

Government of India  
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions  
(Department of Personnel and Training)  
IR Division  
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**Subject: - Appointment of Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission**

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.

2. At present, the Central Information Commission has a Chief Information Commissioner and six Information Commissioners. Incumbency Statement of Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners is placed **at Flag 'A'**. Four Information Commissioners have completed their tenure and their appointment process is going as per the provisions of the Act and past practice.

3. The Chief Information Commissioner is going to complete his tenure on 11.01.2020.

4. 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.

5. As per 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.*

6. 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."*

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**Process**

7. As per past practice, the process of selection of Chief Information Commissioners involves following steps:-

- (i) Particulars of interested persons are invited through advertisements in newspapers (two English and two Hindi) and through DoPTs Website. Particulars of applicants are tabulated by DoPT and sent to a Search Committee (constituted by PM) chaired by Cabinet Secretary.
- (ii) Shortlisted names are sent to a Committee constituted under Section 12(3) headed by the Hon'ble Prime Minister.
- (iii) Persons recommended by the Committee under Section 12(3) are appointed by the Hon'ble President.

8. Hon'ble Supreme Court in its Judgement dated 15.02.2019 in WP No.436 of 2018: Ms Anjali Bhardwaj & others Vs. Union of India and others pertaining to fill up the vacancies in CIC, has disposed of the WP, inter-alia holding that-

(i) The procedure is now adequately transparent, one cannot find fault in the process of appointment;

(ii) There have been undue delay in filing up these vacancies; and that vacancies shall be filled up, in future well in time.

(iii) The terms and conditions on which such appointments are to be made be specifically stipulated in the advertisement and put on the website as well;

(iv) The Search Committee ought to make criteria for shortlisting the candidates public so that it is ensured that shortlisting is done on the basis of objective and rational criteria;

(v) Information Commissioners are appointed from other streams/categories as well;

(iv) Vacancies be filled up in future without any delay by initiating the process for filling up the vacancies one or two months before.

9. In view of the above, Hon'ble Prime Minister's approval may be solicited on the following :-

- (i) To start process of appointment of Chief Information Commissioner in the CIC as per past practice of publication of advertisement in leading newspapers (02 each in Hindi and English).
- (ii) Constitution of Search Committee for shortlisting of candidates. A copy of the composition of Search Committee for the last year is placed at **Flag 'B'**.

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(iii) To nominate one Union Cabinet Minister as member of the Committee, headed by Hon'ble PM, to be constituted under Section 12(3) of RTI Act. [During the last round of Selection of CIC/IC, Shri Arun Jaitley, <sup>then</sup> Minister of Finance, was nominated as member of the Committee.] **Flag 'C'**.

(iv) Draft advertisement inviting applications for appointment to the post of Chief Information Commissioner in the CIC:-

- a) To be published in 04 leading newspapers (02 each in Hindi and English).
- b) To be placed on DoPT's website is placed alongside.

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05-11-2019

Sd/(IR-II)

Birendra  
5/11/19

US (IR-II)

Sanyal  
5/11/2019

Director (IR)

(refer notes above and at pp 1-2/n)

Para 9 for the consideration and approval of Hon'ble Prime Minister pt.

AS (LR)

V. Sinha  
05/11/19

Secy (P)

Secretary  
06/11/19

[Signature]

(Smt. CHANDRAMAULI)  
सचिव/Secretary

07/11/2019

No S(P).  
1/27.11.19

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PM

## 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.**

Reference is invited to DOPT's notes no. 4/16/2018-IR(Pt.), 4/11/2019-IR and 4/16/2018-IR (Pt.V) dated 25.9.2019, 7.11.2019 and 29.11.2019 respectively on the subject cited above.

2. Prime Minister has approved the following:

- ✓ (i) Initiating the process of appointment of Chief Information Commissioner in CIC as per practice of publication of advertisement in leading newspapers and constitution of Search Committee.
- (ii) To close the previous process of appointment of Information Commissioners in the Central Information Commission initiated vide advertisements dated 04.01.2019 posted on the website of the Department and also published in all editions of 04 newspapers (02 each English and Hindi) on 08.01.2019.
- (iii) To start afresh the process of appointment of four Information Commissioners in the Central Information Commission in light of decision taken by the Search Committee in its meeting held on 21.11.2019, in view of the revision of the Terms and Conditions of the post of Information Commissioners.

