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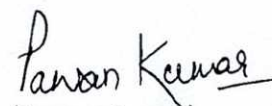
F. NO. 4/3/2020-IR II
Government of India
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
(Department of Personnel and Training)

North Block, New Delhi
Dated: 9th July, 2020

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

Under the Right to Information Act 2005, the Government of India has constituted the Central Information Commission which is located in New Delhi. The powers and functions of the Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission are as per the RTI Act, 2005.

2. It is proposed to appoint Information Commissioners, not exceeding six, as may be deemed necessary, in the Central Information Commission.
3. The Act provides that the Information Commissioner: -
 - (i) 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.
 - (ii) 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.
4. Persons who have attained the age of 65 years shall not be eligible for appointment.
5. The salary, allowances and other terms and conditions of service of the Information Commissioner shall be as per 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.
6. Persons fulfilling the criteria and interested for appointment to the post of Information Commissioner may send their particulars in the **enclosed proforma only**, by post, to Under Secretary (IR II), Room No. 215 A/II Department of Personnel and Training, North Block, New Delhi or through e-mail to usrti-dopt@nic.in so as to reach **latest upto 5 PM, 31st July, 2020**. Persons, who are serving under the State/Central Government or any other Organization, should send their particulars through proper channel (administrative Ministry/Department/State/UTs) **only before the due date**.


(Pawan Kumar)

Under Secretary (IR II)
Tel.2379 2759

Note: RTI Act, 2005 and Rules thereunder may be referred to by intending applicants for general familiarization, as could be appropriate.

**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 {as per 3 (i) mentioned in the
Advertisement} :

Area of Eminence	
Law	
Science and Technology	
Social Service	
Management	
Journalism	
Mass-Media	
Administration and Governance	

8. Present Occupation :

9. Whether serving or retired
(Please mention service, if any) :

10. Achievements/Work Experience
(As per Annexure) :

Date:
Place:

Signature:
Name:

Annexure

**Details of Achievements/Work Experience in respect of candidates applying for the post of
Information Commissioner**

Sr. No.	Post	Organisation	Period		Details of achievements/experience (in brief)
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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
(DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING)

Applications are invited for filling posts of Information Commissioners, not exceeding six, as may be deemed necessary, in the Central Information Commission, located at New Delhi.

The details of eligibility conditions and the proforma for sending particulars for consideration for the posts of Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission may be downloaded from the Department of Personnel and Training website: www.persmin.nic.in . The last date for receipt of the completed applications in the Department is _____.

Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners in CIC

(as on 05.06.2020)

Sl.No.	Name	Date of Birth	Date of Appointment	Date of completion of tenure
1.	Shri Bimal Julka Chief Information Commissioner	27.08.1955	06.03.2020	26.08.2020
2.	Shri Divya Prakash Sinha Information Commissioner	26.09.1955	25.02.2016	25.09.2020
3.	Shri Yashvardhan Kumar Sinha Information Commissioner	04.10.1958	01.01.2019	03.10.2023
4.	Ms. Vanaja N. Sarna Information Commissioner	22.06.1958	01.01.2019	21.06.2023
5.	Shri Neeraj Kumar Gupta Information Commissioner	19.04.1958	01.01.2019	18.04.2023
6.	Shri Suresh Chandra Information Commissioner	05.11.1958	01.01.2019	04.11.2023
7.	Ms. Amita Pandove Information Commissioner	31.07.1960	06.03.2020	05.03.2023

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F. NO. 4/16/2018-IR
Government of India
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
(Department of Personnel and Training)

North Block, New Delhi
Dated: 12th December, 2019

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

Under the Right to Information Act 2005, the Government of India has constituted the Central Information Commission, which is located in New Delhi. The powers and functions of the Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission are as per the RTI Act, 2005.

2. It is proposed to appoint four Information Commissioners in the Central Information Commission.
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 - (i) 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.
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4. Persons who have attained the age of 65 years shall not be eligible for appointment.
5. The salary, allowances and other terms and conditions of service of the Information Commissioners shall be as per 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.
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Sanjay Kumar
(Sanjay Kumar)
Under Secretary (IR-II)
Tel: 23092759

Note: (i) RTI Act, 2005 and Rules thereunder may be referred to by intending applicants for general familiarization, as could be appropriate.

- (ii) **Those who had applied for the post of Information Commissioner in response to the earlier advertisement dated 04.01.2019 are requested to communicate in writing their willingness to be considered for the post of Information Commissioner under the present terms and conditions of service, along with an updated bio-data, if required, so as to reach Under Secretary (IR-II) by post or through e-mail before 5:00 PM on 3rd January, 2020.**

**Proforma for sending particulars for consideration for the post of Information
Commissioner in the Central Information Commission**

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size photograph

1. Name :
2. Date of Birth :
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9. Present Occupation :

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Social Service	
Management	
Journalism	
Mass-Media	
Administrative and Governance	

Date:
Place:

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCE AND PENSIONS
(DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING)

Applications are invited for filling up of the post of Chief Information Commissioner and four posts of Information Commissioners in the Central Information Commission located at New Delhi.

The details of eligibility conditions and the proforma for sending particulars for consideration for the posts of Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners may be downloaded from the Department of Personnel and Training website: www.persmin.nic.in. The last date for receipt of the completed applications in the Department is 03.01.2020.

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PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

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) Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi University	Member

K. Senthil
15/12/19

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

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

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Secretary, Department of Personnel & Training

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

Dated 10.12.2019

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No.13/04/2018-IR
Government of India
Department of Personnel & Training

North Block, New Delhi
Dated 24th April. 2020

Shri Arvind Kumar Sharma
Advocate on Records
Department of Legal Affairs
Central Agency Section
Supreme Court Compound
New Delhi

Sub: Compliance Affidavit to be filed in the Supreme Court in pursuance of the directions given by the Supreme Court vide its Order dated 16.12.2019 in MA No.1979 in WP No,436 of 2018 : Ms. Anjali Bhardwaj & others Vs. Union of India and others.

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to enclose herewith four copies (two copies ink signed) of the Compliance Affidavit to be filed in the Supreme Court in pursuance of the directions given by the Supreme Court vide its Order dated 16.12.2019 in MA No.1979 in WP No,436 of 2018 : Ms. Anjali Bhardwaj & others Vs. Union of India for further necessary action at your end. A copy of the mail received from Advocate on Records in this regard is enclosed.

Compliance Affidavit has the approval of Secretary (P).

Yours faithfully,

Sanjay Kumar
(Sanjay Kumar)

Under Secretary to Government of India

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to H. Sharma
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CIVIL ORIGINAL JURISDICTION

MA No.1979/2019

In

W.P. (C) NO.436/2018

ANJALI BHARDWAJ & ORS.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

Respondent(s)

COMPLIANCE AFFIDAVIT ON BEHALF OF THE
RESPONDENT (UNION OF INDIA)

I, Sanjay Kumar S/o Late Shri Kishan Chand aged about 52 years R/o
49/5 Ashok Nagar New Delhi-110018 posted as Under Secretary in
the Department Of Personal & Training, Govt. of India, North Block

New Delhi do hereby solemnly affirm as under:

1. The deponent is working as Under Secretary with the Respondent and well conversant with the facts of the case as hence competent to swear this affidavit.

Sanjay Kumar

2. That on 16.12.2019, this Hon'ble Court was pleased to pass following Orders:

"Heard.

Ms. Pinky Anand, learned Additional Solicitor General appearing for the respondents-Union of India, states that the respondents-Union of India will comply with the direction of this Court regarding putting up the names of the members of the Search Committee on the Official Website of the Department of Personnel and Training (DOPT), Government of India, within a period of two weeks from today.

Let the needful be done accordingly.

The respondents-Union of India is further directed to comply with the directions given in para 32 of Judgment dated 15.02.2019 passed by this Court in Writ Petition (Civil) No.436 of 2018, and complete the appointment process in respect of Information Commissioners in CIC within a period of three months from today.

List the instant application on 25.03.2020 for further hearing.

In the meantime, the Registry of this Court is directed to furnish a copy of the Status Report filed on behalf of the DOPT, to Mr. Prashant Bhushan, learned counsel appearing for the applicants/petitioners."

3. It is stated that in compliance of the direction passed by this Hon'ble Court, the respondent has put the duly approved

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composition of search committee on the official website of the Department of Personnel and Training on 23.12.2019 (link: dopt.gov.in/notifications/OM & Orders/RTI/No.13/4/2018-IR dated 23.12.2019).

4. In compliance of the para 32 of judgment dated dated 15.02.2019 passed by this Hon'ble Court in Writ Petition (Civil) No.436 of 2018, It is stated that the same has been complied in following manner:

(a) Regarding Timely Filling up of Vacancies of Information Commissioners in CIC

An advertisement inviting particulars of interested persons for the 4 posts of Information Commissioners in the Central Information Commission was published earlier on the website of this Department on 04.01.2019 and also in all editions of 04 newspapers (02 each English and Hindi) on 08.01.2019. The last date for receipt of applications was 25.01.2019. A total of 256 applications had been received till the last date for receipt of applications.

The same were placed before the Search Committee in its meeting on 21.11.2019. After taking note of the directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court in its Judgement dated 15.02.2019 inter-alia that it would be appropriate if the said terms and conditions on which appointments of Information

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Commissioners are to be made are specifically stipulated in the advertisement, the Search Committee decided to call for fresh applications by re-advertising the posts of Information Commissioners.

Consequently, a fresh advertisement inviting particulars of interested persons for the 4 posts of Information Commissioners in the CIC was published on the website of this Department on 12.12.2019 and 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. The terms and conditions for the post of the Information Commissioner had been specified in the advertisement. A total of 250 applications had been received by the due date. Meetings of the Search Committee were held on 03.02.2020 and 13.02.2020 for short-listing the candidates.

All applications along with list of shortlisted candidates were placed before the Committee constituted under Section (12) sub-section (3) of the Right to Information Act 2005 in its meeting held on 18.02.2020 and the Committee recommended the name of Ms. Amita Pandove as Information Commissioner in Central Information Commission to the Hon'ble President, who gave his assent

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on 24.02.2020. The Chief Information Commissioner administered an oath to Ms. Amita Pandove as Information Commissioner on 06.03.2020. The appointment of Ms. Amita Pandove as Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission has been notified on 06.03.2020.

Note : In addition, steps were also taken for Appointment of Chief Information Commissioner

The process for appointment of Chief Information Commissioner in Central Information Commission (CIC) had been initiated on 05.11.2019 in anticipation of the vacancy due to arise in January, 2020. The Search Committee had been constituted with due approval. Advertisement had been uploaded on the DoP&T website on 12.12.2019. Advertisement was published in all editions of 04 newspapers (2 each English and Hindi) on 14.12.2019. The terms and conditions for the post of Chief Information Commissioner had been specified in the advertisement.

A total of 106 applications for the post of Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission were received by the due date i.e. 03.01.2020. Meetings of the Search Committee were held on 03.02.2020 and 13.02.2020

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for short-listing the candidates. All applications along with list of shortlisted candidate were placed before the Committee constituted under Section (12) sub-section (3) of the Right to Information Act 2005 in its meeting held on 18.02.2020. The Committee recommended the name of Shri Bimal Julka as Chief Information Commissioner in Central Information Commission to the President. The President gave his assent on 24.02.2020 and administered an oath to the Chief Information Commissioner on 06.03.2020. The appointment of Shri Bimal Julka as Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission has been notified on 06.03.2020.

(b) As regards transparency in the mode of appointments is concerned, the compliance by Central Government in respect of the previous completed process for appointment of Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners in the Central Information Commission (CIC) has been noted by the Hon'ble Supreme Court Para 67(i) of the Judgement dated 15.02.2019 in WP No.436 of 2018 refers. In pursuance of directions of Hon'ble Court, Search Committee was put on website of DoPT on 23.12.2019. The Committee constituted as per Section 12(3) of the Right to Information Act with the Prime Minister as the Chairperson ; and the Leader of

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Opposition in the Lok Sabha and a Union Cabinet Minister as Members unanimously recommended the name of Shri Bimal Julka as Chief Information Commissioner and Ms. Amita Pandove as Information Commissioner in Central Information Commission.

