Information Commissioner designate
20. Both Election Commissioners
21. Principal Secretary to PM
22. Solicitor General
23. All Information Commissioners
24. Shri Sudhir Bhargava, Information Commissioner designate
25. Members, UPSC
26. Additional Principal Secretary to PM
27. OSD in the Cabinet Secretariat
28. Home Secretary
29. Secretary (Personnel)
30. Law Secretary
31. Secretary, Legislative Department
32. Secretary (C & PG), Cabinet Secretariat
33. Director, CBI
34. Director, IB
35. Shri Bhasker Khulbe, Additional Secretary to Prime Minister
36. Additional Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat
37. Establishment officer, DoPT
38. Additional Secretary & Financial Advisor, DoPT
39. Secretary/Additional Secretary, CIC
40. Shri Devesh Chaturvedi, Joint Secretary [SV - I], DoPT
सूचना का अधिकार अधिनियम, 2005
(पहली अनुसूची)

मुख्य सूचना आयुक्त द्वारा ली जाने वाली शपथ या किए जाने वाले
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[धारा 13(3) और धारा 16(3) वेलिए]
मुख्य सूचना आयुक्तगे/सूचना आयुक्त/राज्य मुख्य सूचना आयुक्त/राज्य सूचना आयुक्त द्वारा ली जाने वाली राजस्व या किए जाने वाले प्रतिज्ञा का प्ररूप

“मे, जो मुख्य सूचना आयुक्त/सूचना आयुक्त/राज्य मुख्य सूचना आयुक्त/राज्य सूचना आयुक्त नियुक्त हुए, ईशरा की सम्पत्ति लेता हूँ कि मैं विविध द्वारा स्थापित भारत सरकार के संविधान के प्रति स्वीकारता अथवा निश्चित रूप से भारत की प्रमुख और पूरे रूप से भारत सरकार के प्रति स्वीकार रूप से और भारतीय सरकार के प्रति अपने पूर्व दर्शक के स्वभाव व रूप में, संविधान और विविध द्वारा निर्देशित रूप से भारत सरकार के प्रति स्वीकार रूप से और भारत सरकार के प्रति अपने पूर्व दर्शक के स्वभाव व रूप में, संविधान और विविध द्वारा निर्देशित रूप से भारत सरकार के प्रति स्वीकार रूप से और भारत सरकार के प्रति अपने पूर्व दर्शक के स्वभाव व रूप में, संविधान और विविध द्वारा निर्देशित रूप से भारत सरकार के प्रति स्वीकार रूप से और भारत सरकार के प्रति अपने पूर्व दर्शक के स्वभाव व रूप में, संविधान और विविध द्वारा निर्देशित रूप से भारत सरकार के प्रति स्वीकार रूप से और भारत सरकार के प्रति अपने पूर्व दर्शक के स्वभाव व रूप में, संविधान और विविध द्वारा निर्देशित रूप से भारत सरकार के प्रति स्वीकार रूप से और भारत सरकार के प्रति अपने पूर्व दर्शक के स्वभाव व रूप में, संविधान और विविध द्वारा निर्देशित रूप से भारत सरकार के प्रति स्वीकार रूप से और भारत सरकार के प्रति अपने पूर्व दर्शक के स्वभाव व रूप में, संविधान और विविध द्वारा निर्देशित रूप से भारत सरकार के प्रति स्वीकार रूप से और भारत सरकार के प्रति अपने पूर्व दर्शक के स्वभाव व रूप में, संविधान और विविध द्वारा निर्देशित रूप से भारत सरकार के प्रति स्वीकार रूप से और भारत सरकार के प्रति अपने पूर्व दर्शक के स्वभाव व रूप में, संविधान और विविध द्वारा निर्देशित रूप से भारत सरकार के प्रति स्वीकार रूप से और भारत सरकार के प्रति अपने पूर्व दर्शक के स्वभाव व रूप में, संविधान और विविध द्वारा निर्देशित रूप
Dated, June 5, 2015

Dear Shri Chaturvedi,

I acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter F No 4/7/2014-IR dt 08.06.15 informing that I have been selected for appointment as Information Commissioner. I am pleased to accept the offer of appointment as Information Commissioner in the CIC.