Those who had applied for the post in response to the earlier advertisement dated 04.01.2019 may be requested to communicate their willingness to be considered for the post under the new terms and conditions of service along with an updated bio-data, if required.

- (iv) Nominating Shri Amit Shah, Union Home Minister as Member of the Committee headed by the Prime Minister to be constituted under Section 12(3) of RTI Act in place of Shri (Late) Arun Jaitley, then Minister of Finance.
- (v) To reconstitute the Search Committee for short listing candidates for appointment as Chief Information Commissioner/Information Commissioners with the following composition:-

|    |   |          |
|----|---|----------|
| 1. | Cabinet Secretary   | Chairman |
| 2. | Secretary (Personnel)   | Member   |
| 3. | Secretary (I&B)   | Member   |
| 4. | Secretary (DIPP)  | Member   |
| 5. | Dr. Manoj Panda (Director)<br>Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi<br>University | Member   |

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10/12/15

3. DoPT files no. [4/16/2018-IR(Pt.), 4/11/2019-IR and 4/16/2018-IR(Pt.V)] are returned herewith.

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18/12/19  
**(Kavitha V. Padmanabhan)**  
**Deputy Secretary**  
Tel. No. 2301 3132

**Secretary, Department of Personnel & Training**

PMO ID no. 5137496,5164333,5177938/PMO/2019-HR

Dated 10.12.2019

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~~Dir (IR)~~  
12/12/19

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12/12/19

**Subject:-** Appointment of Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission

The issue on this file relates to appointment of Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission.

2. PMO vide ID no. 5137496,5164333,5177938/PMO/2019-HR dated 10.12.2019 has conveyed the approval of the Prime Minister for initiating the process of appointment of Chief Information Commissioner in CIC as per practice of publication of advertisement in leading newspapers and constitution of Search Committee.

3. In this regard, we may issue the advertisement with the final date of receiving applications after 3 weeks from date of issue of advertisement, as per past practice. 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2020 may be suggested as the last date for receipt of applications.

4. Submitted for consideration and approval please.

*Manoj*  
12/12/19

SO(1R-11) OL  
SO(1R-1) LO  
US(1R-11)

Director (IR)

*Jayraj Kumar*  
12/12/2019

*V Seetha*  
12/12/19

*ASCI(R)*

*Secy (P)*

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12/12/19

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12/12/2019.

SO(1R-2)

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**Sub:** Appointment of Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission

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2. The issue on this file relates to appointment of Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission.

**Rule Position**

3. 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.

4. As per Section 12(5) of the RTI Act, 2005, 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."

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(i) the constitution of Search Committee for short-listing of candidate for appointment as Chief Information Commissioners with the following composition :-

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| b. | Secretary (Personnel)  | Member   |
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| d. | Secretary (DIPP)   | Member   |
| e. | Dr. Manoj Panda (Director)<br>Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi University | Member   |

(ii) Nominating Shri Amit Shah, Union Home Minister as member of the Committee, headed by Hon'ble PM, to be constituted under Section 12(3) of RTI Act.

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5. Accordingly, an advertisement inviting particulars of interested persons for the post of Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission was published on the website of this Department on 12.12.2019 and also in all editions of 04 newspapers (2 each English and Hindi) on 14.12.2019. The last date for receipt of applications was 03.01.2020.

6. A total no. of **106** applications have been received. Advance copy of applicants received before due date have also been included.

7. In view of the above, convenience of the Cabinet Secretary as Chairman of Search Committee may be solicited to convene a meeting for short-listing of the candidates at the earliest.

Submitted please

Indar  
07-01-2020

SO (IR-II)

US (IR-II)

Director (IR)

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Bikeesh  
08/01/2020

Sanyal  
08/01/2020

Pl resultant as discussed.