(c) As regards terms and conditions on which these appointments are to be made to be clearly stated, in pursuance of the directions of the Supreme Court, a fresh advertisement inviting particulars of interested persons for the 4 posts of Information Commissioners in the CIC was published on the website of this Department on 12.12.2019 and advertisement was also published in all editions of 04 newspapers (2 each English and Hindi) on 14.12.2019. The terms and conditions that would apply for appointments to the post of the Information Commissioner had been clearly stated in the advertisement.

5. That the process of appointment in respect of Information Commissioners in Central Information Commission has been completed within three months as directed by this Hon'ble Court in its Order dated 16.12.2019. The appointment of Chief Information Commissioner and an Information Commissioner

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has been notified on 06.03.2020 in compliance of the order of this Hon'ble Court.

6. That the present affidavit is being filed in compliance of the Order dated 16.12.2019 passed by this Hon'ble Court in the captioned matter.

Sanjay Kumar
DEPONENT

संजय कुमार/SANJAY KUMAR.
अवर सचिव/Under Secretary
कार्मिक एवं प्रशिक्षण विभाग
Deptt. of Personnel & Trg.
भारत सरकार/Govt. of India

Verification:

Verified at New Delhi on this day 24th of April, 2020 that the contents of the above counter affidavit are true and correct to my best of knowledge and belief, derived from official record of the case. No part of the foregoing Affidavit is false and nothing material has been concealed there from.

Sanjay Kumar
DEPONENT

संजय कुमार/SANJAY KUMAR.
अवर सचिव/Under Secretary
कार्मिक एवं प्रशिक्षण विभाग
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भारत सरकार/Govt. of India

IN THE SUPREME COURT AT NEWDELHI

(CIVIL ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)

M.A. No. 1979 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 436 of 2018

IN THE MATTER OF :-

Anjali Bhardwaj & Ors.

....Petitioners

Versus

Union of India & Ors.

....Respondents

**STATUS AND COMPLIANCE REPORTS FOR AND ON
BEHALF OF RESPONDENT NO. 1 PURSUANT TO
ORDER DATED 06.11.2019 PASSED BY THE HON'BLE
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ADVOCATE FOR RESPONDENT NO. 1 :

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**STATUS AND COMPLIANCE REPORTS FOR & ON
BEHALF OF THE RESPONDENT NO. 1 PURSUANT TO
THE ORDER DATED 06.11.2019 PASSED BY
THE HON'BLE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA**

I, Sanjay Kumar, Son of Late Shri Kishan Chand, aged 51 years, in my official capacity as the Under Secretary (Department of Personnel & Training) to the Government of India, do hereby solemnly affirm and state as under:

1. That I am the Respondent No. 1 in the instant M.A. in Writ Petition No. 436 of 2018, fully conversant with the facts and the circumstances of the case based on the records available and I am competent to swear this counter Status and Compliance Reports.
2. This Hon'ble Court has on 06.11.2019 directed the Union of India to submit a status report regarding filling up of the vacancies in question and a compliance report with regard to the directions given by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in its Judgement dated 15.02.2019.
3. It is submitted that the Respondent No. 1 had earlier filed an Affidavit dated

27.08.2018 in this matter of Writ Petition No.436 of 2018 which had submissions related to filling up of the vacant posts of the Information Commissioners in the Central Information Commission, thereby submitting inter alia the number of vacant posts intended to be filled-up, the composition of the Search Committee, the steps taken till that date for filling up of vacant posts and also the manner in which such posts were sought to be filled. Further, in compliance of this Hon'ble Court's earlier Order dated 27.07.2018, the said affidavit dated 27.08.2018 had also responded to the Prayer 'F' of the instant Writ Petition and inter alia furnished details covering the status in respect of the related advertisement dated 27.07.2018 ; eligibility criterion for appointment as Information Commissioner as per Section 12(5) of the RTI Act, 2005 ; the pendency of the scrutiny / short-listing by the designated Search Committee till after the closing date of receipt of applications ; the constitution and mandate of the said Search Committee ; etc. The affidavit had also respectfully submitted that public disclosure of the minutes of the Screening / Search Committee including through the website and of the names of the short-listed candidates would not be conducive to the ongoing process and that no such practice is followed in any other equivalent high level appointments of Government.

4. Presently further, in as far as the manner of filling up of the vacant posts is concerned, it is humbly submitted that the appointment of Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners in CIC is a comprehensive process that is undertaken at the highest level in the Government. As per section 12(3) of the Right to Information Act 2005, the Chief Information Commissioners and 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.

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 the Opposition.

5. In practice the process of selection of Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners in CIC involves following steps: -
- i) Particulars of the interested persons are invited through advertisements in newspapers and on DoPT's website.

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- ii) Particulars of the applications are to be tabulated and sent to the Search Committee that shall be constituted by the Hon'ble Prime Minister and chaired by the Cabinet Secretary. It is further submitted, that the composition of the Search Committee for the ongoing process has been approved by the Hon'ble Prime Minister meanwhile.
 - iii) Names shortlisted by the Search Committee are to be sent the Committee constituted under 12(3) of the RTI Act and headed by the Hon'ble Prime Minister.
 - iv) Persons recommended by the Committee u/s 12(3) of Right to Information Act headed by Hon'ble Prime Minister are to be appointed by the Hon'ble President.
6. In as far as the status report regarding filling up of the vacancies in question, in pursuant to Order dated 06.11.2019 passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court is annexed herewith as **Annexure – R1**(at page no. 4 to 4)
 7. In as far as the compliance report with regard to the directions given by the Supreme Court vide its Judgement dated 15.02.2019, in pursuant to Order dated 06.11.2019 passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court is annexed herewith as **Annexure – R2**(at page no. 5 to 9)
 8. It is further submitted that the present status report regarding filling up of the vacancies in question and a compliance report with regard to the directions given by the Supreme Court vide its Judgement dated 15.02.2019 is now being filed in compliance of this Hon'ble Court's Order dated 06.11.2018, updating the previous status report filed in compliance of order dated 03.12.2018.

Sanjay Kumar
DEPONENT

VERIFICATION:

I, the above named deponent do hereby verify that what is stated in paragraphs 1 to 8 hereinabove are correct and true to my knowledge and nothing material has been concealed nor any part thereof is false.

Verified at Delhi on this the 13th day of December, 2019.

Sanjay Kumar
DEPONENT

(SANJAY KUMAR)
अवर सचिव / Under Secretary
कार्मिक एवं प्रशिक्षण विभाग
Deptt. of Personnel & Training
भारत सरकार / Govt. of India

(SANJAY KUMAR)
अवर सचिव / Under Secretary
कार्मिक एवं प्रशिक्षण विभाग
Deptt. of Personnel & Training
भारत सरकार / Govt. of India

Status Report regarding filling up of the vacancies in Central Information Commission in compliance of order dated 16.11.2019 passed by Hon'ble Supreme Court in M.A.No.1979 in WP No.436 of 2018:

Sl. No.	Direction given vide order dated 16.11.2019 in M.A.No.1979 in WP No.436 of 2018	Status as on 11.12.2019
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Status Report regarding filling up of the vacancies in Central Information Commission in compliance of order dated 16.11.2019 passed by Hon'ble Supreme Court in M.A.No.1979 in WP No.436 of 2018:

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Compliance Report with regard to the directions given by the Supreme Court vide its Judgement dated 15.02.2019 in compliance of order dated 16.11.2019 passed by Hon'ble Supreme Court in M.A.No.1979 in WP No.436 of 2018: Ms. Anjali Bhardwaj & others Vs. Union of India and others

Sl. No.	Directions relevant for UoI in Hon'ble Supreme Court Judgement dated 15.02.2019	Compliance Status
1.	Insofar as transparency in appointment of Information Commissioners is concerned, pursuant to the directions given by this Court, the Central Government is now placing all necessary information including issuance of the advertisement, receipt and applications, particulars of the applicants, composition of Selection Committee etc. on the website. All States shall also follow this system.	The compliance by Central Government in respect of the previous completed process for appointment of Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners in the Central Information Commission (CIC) has been noted herein by the Hon'ble Court. Further directions are for State Governments to follow the same.
2.	Insofar as terms and conditions of appointment are concerned, no doubt. Section 13(5) of RTI Act states that the CIC and Information Commissioners shall be appointed on the same terms and conditions as applicable to the Chief Election Commissioner/Election Commissioner. At the same time, it would also be appropriate if the said terms and conditions on which such appointments are to be made are specifically stipulated in the advertisement and put on website as well.	As far as appointment of Chief Information Commissioner in CIC is concerned, the process has been initiated on 05.11.2019 for the vacancy which will arise in January, 2020. The salary, allowances and other terms and conditions of service of the Information Commissioners shall be as per 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. The Search Committee has been constituted with due approval. Advertisement has been uploaded on the DoP&T website on 12.12.2019. Advertisement has been sent to Bureau of Outreach and Communication for publishing in the newspapers for wide

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publicity.

As far as appointment of Information Commissioners in CIC is concerned, the applications received in response to advertisement dated 04.01.2019 were placed before the related Search Committee.

On being apprised of the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in its judgment dated 15.02.2019, the Search Committee in its meeting on 21.11.2019 decided to call for fresh applications by re-advertising the posts of Information Commissioners, specifying the terms and conditions specified vide the Notification of the "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 dated 24.10.2019. Accordingly, advertisement for the appointment of four Information Commissioners in CIC has been uploaded on the DoP&T website on 12.12.2019 and advertisement has also been sent to Bureau of Outreach and Communication for publishing in the newspapers for wide publicity, wherein it has been specifically mentioned that the salary, allowances and other terms and conditions of service of the Information Commissioners shall be as per 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. The Search Committee has been constituted with due approval.

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3.	It would also be appropriate for the Search Committee to make the criteria for shortlisting the candidates. public, so that it is ensured that shortlisting is done on the basis of objective and rational criteria.	It had already been submitted in the affidavit filed on 27 th August, 2019 in pursuance of the order passed by Hon'ble Court on 27.07.2018 that the eligibility criterion for appointment as Information Commissioner have been prescribed in the RTI Act itself vide Section 12(5). It is upto the approved Search Committee to devise modalities for shortlisting of the candidates out of the applications received.
4.	We also expect that Information Commissioners are appointed from other streams, as mentioned in the Act and the selection is not limited only to the Government employee/ex government employee.	On being apprised of the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in its judgment dated 15.02.2019, the Search Committee in its meeting on 21.11.2019 decided to call for fresh applications by re-advertising the posts of Information Commissioners, specifying the terms and conditions specified vide the Notification of the "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 dated 24.10.2019. Accordingly, advertisement for the appointment of four Information Commissioners in CIC has been uploaded on the DoP&T website on 12.12.2019 and advertisement has also been sent to Bureau of Outreach and Communication for publishing in the newspapers for wide publicity, wherein it has been specifically mentioned that the salary, allowances and other terms and conditions of service of the Information Commissioners shall be as per 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. The Search Committee has been constituted with due approval.

5.	<p>We would also like to impress upon the respondents to fill up vacancies, in future, without any delay.</p> <p>As far as appointment of Chief Information Commissioner in CIC is concerned, the process has been initiated on 05.11.2019 for the vacancy which will arise in January, 2020. The salary, allowances and other terms and conditions of service of the Information Commissioners shall be as per 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. The Search Committee has been constituted with due approval. Advertisement has been uploaded on the DoP&T website on 12.12.2019. Advertisement has been sent to Bureau of Outreach and Communication for publishing in the newspapers for wide publicity.</p> <p>As far as appointment of Information Commissioners in CIC is concerned, the applications received in response to advertisement dated 04.01.2019 were placed before the related Search Committee.</p> <p>On being apprised of the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in its judgment dated 15.02.2019, the Search Committee in its meeting on 21.11.2019 decided to call for fresh applications by re-advertising the posts of Information Commissioners, specifying the terms and conditions specified vide the Notification of the "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 dated 24.10.2019. Accordingly, advertisement for the appointment of four Information Commissioners in CIC has been uploaded on the DoP&T website on 12.12.2019 and advertisement has also been sent to Bureau of Outreach and Communication for publishing in the newspapers for wide</p>
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F. NO. 4/16/2018-IR
Government of India
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
(Department of Personnel and Training)

North Block, New Delhi
Dated: 12th December, 2019

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

Under the Right to Information Act 2005, the Government of India has constituted the Central Information Commission, which is located in New Delhi. The powers and functions of the Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission are as per the RTI Act, 2005.