I further confirm that I do not hold any office at present and that I am not connected with any political party, business or profession.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Sudhir Bhargava, IAS)

Shri Devesh Chaturvedi
Joint Secretary
Deptt. of Personnel & Training
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievance & Pensions
Cabinet Secretariat
New Delhi 110011

(Sudhir Bhargava, IAS)
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"The Chief Information Commissioner or an Information Commissioner shall before he enters upon his office make and subscribe before the President or some other person appointed by him in that behalf, an oath or affirmation according to the form set out for the purpose in the First Schedule".

3. You are requested to kindly inform whether the Hon'ble President would please to administer oath to the above person himself or would appoint some other person to administer oath to him.

4. In case the President pleases to appoint some other person to administer the oath, the name of that person may kindly be informed. On the last occasion, the President had appointed the Central Chief Information Commissioner for the said purpose.

Yours sincerely,

(Devesh Chaturvedi)

Dr. Thomas Mathew
Additional Secretary
Rashtrapati Bhavan
New Delhi
PRESS NOTE

The President is pleased to appoint Shri Vijai Sharma (Indian Administrative Service:1974), Central Information Commissioner, as the Chief Information Commissioner and Shri Sudhir Bhargava (Indian Administrative Service:1979), retired Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, as the Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission, New Delhi for a term of five years from the date on which they enter upon their office or till they attain the age of sixty five years, whichever is earlier, as per the provisions of the Right to Information Act 2005.
Respected Sir,

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Yours sincerely,

(Devesh Chaturvedi)

Dated: 8th June, 2015

Dr. Thomas Mathew
Additional Secretary
Rashtrapati Bhavan
New Delhi
No. 33-Pres/79 - In supersession of all previous notifications issued on the subject, the following Table, with respect to the rank and precedence of the persons named therein which has been approved by the President, is published for general information:

1. President
2. Vice-President
3. Prime Minister
4. Governors of States within their respective States
5. Former Presidents
5A. Deputy Prime Minister
6. Chief Justice of India
   Speaker of Lok Sabha
7. Cabinet Ministers of the Union.
   Chief Ministers of States within their respective States
   Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission
   Former Prime Ministers
   Leaders of Opposition in Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha
7A. Holders of Bharat Ratna decoration
8. Ambassadors Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary and High Commissioners of Commonwealth countries accredited to India
   Chief Ministers of States outside their respective States
   Governors of States outside their respective States
9. Judges of Supreme Court
9A. Chairperson, Union Public Service Commission
    Chief Election Commissioner
    Comptroller & Auditor General of India
10. Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha
    Deputy Chief Ministers of States
    Deputy Speaker, Lok Sabha
    Members of the Planning Commission
    Ministers of State of the Union {and any other Minister in the Ministry of Defence for defence matters}
11. Attorney General of India.
    Cabinet Secretary.
    Lieutenant Governors within their respective Union Territories
12. Chiefs of Staff holding the rank of full General or equivalent rank.
13. Envoys Extraordinary and Ministers Plenipotentiary accredited to India.
14. Chairmen and Speakers of State Legislatures within their respective States.
    Chief Justices of High Courts within their respective jurisdictions
15. Cabinet Ministers in States within their respective States
   Chief Ministers of Union Territories and Chief Executive Councillor, Delhi within their respective Union Territories
   Deputy Ministers of the Union

16. Officiating Chiefs of Staff holding the rank of Lieutenant General or equivalent rank.

17. Chairman, Central Administrative Tribunal.
   Chairman, Minorities Commission
   Chairperson, National Commission for Scheduled Castes
   Chairperson, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes
   Chief Justices of High Courts outside their respective jurisdictions
   Puisne Judges of High Courts within their respective jurisdictions

18. Cabinet Ministers in States outside their respective States
   Chairmen and Speakers of State Legislatures outside their respective States
   Chairman, Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Commission
   Deputy Chairmen and Deputy Speakers of State Legislatures within their respective States
   Ministers of State in States within their respective States
   Ministers of Union Territories and Executive Councillors, Delhi, within their respective Union Territories.
   Speakers of Legislative Assemblies in Union Territories and Chairman of Delhi Metropolitan Council within their respective Union Territories.