V. S. S.  
08/01/20



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(ii) Nominating Shri Amit Shah, Union Home Minister as member of the Committee, headed by Hon'ble PM, to be constituted under Section 12(3) of RTI Act.

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6. Accordingly, an advertisement inviting particulars of interested persons for the post of Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission was published on the website of this Department on 12.12.2019 and also in all editions of 04 newspapers(2 each English and Hindi) on 14.12.2019. The last date for receipt of applications was 03.01.2020.

7. A total no. of **106** applications for the post of Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission have been received by the last date i.e. 03.01.2020. Advance copy of applications received before due date have also been included.

8. Hon'ble Supreme Court in its Judgement dated 15.02.2019 in WP No.436 of 2018: Ms Anjali Bhardwaj & others Vs. Union of India and others pertaining to fill up the vacancies in CIC, has disposed of the WP, inter-alia holding that-

- i. The procedure is now adequately transparent, one cannot find fault in the process of appointment;
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- v. Information Commissioners are appointed from other streams/categories as well;
- vi. Vacancies be filled up in future without any delay by initiating the process for filling up the vacancies one or two months before.

9. In MA 1979 in WP No.436 of 2018, Hon'ble Supreme Court in its order dated 16.1.2019 directed the UoI to comply with the directions given in para 32 of the Judgement dated 15.02.2019 in WP No.436 of 2018 and complete the appointment process in respect of Information Commissioners in CIC within a period of three months from today i.e. 16.12.2019. The next date of hearing in the case is 25.03.2020.

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By 15.03.2020

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10. In view of the above, convenience of the Cabinet Secretary as Chairman of Search Committee may be solicited to convene a meeting for short-listing of the candidates for the post of Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission at the earliest.

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~~9/1/2020~~  
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~~CS/ER-II~~  
Director (IR)


Bireah  
9/1/2020  
Nayana Kumar  
09.01.2020

~~AS/CLR)~~

~~Monraj~~  
10/01/2020

V. Srinivas  
09/01/2020

~~Secy (P)~~  
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 10/01/2020

Cabinet Secretary

CS-441/20  
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2. The Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission is demitting office on 11.01.2020.

3. An advertisement inviting particulars of interested persons for the post of Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission was published on the website of this Department on 12.12.2019 and also in all editions of 04 newspapers(2 each English and Hindi)on 14.12.2019. The last date for receipt of applications was 03.01.2020.

4. A total no. of 106 applications for the post of Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission have been received +by the last date i.e. 03.01.2020. Advance copy of applications received before due date have also been included.

5. While the process for selection of Chief Information Commissioner is going on, no orders giving additional charge of Chief Information Commissioner to any Information Commissioner were issued by this department in the past.

File is submitted for information please.

~~Manoj~~  
10/1/2019

~~SO(P-1)~~

~~US(P-11)~~

~~Director (IR)~~

~~ASCLP~~

~~Secy (P)~~

~~Dir (IR)~~

~~US(P-2)~~

~~SO(P-2)~~

~~Bikesh~~  
10/1/2020  
~~Jayraj Kumar~~  
10/01/2020

~~V Suresh~~  
10/01/20

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10/01/2020

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10/01/2020

~~V Suresh~~  
10/01/20

~~Jayraj Kumar~~  
10/01/2020

Department of Personnel & Training

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Reference communication from PMO (pg 4-5/N.)

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PMO vide ID no. 5137496,5164333,5177938/PMO/2019-HR dated 10.12.2019 has conveyed the approval of the Prime Minister to initiate the process of appointment of Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission as per practice of publication of advertisement in leading newspapers and constitution of Search Committee.

2. Accordingly, an advertisement inviting particulars of interested persons for the post of Chief Information Commissioner in the CIC was published on the website of this Department on 12.12.2019 and also in all editions of 04 newspapers(2 each English and Hindi)on 14.12.2019. The last date for receipt of applications was 03.01.2020. A total no. of 106 applications for the post of Information Commissioners in the Central Information Commission have been received. Advance copy of applications received before due date have also been included.