2. It is proposed to appoint four Information Commissioners in the Central Information Commission.

3. The Act provides that the Information Commissioner -

- (i) 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.
- (ii) 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.

4. Persons who have attained the age of 65 years shall not be eligible for appointment.

5. The salary, allowances and other terms and conditions of service of the Information Commissioners shall be as per 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.

6. Persons fulfilling the criteria and interested for appointment to the post of Information Commissioner may send their particulars in the **enclosed proforma**, by post, to Under Secretary (IR-II), Room No. 215 A/II, Department of Personnel and Training, North Block, New Delhi or through e-mail to usrti-dopt@nic.in so as to reach **before 5:00 PM on 3rd January, 2020**. Persons serving under the State/Central Government or any other Organization, should send their particulars through proper channel (administrative Ministry/Department of State-UT/ Central Government or the Controlling Office respectively).


(Sanjay Kumar)
Under Secretary (IR-II)
Tel: 23092759

Note: (i) RTI Act, 2005 and Rules thereunder may be referred to by intending applicants for general familiarization, as could be appropriate.

- (ii) Those who had applied for the post of Information Commissioner in response to the earlier advertisement dated 04.01.2019 are requested to communicate in writing their willingness to be considered for the post of Information Commissioner under the present terms and conditions of service, along with an updated bio-data, if required, so as to reach Under Secretary (IR-II) by post or through e-mail before 5:00 PM on 3rd January, 2020.

**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 {as per 3(i) mentioned
in the advertisement} :

Area of eminence	
Law	
Science and Technology	
Social Service	
Management	
Journalism	
Mass-Media	
Administrative and Governance	

8. Achievements/Work Experience :
9. Present Occupation :

Date:
Place:

Signature:
Name:

Annexure**Details of Achievements/Work Experience in respect of candidates applying for the post of Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission**

Sr. No.	Post	Organisation	Period		Details of achievements/experience (in brief)
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PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

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.

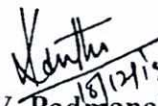
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- (iv) Nominating Shri Amit Shah, Union Home Minister as Member of the Committee headed by the Prime Minister to be constituted under Section 12(3) of RTI Act in place of Shri (Late) Arun Jaitley, then Minister of Finance.
- (v) To reconstitute the 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) Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi University	Member

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


(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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F. NO. 4/3/2020-IR II
Government of India
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
(Department of Personnel and Training)

North Block, New Delhi
Dated: 9th July, 2020

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

Under the Right to Information Act 2005, the Government of India has constituted the Central Information Commission which is located in New Delhi. The powers and functions of the Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission are as per the RTI Act, 2005.

2. It is proposed to appoint Information Commissioners, not exceeding six, as may be deemed necessary, in the Central Information Commission.
3. The Act provides that the Information Commissioner: -
 - (i) 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.
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4. Persons who have attained the age of 65 years shall not be eligible for appointment.
5. The salary, allowances and other terms and conditions of service of the Information Commissioner shall be as per 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.
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(Pawan Kumar)

Under Secretary (IR II)
Tel.2379 2759

Note: RTI Act, 2005 and Rules thereunder may be referred to by intending applicants for general familiarization, as could be appropriate.

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c) Fax :

5. E-mail Address :

6. Educational Qualification :

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Advertisement} :

Area of Eminence	
Law	
Science and Technology	
Social Service	
Management	
Journalism	
Mass-Media	
Administration and Governance	

8. Present Occupation :

9. Whether retired, please mention service, if any :

10. Achievements/Work Experience :
(As per Annexure)

Date:
Place:

Signature:
Name:

Annexure

**Details of Achievements/Work Experience in respect of candidates applying for the post of
Information Commissioner**

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भारत सरकार

कार्मिक, लोक शिकायत तथा पेंशन मंत्रालय
(कार्मिक और प्रशिक्षण विभाग)

नॉर्थ ब्लॉक, नई दिल्ली
दिनांक: 9 जुलाई, 2020

विषय: केन्द्रीय सूचना आयोग में सूचना आयुक्तों की नियुक्ति।

सूचना का अधिकार अधिनियम, 2005 के अन्तर्गत भारत सरकार ने केन्द्रीय सूचना आयोग का गठन किया है, जो नई दिल्ली में स्थित है। केन्द्रीय सूचना आयोग में सूचना आयुक्त की शक्तियां और कार्य सूचना का अधिकार अधिनियम, 2005 के अनुसार हैं।

2. केन्द्रीय सूचना आयोग में अधिकतम छह सूचना आयुक्तों, जैसा कि केन्द्रीय सूचना आयोग में आवश्यक समझा जाए, की नियुक्ति का प्रस्ताव है।

3. अधिनियम यह प्रावधान करता है कि सूचना आयुक्त :-

(i) विधि, विज्ञान और प्रादुर्भाविकी, समाजिक सेवा, प्रबंधन, पत्रकारिता, जनसंचार माध्यमों अथवा प्रशासन और शासन में व्यापक ज्ञान और अनुभव रखने के साथ-साथ सार्वजनिक जीवन में ख्याति प्राप्त व्यक्ति होगा।

(ii) कोई संसद सदस्य अथवा किसी राज्य अथवा संघ राज्य क्षेत्र के विधानमंडल, जैसा भी मामला हो, का सदस्य नहीं होगा अथवा कोई अन्य लाभ का पद धारण करने वाला नहीं होगा अथवा किसी राजनीतिक दल से संबंधित नहीं होगा अथवा कोई व्यापार अथवा व्यवसाय करने वाला नहीं होगा। यह स्पष्ट किया जाता है कि लाभ के पद के धारण, किसी वृत्ति अथवा किसी व्यापार की समाप्ति सूचना आयुक्त के रूप में किसी व्यक्ति की नियुक्ति हेतु एक पूर्व शर्त है।

4. 65 वर्ष की आयु प्राप्त कर लेने वाले व्यक्ति नियुक्ति हेतु पात्र नहीं होंगे।

5. सूचना आयुक्त के वेतन, भत्ते और सेवा की अन्य निबंधन एवं शर्तें सूचना का अधिकार (केन्द्रीय सूचना आयोग में मुख्य सूचना आयुक्त, सूचना आयुक्तों तथा राज्य सूचना आयोग में राज्य मुख्य सूचना आयुक्त और राज्य सूचना आयुक्तों के पदावधि, वेतन, भत्ते और सेवा की अन्य निबंधन एवं शर्तें) नियम, 2019 के अनुसार होंगी।

6. सूचना आयुक्त के पद हेतु नियुक्ति के लिए निर्धारित मानदंडों को पूरा करने वाले और इच्छुक व्यक्ति संलग्न प्रपत्र में अपना विवरण अवर सचिव (आईआर-II), कमरा सं. 215ए/II, कार्मिक और प्रशिक्षण विभाग, नॉर्थ ब्लॉक, नई दिल्ली को डाक द्वारा अथवा usrti-dopt@nic.in पर ई-मेल के माध्यम से भेजे जो 31 जुलाई, 2020 को अपराह्न 5:00 बजे से पहले पहुंच जाएं। राज्य/केन्द्र सरकार अथवा किसी संगठन के अंतर्गत कार्यरत व्यक्तियों को अपना विवरण उचित माध्यम (प्रशासनिक मंत्रालय/विभाग/राज्य/संघ राज्य क्षेत्र) द्वारा निर्धारित तारीख से पहले ही भेजना चाहिए।

पवन कुमार

(पवन कुमार)

अवर सचिव (आईआर-II)

दूरभाष: 23792759

टिप्पणी: इच्छुक आवेदकों द्वारा सामान्य जानकारी हेतु, जैसा उचित हो, सूचना का अधिकार अधिनियम, 2005 और उसके अंतर्गत नियमों का संदर्भ लिया जा सकता है।

केंद्रीय सूचना आयोग में सूचना आयुक्त के पद हेतु विचार करने के लिए विवरण भेजने हेतु प्रपत्र

कृपया पासपोर्ट आकार
का नवीनतम फोटो
चिपकाएं

1. नाम :
2. जन्म तिथि :
3. वर्तमान पता :
4. संपर्क सूत्र :
 - घ). टेलीफोन (एसटीडी कोड सहित) :
 - ड). मोबाइल :
 - च). फैक्स :
5. ई-मेल का पता :
6. शैक्षणिक योग्यता :
7. ख्याति का क्षेत्र {विज्ञापन में 3(i) में दिए गए विवरण अनुसार} :
8. वर्तमान व्यवसाय :
9. यदि सेवानिवृत्त हैं, तो कृपया सेवा, यदि कोई हो, का उल्लेख करें :
10. उपलब्धियां/कार्यानुभव (संलग्नक के अनुसार) :

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प्रबंधन	
पत्रकारिता	
जनसंचार के माध्यम	
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हस्ताक्षर:

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केन्द्रीय सूचना आयोग में सूचना आयुक्त के पद हेतु आवेदन करने वाले उम्मीदवारों के संबंध में उपलब्धियों/कार्य अनुभव का विवरण

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Cabinet Secretariat
Rashtrapati Bhawan

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

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2. Department of Personnel and Training is requested to suitably inform the members of the Search Committee to attend the meeting, under intimation to this Secretariat. It is also requested that all the members of the Search Committee may be requested to attend the meeting through **Video-Conferencing**. Further, the contact details of the Search Committee members may kindly be furnished to this Secretariat to make necessary arrangements for the meeting through Video-Conferencing.

3. The DoPT's File No. 4/3/2020-IR-II is returned herewith.


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Department of Personnel and Training [Dr. C. Chandramouli, Secretary]

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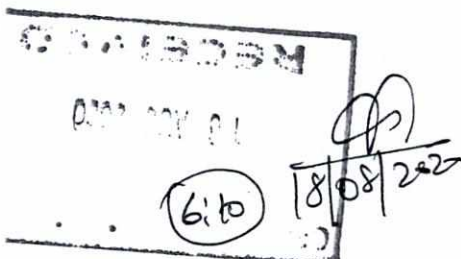
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Agenda Note

Appointment of Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission

Rule Position:

As per section 12 (2) of the Right to Information 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 6 (six) Information Commissioners in position. One of the six incumbent Information Commissioner i.e. Shri Divya Prakash Sinha is completing his tenure on 25.09.2020.

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 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

*where the Leader of 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. 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. 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."

5 In pursuit of RTI (Amendment) Act, 2019, notified by this Department on 24.10.2019, the RTI Rules, 2019 for 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 have been notified vide Notification dated 24.10.2019.

6. As per past practice, the process of selection of Information Commissioner involves the following steps:-

- (i) Particulars of interested persons are invited through advertisements in newspapers (two English and two Hindi) and through DoPT's website.
- (ii) Particulars of applicants are tabulated by DoPT and sent to a Search Committee chaired by Cabinet Secretary.
- (iii) Names shortlisted are sent to a Committee constituted under Section 12(3) of the RTI Act, 2005 headed by the Hon'ble Prime Minister.
- (iv) Person recommended by the Committee constituted under Section 12(3) of the RTI Act, 2005 is appointed by the Hon'ble President.

7. The Hon'ble Supreme Court in its Judgement dated 15.02.2019 in WP(C) No. 436 of 2018: Ms. Anjali Bhardwaj & others Vs UoI 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 filling 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;
- (vi) Vacancies be filled up in future without any delay by initiating the process for filling up the vacancies one or two months before.