19. Chief Commissioners of Union Territories not having Councils of Ministers, within their respective Union Territories.

20. Deputy Chairmen and Deputy Speakers of State Legislatures, outside their respective states.
    Ministers of State in States outside their respective States
    Puisne Judges of High Courts outside their respective jurisdictions.


22. Deputy Ministers in State outside their respective States

23. Army Commanders/ Vice-Chief of the Army Staff or equivalent in other services
   Chief Secretaries to State Governments within their respective States
   Commissioner for Linguistic Minorities
   Commissioner for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes
   Members, Minorities Commission
   Members, National Commission for Scheduled Castes
   Members, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes
   Officers of the rank of full General or equivalent rank
   Secretaries to the Government of India (including officers holding this office ex-officio).
   Secretary, Minorities Commission.
   Secretary, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Commission.
   Secretary to the President.
   Secretary to the Prime Minister.
   Secretary, Rajya Sabha/Lok Sabha
   Solicitor General
   Vice-Chairman, Central Administrative Tribunal
24. Officers of the rank of Lieutenant General or equivalent rank.

25. Additional Secretaries to the Government of India.
   Additional Solicitor General
   Advocate Generals of States.
   Chairman, Tariff Commission
   Charge d’Affairs and Acting High Commissioners a pied and ad interim
   Chief Ministers of Union Territories and Chief Executive Councillor, Delhi outside their respective Union Territories
   Chief Secretaries of State Governments outside their respective States.
   Deputy Comptroller and Auditor General
   Deputy Speakers of Legislative Assemblies in Union Territories and Deputy Chairman, Delhi Metropolitan Council, outside their respective Union Territories.
   Director, Central Bureau of Investigation
   Director General, Border Security Force.
   Director General, Central Reserve Police.
   Director, Intelligence Bureau
   Lieutenant Governors outside their respective Union Territories.
   Members, Central Administrative Tribunal
   Members, Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Commission
   Members, Union Public Service Commission
   Ministers of Union Territories and Executive Councillors, Delhi, outside their respective Union Territories.
   Principal Staff Officers of the Armed Forces of the rank of major General or equivalent rank
   Speakers of Legislative Assemblies in Union Territories and Chairman of Delhi, Metropolitan Council, outside their respective Union Territories.

   Officers of the rank of Major-General or equivalent rank

NOTES

Note 1 The order in this Table of Precedence is meant for State and Ceremonial occasions and has no application in the day-to-day business of Government.

Note 2 Persons in the Table of Precedence will take rank in order of the number of the articles. The entries in the same article are arranged alphabetically. Those included in the same article will take precedence inter se according to date of entry into that article. However, where the dignitaries of different States and Union Territories included in the same article are present at a function outside their States or Union Territories and there is difficulty in ascertaining their dates of entry, they may be assigned precedence inter se in the alphabetical order of the name of States and Union Territories concerned after those whose precedence is determined according to date of entry into that article.

Note 3 In Article 7, former Prime Ministers will take precedence over the Cabinet Ministers of the Union and the Leaders of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha and the Lok Sabha. The Chief Ministers of States within their respective States will take precedence over the Cabinet Ministers of the Union in official functions held in the respective States.

Note 4 In Article 8:

(a) Ambassadors Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary and High Commissioners of Commonwealth countries accredited to India will en bloc rank above Governors of States outside their respective States,
(b) Governors of States outside their respective States will en bloc rank above Chief Ministers of States outside their respective States.

Note 5

The Ministry of External Affairs may assign appropriate ranks to foreign dignitaries and Indian Ambassadors, High Commissioners and Ministers Plenipotentiary during their visit to India.