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3. Cabinet Secretariat vide I.D No. 08/03/2019-CS(A) dated 16.01.2020 have informed that the meeting of Search Committee is scheduled to be held at 5:00 PM on 03.02.2020. Draft Agenda folder for the meeting of Search Committee for appointment of Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission is placed for consideration and approval.

Submitted please.

~~Manoj~~  
27/1/2020

SO(IR-1) OL

~~US(HR-11)~~

Jayaram  
28.01.2020

Director (IR)

~~AS (CR)~~

~~Secy (P)~~

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29/01/2020

V Saha  
28/01/2020

M. M. 29/01/2020

Department of Personnel & Training

IR Division

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As discussed with Director (IR).

2. 4 draft letters to obtain willingness of Information Commissioners in the Central Information Commission who have applied for the post of Chief Information Commissioner to consider their candidature under the RTI Rules 2019 i.e 'The Right to Information (Term of Office, Salaries, Allowances and Other Terms and Conditions of Service of Chief Information Commissioner, Information Commissioners in the Central Information Commission, State Chief Information Commissioner and State Information Commissioners in the State Information Commission) Rules, 2019', for consideration please as directed.

Manoj  
11/2/2020  
SO (IR-2)  
US (IR-1)

Draft Meeting Notice for Search Committee which has been scheduled for 13.02.2020 at 6-30 pm is also placed opposite for approval pt.

Birendra  
11/2/2020

Laxay Kumar  
11/2/2020

Director (IR)

This was discussed with Secy (P) / AS (CR) DPA's pt

V. Sankar  
11/2/20

AS (CR) 11/02/2020

Secy (P) [Signature] 11/02/2020

Dir (IR)

US (IR-2)

11/02/2020

Laxay Kumar  
11/02/2020

SO (IR-2)

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IR Division  
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Draft Meeting Notice of the meeting of the committee constituted as per Section 12(3) of the RTI act, 2005 to be held on 18.02.2020 at 7 Lok Kalyan Marg, New Delhi is placed for consideration and approval pls.

Manoj  
12/2/2020  
SO(1R-11)  
US(1R-11)

Bikash  
13/02/2020

Reference FR.

FR is a communication from PMO informing the meeting of the committee constituted under section 12(3) of the RTI Act has been scheduled for 18.02.2020 at 7 Lok Kalyan Marg. Accordingly, a draft meeting notice is placed opposite for consideration and approval please.

Sanyog Kumar  
13/2/2020

Director (IR)

V. Srinivas  
13/02/2020

ASCLR 13/02/2020

Secy (PT) [Signature]

13/02/2020

AS(LR) 13/02/2020

Dir (IR)

Discussed with  
Dir (IR).  
We may await  
issue of Meeting  
Notice after  
legal vetting.

**Department of Personnel & Training  
(IR Division)**

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**Sub: Appointment of Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commissioner- Agenda for the meeting of the Committee constituted under Section 12(3) of the Right to Information Act, 2005-reg.**

Section 12 (3) of the RTI Act, 2005 stipulates that **the Chief Information Commissioner** in the Central Information Commission shall be appointed by the President on the recommendation of a Committee consisting of the following:-

- (i) the Prime Minister who shall be the Chairperson 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.

(PMO vide ID no. 5137496, 5164333, 5177938/PMO/2019-HR dated 10.12.2019 have conveyed the approval of Shri Amit Shah, Union Home Minister as member of the Committee, headed by Hon'ble Prime Minister, to be constituted under Section 12(3) of the Right to Information Act, 2005).

2. Accordingly, Draft Agenda Note for the meeting of the Committee constituted as per Section 12(3) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 to be held on 18.02.2020 at 7, Lok Kalyan Marg, New Delhi has been attempted and is placed below for consideration and approval pls.

Tindan  
14-02-2020

SO(IR-II)

Sayaj Kumar  
14/02/2020

Director (IR)

V. Srinivas  
14/2/20

ASCLR)

Mohit Ranjan  
14/02/2020

Secy (P)

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14/02/2020



F.No.4/11/2019-IR

Government of India  
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions  
(Department of Personnel & Training)

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

This proposal is regarding filling up of the vacant post of Chief Information Commissioner (CIC) in the Central Information Commission as the previous incumbent Shri Sudhir Bhargava demitted office upon completion of his tenure on 11.01.2020.