8. PMO vide ID No. (**Annexure-I**) 5250815/PMO/2020-HR Cell dated 10.07.2020 has conveyed approval to go ahead with the advertisement for the post of Information Commissioner. Approval has also been conveyed for:-

(a) The constitution of Search Committee for short-listing candidates for appointment as Information Commissioner with the following composition:-

i.	Cabinet Secretary	Chairman
ii.	Secretary (Expenditure)	Member
iii.	Secretary (I&B)	Member
iv	Secretary (DPIIT)	Member
v.	Dr. Manoj Panda, RBI Chair Professor, Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi University	Member

(b) The nomination 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 RTI Act.

9. As per past practice, an advertisement was posted on the DOPT's website on 09.07.2020 inviting particulars of the interested persons for the post of Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission. An advertisement was also published on 11.07.2020 in the leading newspapers by the Bureau of Outreach & Communications (BOC)/DAVP. The terms and conditions of the post of Information Commissioner have been specified in the advertisement. The last date of receipt of applications was 31.07.2020.

10. In response, a total number of 355 applications for the post of Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission have been received by the last date i.e. 31.07.2020 (5:00 PM). List of applications received by due date is placed at **Annexure-II**. List of applications received after due date is placed at **Annexure III**.

11. Accordingly, all these 355 applications have been broadly categorised into 7 categories of knowledge and experience, as stated in section 12(5) of the RTI Act. For the sake of categorisation, only the major field of knowledge and experience of each applicant has been used. Details on the basis of such categorisation is tabulated and placed at **Annexure IV**.

12. During the last round of selection, the Search Committee recommended the names of 14 candidates for the post of Information Commissioner out of which Ms. Amita pandove was finally selected and appointed as Information Commissioner in CIC. Minutes of the last round of the Meetings of the Search Committee held on 03.02.2020 and 13.02.2020 are placed at **Annexure V**.

13. As per past practice, the Search Committee would short-list the names of suitable persons and all applications received in response to the advertisement dated 09.07.2020 inter alia the names shortlisted by the Search Committee would be placed before the Committee constituted under Section 12(3) of the RTI Act, 2005 headed by the Prime Minister for recommendation for appointment to the post of Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission.

PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE
[Human Resources Cell]

**South Block,
New Delhi – 110 011**

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

Reference is invited to DoPT's note dated 9.06.2020 at pages 01-03/N of file No. 4/3/2020-IRII, on the subject cited above.

2. Prime Minister has approved the following proposals of DoPT:-

- (i) To start process of appointment of Information Commissioner in the CIC, as per past practice by publication of advertisement, shortlisting by Search Committee and Selection by Committee under Section 12(3).
- (ii) Constitution of Search Committee for shortlisting of candidates for the post of Information Commissioners in the Central Information Commission with the following composition:-

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- (iii) To nominate 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.
- (iv) Draft advertisement inviting applications for appointment of Information Commissioners in the CIC:
 - (a) To be published in newspapers.
 - (b) To be placed on DoPT's website.

3. DoPT's file/folder No. 4/3/2020-IRII, is returned herewith.

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Secretary, Department of Personnel & Training

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Pages 54 - 103 has personal details of the applicants which are exempted from disclosure under Section 8(1) (j) of the RTI Act, 2005. However, a list of names of applicant is annexed

**LIST OF APPLICANTS FOR THE POST OF INFORMATION COMMISSIONERS IN THE
CENTRAL INFORMATION COMMISSION July 2020**

S. No.	Name
1	SUBHASH CHANDRA
2	Suputra Ramnath Amonker
3	VEERENDRA PRATAP UPADHYAY
4	Binoy Kumar
5	Teki Suresh Kumar
6	Hem Raj Dogra
7	DASARI KARUNAKARA RAO
8	Raghul S
9	Mohammedhanif Shaikh
10	MEDITHI RAVI KANTH
11	RAJNI KANT MISHRA
12	Rashmi Goel
13	B.Yoganath Singh
14	G. Jansi Helen Mary
15	A S Jayachandra
16	Rajiv Dutt Sharma
17	Justice Raghvendra Kumar
18	Pradeep Kumar Jain
19	Jagdish Rai Garg
20	Kamal Kishore Prasad
21	Vijay Laxmi Tiwari
22	Abhay Kumar Johari
23	Ninu Susan Abraham
24	Prithvi Singh Purohit
25	Dr. Divya Gupta
26	Ajay Kumar Singh
27	Heeralal Samariya
28	Samir Sahai
29	Jatinder Kumar Sharma
30	Dr Bhai Paramjit Singh
31	Brig. Vipin Chakrawarti
32	Mukesh Kumar Jain
33	KAMALJEET KUMAR SHARMA
34	Dr Suresh Chandra Gairola
35	Anil Kumar Singh
36	Dr. Kshatrapati Shivaji
37	Dr. Jitendra Prasad Singh
38	Ananya Ray
39	Manoj Kumar Goyal
40	Alok Kumar Pateria
41	Dr. Lalit Varma
42	Rajesh Sharma
43	Dr.S.AMBIGAIDASS
44	Anup Kumar Nayak
45	Om Prakash Singh
46	Srinivas Jonnalgadda

47	Rajneesh Kumar Chandrakar
48	Hem Kumar Pande
49	Satya Narayan Saha
50	Sunil Kumar Das
51	Jojneswar Sharma
52	Suresh Chander Kaushik
53	Smt. Narinder Chauhan
54	Gautam Ghosh
55	Ranjit Kumar Pachnanda
56	Sanjay Goel
57	RAJNI SEKHRI SIBAL
58	V.S.V.V.L. NARASIMHA RAO
59	TARIT KUMAR BISWAS
60	Ritam Aggarwal
61	Sashiprava Bindhani
62	Dr.Ramesh L. Garva
63	Sudeep Lakhtakia
64	Lt Gen Dushyant Singh, PVSM, AVSM
65	Dr. Shivaji Naik
66	Lt Gen Ashok Ambre
67	Sudarshan Sethi
68	Vivek Sheela Aggarwal
69	Onkarmal kedia
70	Maj Gen RK Gupta
71	Sanjiv Talwar
72	Yogendra Singh Tanwar
73	Ashok Kumar Jain
74	MC Chauhan
75	Kuldeep Singh Dhatwalia
76	Rabindra Panwar
77	Maj Gen IJS Hundal
78	Dr Kiran Jadhav
79	Chandra Kishor Sharma
80	Rahul Bhatnagar
81	Vishvapavan Pati
82	Ajai Das Mehrotra
83	Dr. V. Sekar
84	Amulya Kumar patnaik
85	SHYAMSUMAN
86	Dr.Ashwini Kumar Sharma
87	Saleena Singh
88	Manjeev Singh Puri
89	ANURAG
90	Ms. Manisha Nanda
91	Rahil Gupta
92	Murari Jha
93	BVN Prasad
94	Sanjeev Aggarwal
95	Avinash K Srivastava
96	Dr.Mohan Lal

97	P. Raghavendra Rao
98	Preeti Sudan
99	Priya Nigam
100	Ranjan Kumar Ghose
101	Satpal Chouhan
102	Dr. Seema Gaur
103	VINOD KUMAR
104	Prem Kumar Gera
105	SUBODH MADHUKARRAO MAYURE
106	Janaki Ballav Dash
107	Lt Gen ASHOK BHIM SHIVANE, PVSM, AVSM, VSM (RETD)
108	Dr. Afroz Ahmad
109	Dr. Dinesh Sharma
110	Anuradha Verma
111	Abhay Narayan Tripathi
112	Sanjeev Kumar Sharma
113	Ashwani Gupta
114	Dr. Devendra Kumar Tiwari
115	Major Gen Arun Kumar Vyas
116	Binay Kumar Singh
117	Rahul Sudam Wanjari
118	J.K. Jain
119	Naveen Chandra Jain
120	Jyoti Arora
121	Saraswati Prasad
122	Tirunelveli Ratnagiri Sivaramakrishnan
123	Gurpreet Singh Talwar
124	YASHPAL GUPTA
125	G.K. Suresh Baba
126	E.Mariappan
127	Arun Kumar Panda
128	Pankaj kumar
129	Maj Gen Anil Khosla, AVSM, SM, VSM** (Retd)
130	Seema Bahuguna
131	Ajay Kumar Lal
132	Dr. Kanhu Charan Mahali
133	Hanuman Sahai Meena
134	Dr. K.V.V.V. SATYANARAYANA
135	CHHABILENDRA ROUL
136	Vijay Singh Yadav
137	Elsa Tresa Jose
138	Jag Mohan Sharma
139	Anil Kumar Dhasmana
140	Kanhaiya Lal Jogi
141	Dr. Vikaram Singh
142	Ameeta Suri
143	Arvinda Sharan
144	Manoj Pande
145	Shivayya Swamy
146	Veronica Kamei

147	Capt. Dr. Rajendra Bhimrao Saner Patil
148	Lakhan Kumar
149	Om Prakash Meena
150	Jaideep Singh Kochher
151	Harbhajan Singh Sidhu
152	Dr. Sadhana Rout
153	Venu Rajamony
154	Shashibhushan S G
155	Ashit Mohan Prasad
156	Hari Krishan Arora
157	Ranjanesh Sahai
158	Vasumitra
159	Deepesh Kumar Chandrakant Joshi
160	Rajiv Kumar Bora
161	Sudhir Chowdhary
162	Ganga Prasad Singh
163	Dr. Pramod Asthana
164	Kiran G Dhumarat
165	Mukesh Kumar
166	Kanchiraju Kasinath
167	Bhuvanagiri Chandrasekhar
168	Ajay Sharma
169	Ira Joshi
170	AMRIT LAL GOYAL
171	DR. POORNIMA.M .R_(POORNJMA MY SOR E RANGASWAMY IYENGAR)
172	Dhayan Singh
173	Sandeep Kamal
174	Om Prakash Garg
175	RAMANATHAN KUMAR
176	Ravi Capoor
177	Gargi Kaul
178	AIR COMMODORE MOHAN GUPTA VM
179	Akshay Kumar Rout
180	Jigarkumar Lalitkumar Dave
181	Santosh Naik
182	ASHA AGARWAL
183	G. R Aloria
184	Ashok Kumar Singh
185	PRAVIN SRIVASTAVA
186	Pradeep kumar Shekhawat.
187	Srinivas Madhav
188	Deepak Sinha
189	Krishna Chaitanya Cheruru
190	Sanjiv Arora
191	Nishant Raghav
192	Piyush Agarwal
193	Animesh Chauhan
194	Capt. Anoop Kumar Sharma
195	Kandregula Venkata Ramana

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200	Sudha Krishnan
201	ANUP KUMAR JAISWAL
202	HARCHARN SINGH
203	Dr. Dilip Kumar
204	Rajkumar Mishra
205	Anand Prakash
206	FRANK NORONHA
207	Sanjiv Kumar
208	Sangeeta Singh
209	Devendra Singh
210	Lt Gen Kanwal Kumar
211	K H Mallappa
212	Arun Jha
213	Nikhilesh Jha
214	R.Rajasekharan
215	Devesh Kumar Mishra
216	Lamba Tejpal Singh
217	Dr. C.M.Tom Manohar
218	Radhakrishnan K (R K Nair)
219	Bhagwan Singh
220	Gehna Vaishnavi
221	Bodduluri Hare Ram
222	K.R..Mathurasekaran
223	Maj Gen Ajay Anand
224	Dr. Suresh Chandra
225	Manoj kumar Dubey
226	Dr. Arun Kumar Manocha
227	Radhakrishna Kini A
228	Maj Gen Suresh Mamgain
229	Vimal Anand Gupta
230	Parag Prakash
231	Dr. Bipin Behari
232	Vinod Ajmera
233	Dr. Anand S. Khati
234	Lalit Kumar Soni
235	Sushant Kumar Mishra
236	D.P.S. Negi
237	Dr. Jayesh George Macwan
238	Gupta Rajendra Kumar
239	Sunil Kumar Jindal
240	Sumanta Chaudhuri
241	Manoj Pant
242	Sudhir Tripathi
243	Dr. Mungath Madhavan Kutty
244	Maj Gen Virinder Singh Randhawa
245	Krishna Tyagi