Note 6

Notwithstanding the procedure laid down in Note 2, the rank inter se and precedence of the persons in Article 10 shall be assigned in the following order:

1. Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha.
2. Deputy Speaker, Lok Sabha.
3. Ministers of State of the Union and any other Minister in the Ministry of Defence for defence matters.
4. Deputy Chief Ministers of States.

However, the Deputy Chief Ministers of States outside their respective States will always rank below all other dignitaries figuring in this article.

Note 7

The Chairmen of State Legislative Councils will rank above the Speakers of Legislative Assemblies in cases where they were elected on the same date.

Note 8

When Members of Parliament are invited en bloc to major State functions, the enclosures reserved for them should be next to the Chief Justice, Speaker of the Lok Sabha, Ambassadors etc.

Note 9

Speakers of Legislative Assemblies in Union Territories and Chairman of the Delhi Metropolitan Council, Delhi, will take precedence over Ministers and Executive Councillors, included in the same article.

Note 10

In Article 23:

(a) Secretaries in the Ministry of External Affairs other than the Foreign Secretary, between themselves, will take precedence in the order of their seniority in Grade-I of the Indian Foreign Service and both of them will take precedence after the Foreign Secretary.

(b) Members of the Minorities Commission and the Scheduled Castes and Schedule Tribes Commission will always take precedence over the Secretaries of these Commissions;

(c) In official functions held at Delhi/New Delhi, Army Commanders/Vice Chief of the Army Staff or equivalent in other Services will always rank after Secretaries to the Government of India.

Note 11

In Article 25:

(a) Additional Secretaries in the Ministry of External Affairs, among themselves, will take precedence in the order of their seniority in Grade- II of the Indian Foreign Service;

(b) Additional Solicitor General will take precedence above the Advocate General of States;

(c) Lieutenant Governors will take precedence over the Chief Ministers and Chief Executive Councillor, Delhi, and the latter will take precedence over Speakers of Legislative Assemblies and Chairman, Metropolitan Council, Delhi.
(d) Deputy Speakers of Legislative Assemblies of Union Territories and Deputy Chairman of Delhi Metropolitan Council will take precedence after Ministers of Union Territories and Executive Councillors, Delhi.

Note 12 For the purpose of Article 26, the posts equivalent to the posts of Joint Secretaries to the Government of India will be determined by the Ministry of Home Affairs.

(K.C. Madappa) Secretary to the President
Subject: Appointment of Central Vigilance Commissioner and Chief Information Commissioner

Hon'ble President has recommended appointment of Sh. K.V. Chowdhary as the Central Vigilance Commissioner and Sh. Vijai Sharma as the Chief Information Commissioner. They will be administered oath of office by the Hon'ble President. The oath taking is likely to be held on 10.6.2015.

2. Ministry of Home Affairs is requested to urgently indicate who is positioned senior in the Warrant of Precedence and shall be administered the oath first. It is further requested that the information may be sent by today afternoon.

[Signature]
(Devesh Chaturvedi)
Joint Secretary (SV-I)

Ministry of Home Affairs (Attn: Sh. Satpal Chauhan, JS(Admn.)North Block, New Delhi

Department of Personnel & Training ID No. F.4/7/2014-IR Dated 09.06.2015
Government of India  
Ministry of Home Affairs  
(Public Section)

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Subject : Appointment of Central Vigilance Commissioner and Chief Information Commissioner – regarding.

With reference to DOP&Trg ID No. F.4/7/2014 – IR dated 9.6.2015, on the aforesaid subject, it is informed that Central Vigilance Commissioner (CVC) and Chief Information Commissioner (CIC) do not find formal placement in the Central Table of Precedence (ToP).

2. However, in terms of the decision dated 13.11.1995 of the Warrant of Precedence Committee, the Central Vigilance Commissioner has been placed through executive instructions at Article 17 equivalent in the ToP. Since CIC has not been included in the ToP formally or through executive instructions, the present Chief Information Commissioner being a retired Secretary to the Government of India, will be placed at Article 23 equivalent of the Table of Precedence (ToP).