2. In exercise of the powers conferred by Section-12(1) of Right to Information Act, 2005, the Central Government has constituted the Central Information Commission. As per Section-12(2) of the Act, the Commission shall consist of the Chief Information Commissioner and such number of Central Information Commissioners not exceeding ten, as may be deemed necessary.

3. 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".

4. According to Section-12(3) of the Act, the Chief Information Commissioner and the Information Commissioners shall be appointed by the President on the recommendation of the Committee consisting of :

- (i) The Prime Minister who shall be the Chairperson 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.

And 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.

5. Anticipating that the post of CIC in the Central Information Commission was due to fall vacant w.e.f. 11.01.2020, due to completion of tenure of Shri Sudhir Bhargava, a proposal to fill up the vacancy was initiated by Department of Personnel & Training. The approval of Hon'ble Prime Minister was obtained for initiating the process of selection for suitable persons for the posts of CIC and for the constitution of Search Committee duly.

6. Accordingly, the Committee as per Section 12(3) of the RTI Act, 2005, was constituted with the Prime Minister as Chairperson ; and Shri Amit Shah, Union Home Minister and Shri Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, Leader of the single largest Party in Opposition of the Government in the Lok Sabha, as Members.

7. The Prime Minister had on 10.12.2019 approved the constitution of a Search Committee for the present round of selection process (pages 1-2/cor) as given below:-

|      |   |          |
|------|---|----------|
| i.   | Cabinet Secretary   | Chairman |
| iii. | Secretary (Personnel)   | Member   |
| iv.  | Secretary (I&B)   | Member   |
| v.   | Secretary (DIPP)  | Member   |
| vi.  | Dr. Manoj Panda (Director, Institute<br>of Economic Growth, Delhi University) | Member   |

8. Vacancy circular dated 12.12.2019 was accordingly uploaded in both Hindi and English on the website of this Department. An advertisement was issued on 14.12.2019 in four newspapers, i.e., Hindustan Times and Times of India in English, and Dainik Jagaran and Hindustan in Hindi, in all their

editions in India, inviting applications for appointment to the post of CIC. The last date for receipt of applications was 03.01.2020.

9. In response, a total number of 106 applications had been received by the last date for the post of CIC in the Central Information Commission. List of these 106 applications may please be seen at pages 62-78/cor.

10. The Search Committee met under the Chairmanship of Cabinet Secretary on 03.02.2020 and 13.02.2020 and shortlisted one candidate for the post of CIC in the Central Information Commission. Minutes of the Search Committee are placed hereunder (pages 80 and 86-87/cor).

11. Meeting of the Committee constituted under Section 12(3) of the Right to Information Act, was held at 7:00 PM on 18.02.2020 under the chairmanship of the Prime Minister. Agenda note of the meeting is also placed hereunder (pages 90-92/cor). The Committee perused the agenda note, including the details of the applicants along with their profile. In addition to the candidate shortlisted by the Search Committee headed by Cabinet Secretary, the Committee considered all eligible applicants who had applied in response to advertisement for the post of Chief Information Commissioner issued on 12.12.2019.

12. After taking into account all the relevant factors, the Committee recommended Shri Bimal Julka, IAS (Retired) (MP:1979), currently Information Commissioner in Central Information Commission, for appointment as Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission.

13. The profile of Shri Bimal Julka, who is presently recommended for appointment as Chief Information Commissioner, is also placed (page 95/cor).

14. Therefore, the Prime Minister may like to recommend to the Hon'ble President to appoint Shri Bimal Julka, IAS (Retired), (MP:1979) as Chief

Information Commissioner under Section 12(3) of the Right to Information Act, 2005.



( Dr. C. Chandramouli)

Secretary (P)

19.02.2020

MOS/PP

1/2/19.2.2020

Prime Minister

Government of India  
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions  
(Department of Personnel & Training)

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PRESIDENT'S SECRETARIAT

Dy. No. 298939

Date 21.02.20

And 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.