246	Dr. N.K. Agrawal
247	Gurdeep Singh Cheema
248	Amitabh Joshi
249	Neelamani N Raju
250	Dr. Vanita Srivastava
251	Rajan Sharma
252	V.Vijayakumar
253	Inderjit Kaushal
254	Rakesh Kumar
255	S.R. Mohanty
256	Niranjana
257	Maj. Gen. Ranjit Ghosh
258	Amrit Anjana Aggarwal
259	Sudhakara Babu Kandru
260	Ratnesh Nandan Sahay
261	Tanugula Rama Kishan Rao
262	Anil Kumar Chaudhary
263	Naveen Verma
264	K B Gupta
265	Jeeri Sudhakar Reddy
266	Nilesh Kishor Prasad
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268	Anil Raj Kumar
269	Mariamamma A.K
270	Rajshekhar Das
271	G.Narayana Raju
272	Saroj Punhani
273	Raj Kumar Barthwal
274	Maj. Gen. Parma Nand Verma
275	Sunil Kumar Rastogi
276	Kailash Sanolia
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284	Maj. Gen. Naresh Chander Badhani
285	Rajendra Prasad
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290	Rupshikha Saikia Borah
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292	Triveni Mehta
293	Lt. Gen. Balbir Singh Sandhu
294	Hans Raj Sharma
295	Anita Bhatnagar Jain

296	Hari Mohan
297	SUDHIR KUMAR
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299	Murallidhara Shetty
300	Lt. Gen. Shravan Kumar Patyal
301	Sushama Prasad
302	Jagdish Chander Asija
303	Kundan Chaudhary
304	Bijay Kumar
305	Sanjeevanee Kutty
306	Maj. Gen. V K Singh
307	O.B.BALAJI
308	Vivek Krishnaji Velankar
309	Lt. Gen. Ranbir Singh Salaria
310	PRADEEP PANDIT
311	Dr. Suhel Akhtar
312	M. Nagaswara Rao
313	G.MADHUSUDAN REDDY
314	Rajiv Jain
315	Group Captain Pola Aanand Naidu
316	Brig. Rati Raman Singh
317	Meenakshi Gupta
318	Ranjan Kumar Sahoo
319	B K Tripathi
320	Brajendra Kumar Singh
321	Lt. Gen. Sanjay Kumar Jha
322	AVM. Anil Golani
323	Ruolkhumlien Buhrlil
324	Rajesh Ranjan
325	Ghanshyam Singh
326	Maj. Gen. Jagbir Singh Dhull
327	Anand Kumar
328	Suresh Kumar Mishra
329	NASEEM AHMED SHAH ANSARI
330	Maj. Gen. Rajendra Singh Yadav
331	Shree Prakash Singh
332	BS Ramakrishna
333	Maj. Gen. Alok Raj
334	ANIL SRIVASTAVA
335	Alok K shrivastava
336	Lt. Gen. Narinder Pal Singh Hira, PVSM, AVSM, VSM, SM, M-in-D
337	Shiva Prakash Upadhyay
338	Anil Kumar Upadhyay
339	Shehzad Mohd. Khan
340	MANOJ SOMESWAR
341	Kanu Priya
342	Maj. Gen. Basavaraj G Gilganchi,
343	PV Ramesh (Ramesh Venkata Penumaka0
344	Ashutosh Sharma
345	RAZA MAHABOOB BASHA

346	Maj. Gen. Dig Vijay Setia
347	Sunil Kumar
348	VK JEYAKODI
349	Shailendra Kumar Singh
350	Kaushal Kishore Verma
351	DYUTI RANI DOLEY BARMAN
352	Sushma Chowla
353	Virendra Kumar Mishra
354	Ram Sunder Meena
355	A N Prasad

Late Applications

S.No	Name
L1	Anand Mishra
L2	N Mohan Karnat
L3	Himanshu Singh Parihar
L4	Maithili Sharan Gupta
L5	Vivek Varshney
L6	Amitra Sudan Chakrabortty
L7	Lakshmi Prasanna Chodavarap
L8	Pawan Kumar Choudhary
L9	Kanwarjit Singh
L 10	Praveen Khandelwal
L11	British Chandra Barman
L12	JS Negi
L13	Prabhash Shankar
L14	Sanjeev Kumar Shrivastava

Eminence wise categorization for Chief Information Commissioner in Central Information Commission, July, 2020		
S.No.	Eminence	No. of Applicants
1.	Law	110
2.	Science and Technology	7
3.	Social Service	16
4.	Management	37
5.	Journalism	23
6.	Mass Media	11
7.	Administration and Governance	151
8.	Total	355

Pages 115 - 177 has personal details of the applicants which are exempted from disclosure under Section 8(1) (j) of the RTI Act, 2005.

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Search Committee held on 13.02.2020 for shortlisting candidates for appointment as Information Commissioners in the Central Information Commission

Present:

- (i) Shri Rajiv Gauba, Cabinet Secretary
- (ii) Dr. C. Chandramouli, Secretary, Department of Personnel & Training
- (iii) Dr. Guruprasad Mohapatra, Secretary, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade
- (iv) Shri Ravi Mittal, Secretary, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

[Dr. Manoj Panda, RBI Chair Professor, Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi University could not attend]

The Search Committee was apprised that as per Section 12(2) of the Right to Information (RTI) Act, 2005, 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. The Committee was also informed about the present incumbency status of Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners in the Central Information Commission, as detailed in **Annexure-I**. The Committee noted that four posts of Information Commissioners in the Central Information Commission are vacant upon completion of tenure of Shri Yashovardhan Azad, Shri Madabhusanam Sridhar Acharyulu and Shri Amitava Bhattacharya on 21.11.2018, 21.11.2018 & 01.12.2018 respectively and upon Shri Sudhir Bhargava demitting office on 01.01.2019 to join as Chief Information Commissioner.

2. The Committee was further informed that as per Section 12(5) of the Act, 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. The Committee was also informed of the other statutory provisions related to the posts of Information Commissioner(s) in the Central Information Commission.

3. The Committee noted that as per the RTI Act, 2005 as amended by the RTI (Amendment) Act, 2019 and the RTI (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 notified on 24.10.2019, every Information Commissioner shall hold office for a period of three years from the date on which he enters upon his office or till he attains the age of sixty-five years, whichever is earlier, and shall not be eligible for reappointment as such Information Commissioner. It was further apprised that the candidates shortlisted by the Search Committee shall be placed for consideration of the Committee constituted under Section 12(3) of the RTI Act.

4. The Search Committee was informed that the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) had earlier advertised the four posts of Information Commissioner by posting on the website of the Department on 04.01.2019 and by publishing in the newspapers on 08.01.2019 and in response to the said advertisement, a total of 256 applications were received by the due date of receipt of applications i.e. 25.01.2019. The Search Committee in its meeting held on 21.11.2019, however, noted that the Supreme Court of India in its judgment dated 15.02.2019 in the matter of Ms. Anjali Bhardwaj & Ors. Versus Union of India & Ors. [WP (Civil No. 436 of 2018)] has, *inter-alia*, stated that it would be appropriate if the terms and conditions on which appointments of Central Information Commission and Information Commissioners are to be made, are specifically stipulated in the advertisement and put on the website. The Committee also observed that the terms and conditions of the posts of Information Commissioners have been revised after publishing the advertisement. Considering this, the Search Committee felt that it may be appropriate to call for fresh applications by re-advertising the posts of Information Commissioners specifying the revised terms and conditions. Further, those who applied for the post in response to the earlier advertisement 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.

5. With the approval of the Competent Authority, Department of Personnel & Training (DoPT) re-advertised the four posts of Information Commissioner accordingly, along with an advertisement for the post of Chief Information Commissioner by posting on the website of the Department on 12.12.2019 and by publishing in the Newspapers on 14.12.2019. The Search Committee in its meeting held on 03.02.2020 was apprised that a total of 250 applications (including 69 previous applicants, who have conveyed their willingness to be considered as per the existing terms and conditions) for the post of Information Commissioners and 106 applications for the post of Chief Information Commissioner were received by the due date of receipt of applications i.e. 03.01.2020.

6. The Committee in its meeting held on 03.02.2020 scrutinized the applications received for the posts of Chief Information Commissioner as well as Information Commissioners and noted that 04 incumbent Information Commissioners who were appointed as per the earlier Terms and Conditions have applied for the post of Chief Information Commissioner. It was felt that their willingness may be obtained for considering their candidature under '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' and thereafter, the matter may be placed before the Committee for further deliberations.


7. The Search Committee again met on 13.02.2020. The Committee took note of the Judgment dated 15.02.2019 of the Supreme Court of India in the case of Ms. Anjali Bhardwaj & Ors. Versus Union of India & Ors. [WP(Civil) No. 436 of 2018] and order dated 16.12.2019 of the Supreme Court in MA No. 1979 filed in the aforementioned case.

8. Besides the applications received by DoPT, the Search Committee also considered the names of Serving/Retired Civil Servants and names of eminent persons from other fields suggested by Members of the Search Committee. After taking into consideration the overall experience profile as well as suitability for the post, the Search Committee shortlisted the following panel (in alphabetical order) for consideration of the Committee constituted under Section 12(3) of the RTI Act for the four posts of Information Commissioner in Central Information Commission:

- (i) Shri Ajay Narayan Jha, IAS(MN:1982)(Retd.), (DoB:15.01.1959), Former Finance Secretary and presently Member, Fifteenth Finance Commission
- (ii) Ms. Seema Bahuguna, IAS(RJ:1983)(Retd.), (DoB:14.09.1959), Former Secretary, Department of Public Enterprises
- (iii) Shri Atanu Chakraborty, IAS(GJ:1985), (DoB: 05.04.1960), Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs
- (iv) Shri Subhash Chandra, IAS(KN:1986)(Retd.), (DoB:22.12.1959), Former Secretary, Department of Defence Production
- (v) Shri Anil Kumar Dhasmana, IPS(MP:1981)(Retd.), (DoB:02.10.1957), Former Secretary, Research & Analysis Wing
- (vi) Shri Rajiv Jain, IPS(JH:1980)(Retd.), (DoB:17.03.1957), Former Director, Intelligence Bureau
- (vii) Shri Sitanshu Ranjan Kar, IIS(1983)(Retd.), (DoB:15.03.1959), Former Principal Director General, Press Information Bureau
- (viii) Shri Rajni Kant Mishra, IPS(UP:1984)(Retd.), (DoB:02.08.1959), Former Director General, Border Security Force
- (ix) Shri Frank Noronha, IIS(1982)(Retd.), (DoB:08.04.1958), Former Principal Director General, Press Information Bureau
- (x) Dr. Arun Kumar Panda, IAS(OD:1984), (DoB: 30.04.1960), Secretary, Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises
- (xi) Ms. Amita Pandove, P.E.S. (Retd.), (DoB: 31.07.1960), Former Member, Punjab Public Service Commission
- (xii) Ms. Preeti Sudan, IAS(AP:1983), (DoB:30.04.1960), Secretary, Department of Health and Family Welfare


(Ravi Mittal)


(Guruprasad Mohapatra)


(C. Chandramouli)


(Rajiv Gauba)

Record of discussions of the First Meeting of the Search Committee held on 3rd February, 2020 for short-listing persons for the post of Chief Information Commissioner & Information Commissioners in the Central Information Commission.

Present:

Shri Rajiv Gauba, Cabinet SecretaryIn Chair

Dr. C. Chandramouli, Secretary (Personnel)

Dr. Guruprasad Mohapatra, Secretary (DIPP)

Shri Ravi Mittal, Secretary, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting

Dr. Manoj Panda, Director, Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi University

A Meeting of Search Committee was convened on 03.02.2020 to shortlist candidates to be considered for appointment as Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners in Central Information Commission.

2. The Committee was apprised of the statutory provisions related to the posts of Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners in Central Information Commission. It was informed that the candidates shortlisted by the Search Committee shall be placed for consideration of the Selection Committee constituted under Section 12(3) of the RTI Act.