[Signature]

Satpal Chouhan  
Joint Secretary to the Govt. of India  
TEL: 011 - 23093178

Shri Devesh Chaturvedi, Joint Secretary (SV-I), DOP&Trg,  
North Block, New Delhi.


Please inform. President House.

D17(CRd)
Office Memorandum

Subject: Appointment of Central Vigilance Commissioner in the Central Vigilance Commission and Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission - regarding

The undersigned is directed to refer to D.O. letter of even number dated 8th June, 2015 of Shri Devesh Chaturvedi, Joint Secretary (S&V-I), DoPT on the above mentioned subject and to state that the matter regarding placement of Chief Vigilance Commissioner and Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Table of Precedence (ToP) has been clarified by the Ministry of Home Affairs and a copy of the same is enclosed.

Encl: As above.

Additional Secretary,
(Dr. Thomas Mathew)
President Secretariat,
Rashtrapati Bhawan,
New Delhi – 110004.
No.F.52-CA(I)/2015

9 June 2015

Dear Shri. Chaturvedi,

This has reference to your d.o. letter No.F.4/7/2014-IR, dated 8 June, 2015 regarding administering the oath to the new Chief Information Commissioner Shri Vijai Sharma.

It may kindly be noted that the Hon’ble President will be pleased to administer the oath of office to the Chief Information Commissioner-designate at 12.30 hrs on 10 June 2015 in the Darbar Hall of Rashtrapati Bhavan.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Thomas Mathew

Shri Devesh Chaturvedi
Joint Secretary
Department of Personnel and Training
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
North Block
New Delhi.
No.F.4/7/2014-IR
Government of India
Deptt. of Personnel & Training

Dated, 9th June, 2015

To

The Secretary,
Central Information Commission,
New Delhi.

Subject: Oath to the new Chief Information Commissioner

Madam,

A copy of the D.O. Letter received from Additional Secretary to the President bearing No. F.52-CA(I)/2015 dated 9th June, 2015 regarding oath to the new Chief Information Commissioner Shri Vijai Sharma, is forwarded herewith for information.

Yours sincerely,

(Devesh Chaturvedi)
Joint Secretary
No. F. 52-CA(I)/2015

June 2015

Dear Shri. Chaturvedi,

This has reference to your c.o. letter No. 4/7/2014-IR, dated 8 June, 2015 regarding administration of oath to the newly appointed Information Commissioner.

I write to convey that the President has desired that the newly appointed Information Commissioner may make and subscribe oath or affirmation before the Chief Information Commissioner as provided under Section 13(3) of the Right Information Act, 2005.

Please communicate to the CIC office immediately.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Thomas Mathew

Shri Devesh Chaturvedi
Joint Secretary
Department of Personnel and Training
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
North Block
New Delhi.
To
The Secretary
Central Information Commission
Bhikaji Cama Place
New Delhi
Fax: 26106287

Subject: Oath to the newly appointed Information Commissioner.

Sir,

Hon'ble President has approved the appointment of Shri Sudhir Bhargava as Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission. In this regard Additional Secretary to the President vide D.O. letter No.F.52-CA9D/2015 dated 9th June, 2015 has conveyed that the President has desired that the newly appointed Information Commissioner may take and subscribe oath or affirmation before the Chief Information Commissioner as provided under Section 13(3) of the Right to Information Act, 2005.

2. You may take necessary action accordingly.

Yours faithfully,

(Devesh Chaturvedi)
Joint Secretary
No.399/15/2014-AVD-III
Government of India
Department of Personnel & Training

Dated, 9\textsuperscript{th} June, 2015

To

The Secretary
Central Information Commission
Bhikaji Cama Place
New Delhi

Fax: 26180517

Subject: Oath to the newly appointed Information Commissioner.

Sir,

Hon\'ble President has approved the appointment of Shri Sudhir Bhargava as Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission. In this regard Additional Secretary to the President vide D.O. letter No.F.52-CA91/2015 dated 9\textsuperscript{th} June, 2015 has conveyed that the President has desired that the newly appointed Information Commissioner may take and subscribe oath or affirmation before the Chief Information Commissioner as provided under Section 13(3) of the Right to Information Act, 2005.