5. As per Section 13 (1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005, the Chief Information Commissioner shall hold office for such term as may be prescribed by the Central Government and shall not be eligible for re-appointment. Provided that no Chief Information Commissioner shall hold office after he has attained the age of 65 years. Further provided that where the Information Commissioner is appointed as the Chief Information Commissioner, his term of office shall not be more than 5 years in aggregate as the Information Commissioner and the Chief Information Commissioner.

6. As per Section 27 (1), "the appropriate Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, make rules to carry out the provisions of this Act. Accordingly, The Right to Information (Terms of Office, Salaries, Allowances and other Terms and Conditions of Service of Chief Information Commissioner, Information Commissioners in the Central Information Commission, State Chief Information Commissioner and State Information Commissioners in the State Information Commission) Rules, 2019 have been framed and published in the Gazette vide Notification dated 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2019.

7. As per these Rules, the Chief Information Commissioner shall hold office for a period of three years from the date on which he enters upon his office. The other terms and conditions of appointment has also been laid out in these Rules.

8. Anticipating that the post of CIC in the Central Information Commission was due to fall vacant w.e.f. 11.01.2020, due to completion of tenure of Shri Sudhir Bhargava, a proposal to fill up the vacancy was initiated by Department of Personnel & Training. The approval of Hon'ble Prime Minister was obtained for initiating the process of selection for suitable

persons for the posts of CIC and for the constitution of Search Committee duly.

9. Accordingly, the Committee as per Section 12(3) of the RTI Act, 2005, was constituted with the Prime Minister as Chairperson ; and Shri Amit Shah, Union Home Minister and Shri Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, Leader of the single largest Party in Opposition of the Government in the Lok Sabha, as Members.

10. The Prime Minister had on 10.12.2019 approved the constitution of a Search Committee for the present round of selection process (pages 1-2/cor) as given below:-

|      |   |          |
|------|---|----------|
| i.   | Cabinet Secretary   | Chairman |
| iii. | Secretary (Personnel)   | Member   |
| iv.  | Secretary (I&B)   | Member   |
| v.   | Secretary (DIPP)  | Member   |
| vi.  | Dr. Manoj Panda (Director, Institute<br>of Economic Growth, Delhi University) | Member   |

11. Vacancy circular dated 12.12.2019 was accordingly uploaded in both Hindi and English on the website of this Department. An advertisement was issued on 14.12.2019 in four newspapers, i.e., Hindustan Times and Times of India in English, and Dainik Jagaran and Hindustan in Hindi, in all their editions in India, inviting applications for appointment to the post of CIC. The last date for receipt of applications was 03.01.2020.

12. In response, a total number of 106 applications had been received by the last date for the post of CIC in the Central Information Commission. List of these 106 applications may please be seen at pages 62-78/cor.

13. The Search Committee met under the Chairmanship of Cabinet Secretary on 03.02.2020 and 13.02.2020 and shortlisted one candidate for the post of CIC in the Central Information Commission. Minutes of the Search Committee are placed hereunder (pages 80 and 86-87/cor).

14. Meeting of the Committee constituted under Section 12(3) of the Right to Information Act, was held at 7:00 PM on 18.02.2020 under the chairmanship of the Prime Minister. Agenda note of the meeting is also placed hereunder (pages 90-92/cor). The Committee perused the agenda note, including the details of the applicants along with their profile. In addition to the candidate shortlisted by the Search Committee headed by Cabinet Secretary, the Committee considered all eligible applicants who had applied in response to advertisement for the post of Chief Information Commissioner issued on 12.12.2019.

15. After taking into account all the relevant factors, the Committee recommended Shri Bimal Julka, IAS (Retired) (MP:1979), currently Information Commissioner in Central Information Commission, for appointment as Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission.

16. The profile of Shri Bimal Julka, who is presently recommended for appointment as Chief Information Commissioner, is also placed (page 95/cor).

17. Shri Bimal Julka, IAS (Retired), (MP:1979) who is a sitting Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission will be eligible to be appointed as Chief Information Commissioner for a period up to 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2020, the date on which he completes 65 years of age.