3. The Committee was informed that separate advertisements seeking applications from interested persons for the post of Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners were posted on the website of Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) on 12.12.2019 and on 14.12.2019 in the newspapers. A total of 250 applications (for Information Commissioners) and 106 applications (for Chief Information Commissioner) were received till the last date i.e. 03.01.2020

4. The Committee took note of the criteria prescribed under RTI Act for appointment as Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioner and discussed, in detail, the list of applicants. Thereafter, the Committee directed that detailed profiles of the applicants may be got prepared/ complied to facilitate further consideration by the Committee.

5. The Search Committee was apprised that the Hon'ble supreme Court in its order dated 16.12.2019 directed to comply with certain directions given in judgment dated 15.02.2019 and complete the appointment process in respect of Information Commissioners in Central Information Commission within a period of three months from 16.12.2019.

6. The Committee deliberated upon the applications (250 for Information Commissioners and 106 for Chief Information Commissioner) and decided that the deliberations would continue in the next meeting. In the meantime, the Committee directed that the specific willingness of the 4 Information Commissioners in the Central Information Commission, who have applied for the post of Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission, may be obtained for considering their candidature under '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'.

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Department of Personnel and Training

North Block, new Delhi

Dated: 19.08.2020

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2. Members of the Search Committee are requested to make it convenient to attend the meeting through Video-Conferencing, the link for which will be shared by Cabinet Secretariat subsequently.

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(Meera Mohanty)

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Date: 25/09/2020

OFFICE ORDER

Shri Divya Prakash Sinha (DoB: 26.09.1955), demits office as Information Commissioner, Central Information Commission w.e.f. 25.09.2020 (A/N) on completion of his tenure having attained 65 years of age.



(Signature)
(Sushil Kumar)
Deputy Secretary (Admn) 25/9/2020.

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8. IFA to CIC, O/o Controller of Accounts, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, 3rd Floor, Lok Nayak Bhawan, New Delhi.
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10. Under Secretary (IR), Department of Personnel & Training, North Block, New Delhi
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Dated: 05.10.2020

Meeting Notice

Meeting of the designated Search Committee, for recommending panel of names to the Committee constituted under Section 12(3) of the Right to Information Act for the appointment of Information Commissioners in the Central Information Commission, has been scheduled to be held under the Chairmanship of Cabinet Secretary on 05.10.2020 at 6:00 P.M in the Committee Room, Cabinet Secretariat, Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi.

2. Members of the Search Committee are requested to make it convenient to attend the meeting through Video-Conferencing, the link for which will be shared by Cabinet Secretariat subsequently.

V Sinha

(Varsha Sinha)
Director
Ph. 011-23092755

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2. Secretary (Expenditure), D/o Expenditure, Room No.129-A, North Block, New Delhi (Email: secyexp@nic.in, Tel No. 23092929, 23092663)
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F.No. 4/3/2020-IR II (Pt-III)
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Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
Department of Personnel and Training

North Block, new Delhi
Dated: 06.10.2020

Meeting Notice

In continuation of the earlier Meeting Notice dated 05.10.2020 of even number, meeting of the designated Search Committee, for recommending panel of names to the Committee constituted under Section 12(3) of the Right to Information Act for the appointment of Information Commissioners in the Central Information Commission, has been **rescheduled to be held under the Chairmanship of Cabinet Secretary on 06.10.2020 at 7:00 P.M** in the Committee Room, Cabinet Secretariat, Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi.

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- ii. **Shri Amit Khare, Secretary, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting**
- iii. **Dr. Guruprasad Mohapatra, Secretary, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade**
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3. The Committee noted that as per the RTI Act, 2005, as amended by the RTI (Amendment) Act, 2019 and the RTI (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 notified on 24.10.2019, every Information Commissioner shall hold office for a period of three years from the date on which he enters upon his office or till he attains the age of sixty-five years, whichever is earlier, and shall not be eligible for reappointment as such Information Commissioner. It was further apprised that the candidates shortlisted by the Search Committee shall be placed for consideration of the Committee constituted under Section 12(3) of the RTI Act.

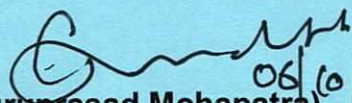
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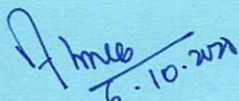
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Incumbency status of Central Information Commission

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2.	Ms. Vanaja N. Sarna Information Commissioner	22.06.1958	01.01.2019	21.06.2023
3.	Shri Neeraj Kumar Gupta Information Commissioner	19.04.1958	01.01.2019	18.04.2023
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5.	Ms. Amita Pandove Information Commissioner	31.07.1960	06.03.2020	05.03.2023

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PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

**South Block,
New Delhi - 110 011**

Subject: Meeting of the Selection Committee for appointment of Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners in CIC- Regarding.

Reference is invited to PMO ID of even number dated 14.08.2020 on the subject cited above.

2. The undersigned is directed to convey that Prime Minister has agreed to chair the meeting of the Selection Committee for appointment to the posts of Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners in Central Information Commission (CIC), on **7.10.2020 at 6.30 PM at 7 LKM, New Delhi.**

3. DoPT is further requested that other members of the Selection Committee may be informed accordingly.



**(Meera Mohanty)
Director**

Tel. No. 2301 3132

Secretary, Department of Personnel & Training

PMO ID No.: 600/52/C/03/2020-HR.

Dated 05.10.2020

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2. Kindly apprise the Hon'ble Union Home Minister, who is a member of the aforesaid Committee, to make it convenient to attend the meeting.

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Additional Secretary
Tel: 23094010

Shri Saket Kumar
PS to Union Home Minister
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North Block, New Delhi
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Pages 207(A-TT) having personal details of the applicants are exempted from disclosure under Section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act, 2005.

Agenda Note-IC

Agenda note for consideration of the Committee constituted under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister of India under Section 12(3) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 for recommending the names to the President of India for appointment to the posts of Information Commissioners in Central Information Commission.

Statutory Position:

1. As per section 12 (2) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereafter, the RTI Act, 2005), 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. Section 12 (3) of the RTI Act, 2005 stipulates that the Information Commissioners 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. 5250815/PMO/2020-HR Cell dated 10.07.2020 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)

*The RTI Act, 2005 further explains that for the purpose of removal of doubts, it is hereby declared that where the Leader of 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.

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Process of Selection and Steps taken in the current process:

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

- (i) Particulars of interested persons are invited through advertisements in newspapers and through DoPT's website.
- (ii) Particulars of applicants are tabulated by DoPT and sent to a Search Committee chaired by Cabinet Secretary.
- (iii) Names shortlisted are sent to the Committee constituted under Section 12(3) headed by the Hon'ble Prime Minister.
- (iv) Persons recommended by the Committee constituted under Section 12(3) are appointed by the Hon'ble President.

6. An advertisement inviting particulars of interested persons for posts (not exceeding 6) of Information Commissioners in the Central Information Commission was published on the website of this Department on 09.07.2020 and also in leading newspapers on 11.07.2020. The terms and conditions for the post of Information Commissioners have been specified in the advertisement. The last date for receipt of applications was 31.07.2020. A total no. of 355 applications for the post of Information Commissioners in the Central Information Commission have been received by the due date. Advance copy of applications received before due date have also been included.

7. The competent authority has approved the constitution of Search Committee for the Information Commissioners with the following composition:-

i.	Cabinet Secretary	Chairman
ii.	Secretary (Expenditure)	Member
iii.	Secretary (I&B)	Member
iv.	Secretary (DPIIT)	Member
v.	Dr. Manoj Panda , RBI Chair Professor, Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi University	Member

The particulars of all applicants for the post of Information Commissioners were tabulated by DoPT and placed before the Search Committee. A list of 355 applicants who have applied for the post of Information Commissioner is enclosed. The Search Committee recommendations will be placed before the Committee constituted U/s 12(3) of the Right to Information Act during the meeting.

8. A copy of the Right to Information Act, 2005 is annexed for information.
9. The Agenda Note is submitted for kind consideration of the Committee. The Committee may kindly recommend the names of suitable candidates for the post of Information Commissioners in the Central Information Commission.

Pages 212 - 257 has personal details of the applicants which are exempted from disclosure under Section 8(1) (j) of the RTI Act, 2005. However, a list of names of applicant is annexed

**LIST OF APPLICANTS FOR THE POST OF INFORMATION COMMISSIONERS IN THE
CENTRAL INFORMATION COMMISSION July 2020**

S. No.	Name
1	SUBHASH CHANDRA
2	Suputra Ramnath Amonker
3	VEERENDRA PRATAP UPADHYAY
4	Binoy Kumar
5	Teki Suresh Kumar
6	Hem Raj Dogra
7	DASARI KARUNAKARA RAO
8	Raghul S
9	Mohammedhanif Shaikh
10	MEDITHI RAVI KANTH
11	RAJNI KANT MISHRA
12	Rashmi Goel
13	B.Yoganath Singh
14	G. Jansi Helen Mary
15	A S Jayachandra
16	Rajiv Dutt Sharma
17	Justice Raghvendra Kumar
18	Pradeep Kumar Jain
19	Jagdish Rai Garg
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22	Abhay Kumar Johari
23	Ninu Susan Abraham
24	Prithvi Singh Purohit
25	Dr. Divya Gupta
26	Ajay Kumar Singh
27	Heeralal Samariya
28	Samir Sahai
29	Jatinder Kumar Sharma
30	Dr Bhai Paramjit Singh
31	Brig. Vipin Chakrawarti
32	Mukesh Kumar Jain
33	KAMALJEET KUMAR SHARMA
34	Dr Suresh Chandra Gairola
35	Anil Kumar Singh
36	Dr. Kshatrapati Shivaji
37	Dr. Jitendra Prasad Singh
38	Ananya Ray
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40	Alok Kumar Pateria
41	Dr. Lalit Varma
42	Rajesh Sharma
43	Dr.S.AMBIGAI DASS
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47	Rajneesh Kumar Chandrakar
48	Hem Kumar Pande
49	Satya Narayan Saha
50	Sunil Kumar Das
51	Joyneswar Sharma
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54	Gautam Ghosh
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56	Sanjay Goel
57	RAJNI SEKHRI SIBAL
58	V.S.V.V.L. NARASIMHA RAO
59	TARIT KUMAR BISWAS
60	Ritam Aggarwal
61	Sashiprava Bindhani
62	Dr.Ramesh L. Garva
63	Sudeep Lakhtakia
64	Lt Gen Dushyant Singh, PVSM, AVSM
65	Dr. Shivaji Naik
66	Lt Gen Ashok Ambre
67	Sudarshan Sethi
68	Vivek Sheela Aggarwal
69	Onkarmal kedia
70	Maj Gen RK Gupta
71	Sanjiv Talwar
72	Yogendra Singh Tanwar
73	Ashok Kumar Jain
74	MC Chauhan
75	Kuldeep Singh Dhatwalia
76	Rabindra Panwar
77	Maj Gen IJS Hundal
78	Dr Kiran Jadhav
79	Chandra Kishor Sharma
80	Rahul Bhatnagar
81	Vishvapavan Pati
82	Ajai Das Mehrotra
83	Dr. V. Sekar
84	Amulya Kumar patnaik
85	SHYAMSUMAN
86	Dr.Ashwini Kumar Sharma
87	Saleena Singh
88	Manjeev Singh Puri
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90	Ms. Manisha Nanda
91	Rahil Gupta
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93	BVN Prasad
94	Sanjeev Aggarwal
95	Avinash K Srivastava
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97	P. Raghavendra Rao
98	Preeti Sudan
99	Priya Nigam
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101	Satpal Chouhan
102	Dr. Seema Gaur
103	VINOD KUMAR
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106	Janaki Ballav Dash
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109	Dr. Dinesh Sharma
110	Anuradha Verma
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112	Sanjeev Kumar Sharma
113	Ashwani Gupta
114	Dr. Devendra Kumar Tiwari
115	Major Gen Arun Kumar Vyas
116	Binay Kumar Singh
117	Rahul Sudam Wanjari
118	J.K. Jain
119	Naveen Chandra Jain
120	Jyoti Arora
121	Saraswati Prasad
122	Tirunelveli Ratnagiri Sivaramakrishnan
123	Gurpreet Singh Talwar
124	YASHPAL GUPTA
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126	E.Mariappan
127	Arun Kumar Panda
128	Pankaj kumar
129	Maj Gen Anil Khosla, AVSM, SM, VSM** (Retd)
130	Seema Bahuguna
131	Ajay Kumar Lal
132	Dr. Kanhu Charan Mahali
133	Hanuman Sahai Meena
134	Dr. K.V.V.V. SATYANARAYANA
135	CHHABILENDRA ROUL
136	Vijay Singh Yadav
137	Elsa Tresa Jose
138	Jag Mohan Sharma
139	Anil Kumar Dhasmana
140	Kanhaiya Lal Jogi
141	Dr. Vikaram Singh
142	Ameeta Suri
143	Arvinda Sharan
144	Manoj Pande
145	Shivayya Swamy
146	Veronica Kamei