2. You may take necessary action accordingly.

Yours faithfully,

(Devesh Chaturvedi)
Joint Secretary
S.O. (E). — The President, on the recommendation of the committee constituted under subsection (3) of Section 12 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (22 of 2005), is pleased to appoint Shri Vijai Sharma as the Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission with effect from the 10th day of June, 2015.

[F.No. 4/7/2014-IR]

(Devesh Chaturvedi)
Joint Secretary to the Government of India

Copy to:

1. The Secretary, Central Information Commission, 2nd Floor, ‘B’. Wing, August Kranti Bhavan, Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi-110066.
2. Shri Vijai Sharma, Central Chief Information Commissioner, Central Information Commission, 2nd Floor, ‘B’. Wing, August Kranti Bhavan, Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi-110066.
3. President’s Secretariat (Sh. Thomas Mathew, Add. Secretary), Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi.
4. PS to Hon’ble Prime Minister, South Block, New Delhi.
5. Cabinet Secretariat, Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi.
6. PSO to Secretary (P)/AS&FA (Home)/PS to JS (S&V.I).
7. PPS to E.O., DoPT, North Block, New Delhi.
8. Pay & Accounts Office, CAR, Dalhousie Road, New Delhi.
10. 20 spare copies.
Government of India
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
(Department of Personnel and Training)

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the June, 2015

S.O. — The President, on the recommendation of the committee constituted under subsection (3) of Section 12 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (22 of 2005), is pleased to appoint Shri Sudhir Bhargava as the Central Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission with effect from the 10th day of June, 2015.

[F.No. 4/7/2014-IR]

(Devesh Chaturvedi)
Joint Secretary to the Government of India

Copy to:

1. The Secretary, Central Information Commission, 2nd Floor, ‘B’. Wing, August Kranti Bhavan, Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi-110066.
2. Shri Vijai Sharma, Central Chief Information Commissioner, Central Information Commission, 2nd Floor, ‘B’. Wing, August Kranti Bhavan, Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi-110066.
3. Shri Sudhir Bhargava, Central Information Commissioner, Central Information Commission, 2nd Floor, ‘B’. Wing, August Kranti Bhavan, Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi-110066.
4. President’s Secretariat (Sh. Thomas Mathew, Add. Secretary), Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi.
5. PS to Hon’ble Prime Minister, South Block, New Delhi.
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11. 20 spare copies.
S.O. 1363(E).—The President, on the recommendation of the committee constituted under sub-section (3) of Section 12 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (22 of 2005), is pleased to appoint Shri Rajiv Mathur as the Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission with effect from the 22nd day of May, 2014.

[F. No. 4/7/2014-IR]
ARCHANA VARMA, Jt. Secy.
To

The Manager
Govt. of India Press
Mayapuri
New Delhi

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith a copy of notification to be published in Part-II, Section 3, sub-section (ii) of the Gazette of India, Extraordinary. You are also requested to furnish 20 copies of the Gazette Notification for official use of this Department. Soft copy of the notification both in English and Hindi is sent herewith.

Yours faithfully,

(R.K. Girdhar)
Under Secretary to the Govt. of India
Tel. 2309 2759

Encl: As above
NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 10th June, 2015

S.O.……. (E). – The President, on the recommendation of the committee constituted under sub-section (3) of section 12 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (22 of 2005), is pleased to appoint Shri Vijai Sharma as the Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission with effect from the 10th day of June, 2015.