18. Further, the salaries and other conditions of service will be as per The Right to Information (Terms of Office, Salaries, Allowances and other Terms and Conditions of Service of Chief Information Commissioner, Information Commissioners in the Central Information Commission, State Chief Information Commissioner and State Information Commissioners in the State Information Commission) Rules, 2019.



19. On receipt of approval of the Hon'ble President of India, a letter of offer stating the term of office and other conditions of service will be made to Shri Bimal Julka. A draft of the offer of appointment is at Flags 'X'.

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20. On acceptance of the offer of appointment by Shri Julka, the convenience of the Hon'ble President of India will be sought for administering an oath or affirmation according to the form set out for the purpose in the first schedule as per section 13 (3) of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Once the oath of affirmation is administered, the appointment will be notified in the Gazette of India as per draft at Flag 'Y'.

21. In view of the foregoing, the Prime Minister may like to recommend to the Hon'ble President of India the following:-

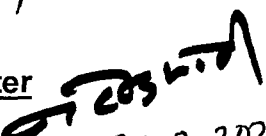
(i) to appoint Shri Bimal Julka, IAS (Retired) (MP:1979) as Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission as per Section 12 (3) of the Right to Information Act from the date he enters office for a period till 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2020

(ii) The terms and conditions of appointment of the Chief Information Commissioner will be as contained in The Right to Information (Terms of Office, Salaries, Allowances and other Terms and Conditions of Service of Chief Information Commissioner, Information Commissioners in the Central Information Commission, State Chief Information Commissioner and State Information Commissioners in the State Information Commission) Rules, 2019.

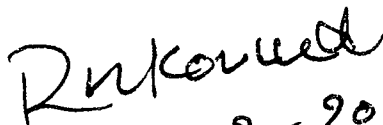
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(Dr. C. Chandramouli)  
Secretary (P)  
19.02.2020

MOS (PR)  
1/2/19.2.2020

Prime Minister  
  
20.2.2020

President of India

  
24-2-2020

Minister of State (PD) [Dr. Jitendra Singh] Mos on tour. L 24.2.20  
President's Secretariat, ID No. 53-CA(I)/2018 dt. 24 February 2020. Sec(P)

Department of Personnel & Training  
IR Division

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

This is regarding appointment of Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission.

2. In its meeting held on 18.02.2020, the Committee constituted under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister of India under Section 12(3) of the Right to Information Act 2005 recommended the name of Shri Bimal Julka to the President of India for appointment to the post of Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission.

Note 6/2020

3. The President has given his assent to the appointment of Shri Bimal Julka as Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission. In view of the above, draft offer of appointment is placed opposite for consideration/ approval please.

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Bikeesh  
24/2/2020

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V. Singh  
24/02/20

Sanyal  
24.02.2020

Dinesh (IR) A.S. (CR)

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24/02/2020

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Department of Personnel & Training  
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**Sub: Appointment of Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission- Notification regarding.**

This is regarding appointment of Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission.

2. In its meeting held on 18.02.2020, the Committee constituted under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister of India under Section 12(3) of the Right to Information Act 2005 recommended the name of Shri Bimal Julka to the President of India for appointment to the post of Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission.

3. The President has given his assent to the appointment of Shri Bimal Julka as Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission. This department has requested President's Secretariat for informing the date and time for administering the oath.

4. After the Oath, the department has to notify the appointment in the Gazette of India (Extraordinary). In view of the above, draft notification of appointment of Shri Bimal Julka as Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission in the Gazette of India is placed opposite for consideration/ approval please.

✓ Pg 93-03/c

✓ Pg 11/c

Manoj  
26/2/2020  
SO (IR-11)

Draft notification for consideration please.  
is  
US (IR-11) This will be notified only after oath administered  
'A' in this behalf.

Sanyal  
26/02/2020

Director (IR)

AS (4/R)

Seen for advance info. only.  
Pl. process when due in light of 'A'.