147	Capt. Dr. Rajendra Bhimrao Saner Patil
148	Lakhan Kumar
149	Om Prakash Meena
150	Jaideep Singh Kochher
151	Harbhajan Singh Sidhu
152	Dr. Sadhana Rout
153	Venu Rajamony
154	Shashibhushan S G
155	Ashit Mohan Prasad
156	Hari Krishan Arora
157	Ranjanesh Sahai
158	Vasumitra
159	Deepesh Kumar Chandrakant Joshi
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161	Sudhir Chowdhary
162	Ganga Prasad Singh
163	Dr. Pramod Asthana
164	Kiran G Dhumarat
165	Mukesh Kumar
166	Kanchiraju Kasinath
167	Bhuvanagiri Chandrasekhar
168	Ajay Sharma
169	Ira Joshi
170	AMRIT LAL GOYAL
171	DR. POORNIMA.M .R_(POORNJMA MY SOR E RANGASWAMY IYENGAR)
172	Dhayan Singh
173	Sandeep Kamal
174	Om Prakash Garg
175	RAMANATHAN KUMAR
176	Ravi Capoor
177	Gargi Kaul
178	AIR COMMODORE MOHAN GUPTA VM
179	Akshay Kumar Rout
180	Jigarkumar Lalitkumar Dave
181	Santosh Naik
182	ASHA AGARWAL
183	G. R Aloria
184	Ashok Kumar Singh
185	PRAVIN SRIVASTAVA
186	Pradeep kumar Shekhawat.
187	Srinivas Madhav
188	Deepak Sinha
189	Krishna Chaitanya Cheruru
190	Sanjiv Arora
191	Nishant Raghav
192	Piyush Agarwal
193	Animesh Chauhan
194	Capt. Anoop Kumar Sharma
195	Kandregula Venkata Ramana

196	Sanjeev Kumar
197	Dr. Prakasham Unnamatla
198	Vinod Kumar
199	Justice, B.K. Shrivastava
200	Sudha Krishnan
201	ANUP KUMAR JAISWAL
202	HARCHARN SINGH
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205	Anand Prakash
206	FRANK NORONHA
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209	Devendra Singh
210	Lt Gen Kanwal Kumar
211	K H Mallappa
212	Arun Jha
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214	R.Rajasekharan
215	Devesh Kumar Mishra
216	Lamba Tejpal Singh
217	Dr. C.M.Tom Manohar
218	Radhakrishnan K (R K Nair)
219	Bhagwan Singh
220	Gehna Vaishnavi
221	Bodduluri Hare Ram
222	K.R..Mathurasekaran
223	Maj Gen Ajay Anand
224	Dr. Suresh Chandra
225	Manoj kumar Dubey
226	Dr. Arun Kumar Manocha
227	Radhakrishna Kini A
228	Maj Gen Suresh Mamgain
229	Vimal Anand Gupta
230	Parag Prakash
231	Dr. Bipin Behari
232	Vinod Ajmera
233	Dr. Anand S. Khati
234	Lalit Kumar Soni
235	Sushant Kumar Mishra
236	D.P.S. Negi
237	Dr. Jayesh George Macwan
238	Gupta Rajendra Kumar
239	Sunil Kumar Jindal
240	Sumanta Chaudhuri
241	Manoj Pant
242	Sudhir Tripathi
243	Dr. Mungath Madhavan Kutty
244	Maj Gen Virinder Singh Randhawa
245	Krishna Tyagi

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246	Dr. N.K. Agrawal
247	Gurdeep Singh Cheema
248	Amitabh Joshi
249	Neelamani N Raju
250	Dr. Vanita Srivastava
251	Rajan Sharma
252	V.Vijayakumar
253	Inderjit Kaushal
254	Rakesh Kumar
255	S.R. Mohanty
256	Niranjana
257	Maj. Gen. Ranjit Ghosh
258	Amrit Anjana Aggarwal
259	Sudhakara Babu Kandru
260	Ratnesh Nandan Sahay
261	Tanugula Rama Kishan Rao
262	Anil Kumar Chaudhary
263	Naveen Verma
264	K B Gupta
265	Jeeri Sudhakar Reddy
266	Nilesh Kishor Prasad
267	Vishav Kant Garg
268	Anil Raj Kumar
269	Mariamamma A.K
270	Rajshekhar Das
271	G.Narayana Raju
272	Saroj Punhani
273	Raj Kumar Barthwal
274	Maj. Gen. Parma Nand Verma
275	Sunil Kumar Rastogi
276	Kailash Sanolia
277	Sitaram Mardi
278	Satya Parkash Katyal
279	Krishan Kumar Sharma
280	Lt. Gen. Giri Raj Singh
281	Awdhesh Kumar Srivastava
282	M P Johnson
283	Ajit Borthakur
284	Maj. Gen. Naresh Chander Badhani
285	Rajendra Prasad
286	Brig Mukesh Bansal
287	Maj. Gen. Gopal Gurung
288	Sudhi Ranjan Mishra
289	Mukesh Mittal
290	Rupshikha Saikia Borah
291	N.A. Jaya Chandra Reddy
292	Triveni Mehta
293	Lt. Gen. Balbir Singh Sandhu
294	Hans Raj Sharma
295	Anita Bhatnagar Jain

296	Hari Mohan
297	SUDHIR KUMAR
298	Sukhi Chand Chaudhary
299	Murallidhara Shetty
300	Lt. Gen. Shravan Kumar Patyal
301	Sushama Prasad
302	Jagdish Chander Asija
303	Kundan Chaudhary
304	Bijay Kumar
305	Sanjeevanee Kutty
306	Maj. Gen. V K Singh
307	O.B.BALAJI
308	Vivek Krishnaji Velankar
309	Lt. Gen. Ranbir Singh Salaria
310	PRADEEP PANDIT
311	Dr. Suhel Akhtar
312	M. Nagaswara Rao
313	G.MADHUSUDAN REDDY
314	Rajiv Jain
315	Group Captain Pola Aanand Naidu
316	Brig. Rati Raman Singh
317	Meenakshi Gupta
318	Ranjan Kumar Sahoo
319	B K Tripathi
320	Brajendra Kumar Singh
321	Lt. Gen. Sanjay Kumar Jha
322	AVM. Anil Golani
323	Ruolkhumlien Buhrlil
324	Rajesh Ranjan
325	Ghanshyam Singh
326	Maj. Gen. Jagbir Singh Dhull
327	Anand Kumar
328	Suresh Kumar Mishra
329	NASEEM AHMED SHAH ANSARI
330	Maj. Gen. Rajendra Singh Yadav
331	Shree Prakash Singh
332	BS Ramakrishna
333	Maj. Gen. Alok Raj
334	ANIL SRIVASTAVA
335	Alok K shrivastava
336	Lt. Gen. Narinder Pal Singh Hira, PVSM, AVSM, VSM, SM, M-in-D
337	Shiva Prakash Upadhyay
338	Anil Kumar Upadhyay
339	Shehzad Mohd. Khan
340	MANOJ SOMESWAR
341	Kanu Priya
342	Maj. Gen. Basavaraj G Gilganchi,
343	PV Ramesh (Ramesh Venkata Penumaka0
344	Ashutosh Sharma
345	RAZA MAHABOOB BASHA

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346	Maj. Gen. Dig Vijay Setia
347	Sunil Kumar
348	VK JEYAKODI
349	Shailendra Kumar Singh
350	Kaushal Kishore Verma
351	DYUTI RANI DOLEY BARMAN
352	Sushma Chowla
353	Virendra Kumar Mishra
354	Ram Sunder Meena
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L1	Anand Mishra
L2	N Mohan Karnat
L3	Himanshu Singh Parihar
L4	Maithili Sharan Gupta
L5	Vivek Varshney
L6	Amitra Sudan Chakraborty
L7	Lakshmi Prasanna Chodavarap
L8	Pawan Kumar Choudhary
L9	Kanwarjit Singh
L 10	Praveen Khandelwal
L11	British Chandra Barman
L12	JS Negi
L13	Prabhash Shankar
L14	Sanjeev Kumar Shrivastava

**Date of Occurrence of vacancy of Chief Information Commissioner and
Information Commissioners in CIC (October, 2020)**

Sl. No	Name	Date of Birth	Date of Appointment	Date of completion of tenure
1.	Shri Bimal Julka, IAS, Chief Information Commissioner,	27.08.1955	06.03.2020	26.08.2020
2.	Shri Yashovardhan Azad, IPS, Information Commissioner	12.03.1954	22.11.2013	21.11.2018
3.	Shri Madabhusanam Sridhar Acharyulu, Professor, Law Information Commissioner	10.11.1956	22.11.2013	21.11.2018
4.	Shri Amitava Bhattacharya, IAS, Information Commissioner	02.12.1953	25.02.2016	01.12.2018
5.	Shri Bimal Julka, IAS Information Commissioner,	27.08.1955	25.02.2016	06.03.2019 (demitted office to join as CIC)
6.	Shri Divya Prakash Sinha, IPS, Information Commissioner	26.09.1955	25.02.2016	25.09.2020

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THE RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT, 2005

ACT NO. 22 OF 2005

[15th June, 2005.]

An Act to provide for setting out the practical regime of right to information for citizens to secure access to information under the control of public authorities, in order to promote transparency and accountability in the working of every public authority, the constitution of a Central Information Commission and State Information Commissions and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

WHEREAS the Constitution of India has established democratic Republic;

AND WHEREAS democracy requires an informed citizenry and transparency of information which are vital to its functioning and also to contain corruption and to hold Governments and their instrumentalities accountable to the governed;

AND WHEREAS revelation of information in actual practice is likely to conflict with other public interests including efficient operations of the Governments, optimum use of limited fiscal resources and the preservation of confidentiality of sensitive information;

AND WHEREAS it is necessary to harmonise these conflicting interests while preserving the paramountcy of the democratic ideal;

Now, THEREFORE, it is expedient to provide for furnishing certain information to citizens who desire to have it.

BE it enacted by Parliament in the Fifty-sixth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

CHAPTER I

PRELIMINARY

1. Short title, extent and commencement.—(1) This Act may be called the Right to Information Act, 2005.

(2) It extends to the whole of India except the State of Jammu and Kashmir.

(3) The provisions of sub-section (1) of section 4, sub-sections (1) and (2) of section 5, sections 12, 13, 15, 16, 24, 27 and 28 shall come into force at once, and the remaining provisions of this Act shall come into force on the one hundred and twentieth day of its enactment.