(F.No. 4/7/2014-IR)

(Devesh Chaturvedi)
Joint Secretary to the Government of India

Copy to:

1. The Secretary, Central Information Commission, 2nd Floor, ‘B’ Wing, August Kranti Bhavan, Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi-110066.
2. Shri Vijai Sharma, Central Chief Information Commissioner, Central Information Commission, 2nd Floor, ‘B’ Wing, August Kranti Bhavan, Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi-110066.
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नई दिल्ली, 10 जून, 2015

अधिसूचना

का.आ._____(अ).-- राष्ट्रपति, सूचना का अधिकार अधिनियम, 2005 (2005 का 22) की धारा 12 की उपधारा (3) के अधीन गठित समिति की सिफारिश पर, 10 जून, 2015 से केंद्रीय सूचना आयोग में श्री विजय शर्मा को मुख्य सूचना आयुक्त के रूप में नियुक्त करते हैं।

(फाओ सं/0 4/7/2014-आईआर)

(देवेश चतुर्वेदी)
संयुक्त सचिव, भारत सरकार
To

The Manager
Govt. of India Press
Mayapuri
New Delhi

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Yours faithfully,

(R.K. Girdhar)
Under Secretary to the Govt. of India
Tel. 2309 2759

Encl: As above
Government of India
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
(Deartment of Personnel and Training)

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[F.No. 4/7/2014-IR]

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नई दिल्ली, 10 जून, 2015

अधिसूचना

का.आ._____ (अ.)-- राष्ट्रपति, सूचना का अधिकार अधिनियम, 2005 (2005 का 22) की धारा 12 की उपधारा (3) के अधीन गठित समिति की सिफारिश पर, 10 जून, 2015 से केंद्रीय सूचना आयोग में श्री विजय शर्मा को मुख्य सूचना आयुक्त के रूप में नियुक्त करते हैं।

(फा0 सं0 4/7/2014-आईआर)

(देशवाणी चतुर्वेदी)
संयुक्त सचिव, भारत सरकार
No. 1/2/2015/Admn.-CIC 11th June, 2015

To,

The Secretary(P),
Department of Personnel & Training,
North Block, New Delhi.

(Kind Attention: Shri Devesh Chaturvedi, Joint Secretary, DoPT)

Sub: Oath to the newly appointed Information Commissioner, Shri Sudhir Bhargava-

Sir,

With reference to your letter no. 399/15/2014-AVD-III dated 9th June, 2015 on the above subject, I am to inform you that Shri Sudhir Bhargava has taken and subscribed the oath before the Chief Information Commissioner today as provided under Section 13(3) of the RTI Act, 2005.

A copy each of the oath (in Hindi and English) taken by Shri Sudhir Bhargava is sent herewith for information/record.

It is requested that a copy of the notification of the appointment of Shri Bhargava may be sent to this Commission for record/necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

(S.P. Beck)
Joint Secretary (Admn.)

Encl. as above
पहली अनुसूची
(धारा 13(3) और धारा 16(3)
सूचना का अधिकार अधिनियम, 2005)
सूचना आयुक्त द्वारा ली जाने वाली शपथ
ya kire janae wale pratiizaan kaa prasraap

मैं, सुधीर भार्गव जो
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(सुधीर भार्गव)
11-06-2015

विजय रामों
मुख्य सूचना आयुक्त
11-06-2015
THE FIRST SCHEDULE
[Sections 13(3) and 16(3) of the RTI Act, 2005]
FORM OF OATH OR AFFIRMATION TO BE MADE BY
THE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER

I, Sudhir Bhargava,

having been appointed Information Commissioner swear in the
name of God that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the
Constitution of India as by law established, that I will uphold
the sovereignty and integrity of India, that I will duly and
faithfully and to the best of my ability, knowledge and judgment
perform the duties of my office without fear or favour, affection
or ill-will and that I will uphold the Constitution and the laws.

(Sudhir Bhargava)
11-06-2015

In my presence

(Vijai Sharma)
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संयुक्त सचिव, भारत सरकार
No. 12/4/2015/Admn.-CIC

Dated: 10th June, 2015

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Your kind presence is solicited. However, in case of pre-occupation, please depute your representative for the event.

With Regards,

Achla Sinha

I attended the event. May be filed in the relevant file. 11/6/15

Shri Sanjay Kothari
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(सुधीर भार्गव)
11-06-2015

मेरी उपस्थिति में

(किजय शाना)
मुख्य सूचना आयुक्त
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MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
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MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS  
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NOTIFICATION  
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