V Sankar,  
26/02/20

Dir (IR)

Secretary  
27/02/2020

USC (R-2)

V Sankar  
27/02/20

SO (IR-2)

Sanyal  
27/02/2020

**Subject: Appointment of Chief Information Commissioner in Central Information Commissioner- reg**

This Department has received a Letter No.53-CA(i)/2018 dated 04.03.2020 from Shri Ajay Bhadoo, IAS, Joint Secretary to the President of India informing that The President will be pleased to administer Oath of office to Shri Bimal Julka, Chief Information Commissioner-designate on 06.03.2020 at 10:15 AM in the Yellow Drawing Room of Rashtrapati Bhawan.

2. Accordingly, we may inform the Central Information Commission, as per DFAs please.

Submitted for consideration and approval please.

Tender  
04-03-2020

SO (IR-II)

Bikash  
4/3/2020

CS (IR-II) on leave

Director (IR)

V Suresh  
04/3/20

AS (IR)

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04/03/2020

Dir (IR)

**Subject: Oath to the newly appointed Chief Information Commissioner in CIC – list of DoPT officials for attending the oath ceremony reg**

This Department has been informed vide letter dated 04.03.2020 from Shri Ajay Bhadoo, IAS, Joint Secretary to the President of India that The President will be pleased to administer Oath of office to Shri Bimal Julka, Chief Information Commissioner-designate on 06.03.2020 at 10:15 AM in the Yellow Drawing Room of Rashtrapati Bhawan.

2. As desired, a draft letter to President Secretariat conveying the list of officials representing DoPT to attend the scheduled Oath Ceremony on 06.03.2020 at 10:15 AM in the Yellow Drawing Room of Rashtrapati Bhawan is placed below for consideration please.

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05-03-2020

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Bikash  
5/3/2020

US (R-II)

Sanyal  
5/3/2020

Director (IR)

May pl approve

V Sinha

AS (CR)

- Discussed with JS (President's Sectt.) who advised to send a list of max. 03-04 officials for their consideration; in case the space at the venue would allow.

5/3/20

- Accordingly, pl. limit the request to sl. no. (01-03), for this occasion.

Dir (IR)

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5/02/2020

US (IR-2)

V Sinha  
05/03/2020

SO (IR-2)

Sanyal  
5/3/2020



Department of Personnel & Training  
IR Division

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**Sub: Appointment of Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission- Notification regarding.**

Gazette Notification for the appointment of Shri Bimal Julka as Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission with effect from the forenoon of 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 is placed at pp 131-132/Corr.

2. We may forward the copy of Gazette Notification to Central Information Commission for information and further necessary action. DFA pls.

Manoj  
9/3/2020  
SO(IR-11)

Bikeesh  
9/3/2020

US (IR-II) The Central Information Commission has also requested for a copy of the notification, notifying the appointment of Chief Information Commissioner, we may send a copy of the notification, as per DFA please.

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Sanyal  
9/3/2020

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11/03/20

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11/03/20

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12/3/2020

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12/3/2020

ASO (EP)



F.No: 4/11/2019-IR

## Department of Personnel &amp; Training

## IR Division

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

Gazette Notification for the appointment of Shri Bimal Julka as the Chief Information Commissioners in the Central Information Commission with effect from the forenoon of 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 is placed at pp 131-132/Corr.

2. We may start the process of preparing / merging the file/ part files for uploading on the website of DoPT on the lines of the last appointment process [F.No 4/13/2018-IR]. On finalization we may seek approval of the competent authority before uploading the website.

*Manoj Kumar*  
14/05/2020  
(Manoj Kumar)  
**ASO (IR-2)**

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

Reference notes on prepage.

2. The file has been prepared for uploading on the website of DoPT on the lines of the last appointment process [F.No 4/13/2018-IR]. The earlier uploaded file may be seen at <https://dopt.gov.in> > RTI > Important Files of RTI Division.

3. If approved we may upload the file [F.No 4/11/2019-IR] on the website of DoPT.

Submitted please.

~~Manoj Kumar~~  
21/5/2020

(Manoj Kumar)  
ASO (IR-2)

~~SO (IR-2)~~

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2/6/2020

ASO (M)