2. Definitions.—In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—

(a) "appropriate Government" means in relation to a public authority which is established, constituted, owned, controlled or substantially financed by funds provided directly or indirectly—

(i) by the Central Government or the Union territory administration, the Central Government;

(ii) by the State Government, the State Government;

(b) "Central Information Commission" means the Central Information Commission constituted under sub-section (1) of section 12;

(c) "Central Public Information Officer" means the Central Public Information Officer designated under sub-section (1) and includes a Central Assistant Public Information Officer designated as such under sub-section (2) of section 5;

(d) "Chief Information Commissioner" and "Information Commissioner" mean the Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioner appointed under sub-section (3) of section 12;

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(e) "competent authority" means—

(i) the Speaker in the case of the House of the People or the Legislative Assembly of a State or a Union territory having such Assembly and the Chairman in the case of the Council of States or Legislative Council of a State;

(ii) the Chief Justice of India in the case of the Supreme Court;

(iii) the Chief Justice of the High Court in the case of a High Court;

(iv) the President or the Governor, as the case may be, in the case of other authorities established or constituted by or under the Constitution;

(v) the administrator appointed under article 239 of the Constitution;

(f) "information" means any material in any form, including records, documents, memos, e-mails, opinions, advices, press releases, circulars, orders, logbooks, contracts, reports, papers, samples, models, data material held in any electronic form and information relating to any private body which can be accessed by a public authority under any other law for the time being in force;

(g) "prescribed" means prescribed by rules made under this Act by the appropriate Government or the competent authority, as the case may be;

(h) "public authority" means any authority or body or institution of self- government established or constituted—

(a) by or under the Constitution;

(b) by any other law made by Parliament;

(c) by any other law made by State Legislature;

(d) by notification issued or order made by the appropriate Government,

and includes any—

(i) body owned, controlled or substantially financed;

(ii) non-Government organisation substantially financed,

directly or indirectly by funds provided by the appropriate Government;

(i) "record" includes—

(a) any document, manuscript and file;

(b) any microfilm, microfiche and facsimile copy of a document;

(c) any reproduction of image or images embodied in such microfilm (whether enlarged or not); and

(d) any other material produced by a computer or any other device;

(j) "right to information" means the right to information accessible under this Act which is held by or under the control of any public authority and includes the right to—

(i) inspection of work, documents, records;

(ii) taking notes, extracts or certified copies of documents or records;

(iii) taking certified samples of material;

(iv) obtaining information in the form of diskettes, floppies, tapes, video cassettes or in any other electronic mode or through printouts where such information is stored in a computer or in any other device;

(k) "State Information Commission" means the State Information Commission constituted under sub-section (1) of section 15;

(l) "State Chief Information Commissioner" and "State Information Commissioner" mean the State Chief Information Commissioner and the State Information Commissioner appointed under sub-section (3) of section 15;

(m) "State Public Information Officer" means the State Public Information Officer designated under sub-section (1) and includes a State Assistant Public Information Officer designated as such under sub-section (2) of section 5;

(n) "third party" means a person other than the citizen making a request for information and includes a public authority.

CHAPTER II

RIGHT TO INFORMATION AND OBLIGATIONS OF PUBLIC AUTHORITIES

3. Right to information.—Subject to the provisions of this Act, all citizens shall have the right to information.

4. Obligations of public authorities.—(1) Every public authority shall—

(a) maintain all its records duly catalogued and indexed in a manner and the form which facilitates the right to information under this Act and ensure that all records that are appropriate to be computerised are, within a reasonable time and subject to availability of resources, computerised and connected through a network all over the country on different systems so that access to such records is facilitated;

(b) publish within one hundred and twenty days from the enactment of this Act,—

(i) the particulars of its organisation, functions and duties;

(ii) the powers and duties of its officers and employees;

(iii) the procedure followed in the decision making process, including channels of supervision and accountability;

(iv) the norms set by it for the discharge of its functions;

(v) the rules, regulations, instructions, manuals and records, held by it or under its control or used by its employees for discharging its functions;

(vi) a statement of the categories of documents that are held by it or under its control;

(vii) the particulars of any arrangement that exists for consultation with, or representation by, the members of the public in relation to the formulation of its policy or implementation thereof;

(viii) a statement of the boards, councils, committees and other bodies consisting of two or more persons constituted as its part or for the purpose of its advice, and as to whether meetings of those boards, councils, committees and other bodies are open to the public, or the minutes of such meetings are accessible for public;

(ix) a directory of its officers and employees;

(x) the monthly remuneration received by each of its officers and employees, including the system of compensation as provided in its regulations;

(xi) the budget allocated to each of its agency, indicating the particulars of all plans, proposed expenditures and reports on disbursements made;

(xii) the manner of execution of subsidy programmes, including the amounts allocated and the details of beneficiaries of such programmes;

(xiii) particulars of recipients of concessions, permits or authorisations granted by it;

(xiv) details in respect of the information, available to or held by it, reduced in an electronic form;

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(xv) the particulars of facilities available to citizens for obtaining information, including the working hours of a library or reading room, if maintained for public use;

(xvi) the names, designations and other particulars of the Public Information Officers;

(xvii) such other information as may be prescribed;

and thereafter update these publications every year;

(c) publish all relevant facts while formulating important policies or announcing the decisions which affect public;

(d) provide reasons for its administrative or quasi-judicial decisions to affected persons.

(2) It shall be a constant endeavour of every public authority to take steps in accordance with the requirements of clause (b) of sub-section (1) to provide as much information *suomotu* to the public at regular intervals through various means of communications, including internet, so that the public have minimum resort to the use of this Act to obtain information.

(3) For the purposes of sub-section (1), every information shall be disseminated widely and in such form and manner which is easily accessible to the public.

(4) All materials shall be disseminated taking into consideration the cost effectiveness, local language and the most effective method of communication in that local area and the information should be easily accessible, to the extent possible in electronic format with the Central Public Information Officer or State Public Information Officer, as the case may be, available free or at such cost of the medium or the print cost price as may be prescribed.

Explanation.—For the purposes of sub-sections (3) and (4), "disseminated" means making known or communicated the information to the public through notice boards, newspapers, public announcements, media broadcasts, the internet or any other means, including inspection of offices of any public authority.

5. Designation of Public Information Officers.—(1) Every public authority shall, within one hundred days of the enactment of this Act, designate as many officers as the Central Public Information Officers or State Public Information Officers, as the case may be, in all administrative units or offices under it as may be necessary to provide information to persons requesting for the information under this Act.

(2) Without prejudice to the provisions of sub-section (1), every public authority shall designate an officer, within one hundred days of the enactment of this Act, at each sub-divisional level or other sub-district level as a Central Assistant Public Information Officer or a State Assistant Public Information Officer, as the case may be, to receive the applications for information or appeals under this Act for forwarding the same forthwith to the Central Public Information Officer or the State Public Information Officer or senior officer specified under sub-section (1) of section 19 or the Central Information Commission or the State Information Commission, as the case may be:

Provided that where an application for information or appeal is given to a Central Assistant Public Information Officer or a State Assistant Public Information Officer, as the case may be, a period of five days shall be added in computing the period for response specified under sub-section (1) of section 7.

(3) Every Central Public Information Officer or State Public Information Officer, as the case may be, shall deal with requests from persons seeking information and render reasonable assistance to the persons seeking such information.

(4) The Central Public Information Officer or State Public Information Officer, as the case may be, may seek the assistance of any other officer as he or she considers it necessary for the proper discharge of his or her duties.

(5) Any officer, whose assistance has been sought under sub-section (4), shall render all assistance to the Central Public Information Officer or State Public Information Officer, as the case may be, seeking his or her assistance and for the purposes of any contravention of the provisions of this Act, such other officer shall be treated as a Central Public Information Officer or State Public Information Officer, as the case may be.

6. Request for obtaining information.—(1) A person, who desires to obtain any information under this Act, shall make a request in writing or through electronic means in English or Hindi or in the official language of the area in which the application is being made, accompanying such fee as may be prescribed, to—

(a) the Central Public Information Officer or State Public Information Officer, as the case may be, of the concerned public authority;

(b) the Central Assistant Public Information Officer or State Assistant Public Information Officer, as the case may be,

specifying the particulars of the information sought by him or her:

Provided that where such request cannot be made in writing, the Central Public Information Officer or State Public Information Officer, as the case may be, shall render all reasonable assistance to the person making the request orally to reduce the same in writing.

(2) An applicant making request for information shall not be required to give any reason for requesting the information or any other personal details except those that may be necessary for contacting him.

(3) Where an application is made to a public authority requesting for an information,—

(i) which is held by another public authority; or

(ii) the subject matter of which is more closely connected with the functions of another public authority,

the public authority, to which such application is made, shall transfer the application or such part of it as may be appropriate to that other public authority and inform the applicant immediately about such transfer:

Provided that the transfer of an application pursuant to this sub-section shall be made as soon as practicable but in no case later than five days from the date of receipt of the application.

7. Disposal of request.—(1) Subject to the proviso to sub-section (2) of section 5 or the proviso to sub-section (3) of section 6, the Central Public Information Officer or State Public Information Officer, as the case may be, on receipt of a request under section 6 shall, as expeditiously as possible, and in any case within thirty days of the receipt of the request, either provide the information on payment of such fee as may be prescribed or reject the request for any of the reasons specified in sections 8 and 9:

Provided that where the information sought for concerns the life or liberty of a person, the same shall be provided within forty-eight hours of the receipt of the request.

(2) If the Central Public Information Officer or State Public Information Officer, as the case may be, fails to give decision on the request for information within the period specified under sub-section (1), the Central Public Information Officer or State Public Information Officer, as the case may be, shall be deemed to have refused the request.

(3) Where a decision is taken to provide the information on payment of any further fee representing the cost of providing the information, the Central Public Information Officer or State Public Information Officer, as the case may be, shall send an intimation to the person making the request, giving—

(a) the details of further fees representing the cost of providing the information as determined by him, together with the calculations made to arrive at the amount in accordance with fee prescribed under sub-section (1), requesting him to deposit that fees, and the period intervening between the despatch of the said intimation and payment of fees shall be excluded for the purpose of calculating the period of thirty days referred to in that sub-section;

(b) information concerning his or her right with respect to review the decision as to the amount of fees charged or the form of access provided, including the particulars of the appellate authority, time limit, process and any other forms.

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(4) Where access to the record or a part thereof is required to be provided under this Act and the person to whom access is to be provided is sensorily disabled, the Central Public Information Officer or State Public Information Officer, as the case may be, shall provide assistance to enable access to the information, including providing such assistance as may be appropriate for the inspection.

(5) Where access to information is to be provided in the printed or in any electronic format, the applicant shall, subject to the provisions of sub-section (6), pay such fee as may be prescribed:

Provided that the fee prescribed under sub-section (1) of section 6 and sub-sections (1) and (5) of section 7 shall be reasonable and no such fee shall be charged from the persons who are of below poverty line as may be determined by the appropriate Government.

(6) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (5), the person making request for the information shall be provided the information free of charge where a public authority fails to comply with the time limits specified in sub-section (1).

(7) Before taking any decision under sub-section (1), the Central Public Information Officer or State Public Information Officer, as the case may be, shall take into consideration the representation made by a third party under section 11.

(8) Where a request has been rejected under sub-section (1), the Central Public Information Officer or State Public Information Officer, as the case may be, shall communicate to the person making the request,—

- (i) the reasons for such rejection;
- (ii) the period within which an appeal against such rejection may be preferred; and
- (iii) the particulars of the appellate authority.

(9) An information shall ordinarily be provided in the form in which it is sought unless it would disproportionately divert the resources of the public authority or would be detrimental to the safety or preservation of the record in question.

8. Exemption from disclosure of information.—(1) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, there shall be no obligation to give any citizen,—

(a) information, disclosure of which would prejudicially affect the sovereignty and integrity of India, the security, strategic, scientific or economic interests of the State, relation with foreign State or lead to incitement of an offence;

(b) information which has been expressly forbidden to be published by any court of law or tribunal or the disclosure of which may constitute contempt of court;

(c) information, the disclosure of which would cause a breach of privilege of Parliament or the State Legislature;

(d) information including commercial confidence, trade secrets or intellectual property, the disclosure of which would harm the competitive position of a third party, unless the competent authority is satisfied that larger public interest warrants the disclosure of such information;

(e) information available to a person in his fiduciary relationship, unless the competent authority is satisfied that the larger public interest warrants the disclosure of such information;

(f) information received in confidence from foreign Government;

(g) information, the disclosure of which would endanger the life or physical safety of any person or identify the source of information or assistance given in confidence for law enforcement or security purposes;

(h) information which would impede the process of investigation or apprehension or prosecution of offenders;

(i) cabinet papers including records of deliberations of the Council of Ministers, Secretaries and other officers;

Provided that the decisions of Council of Ministers, the reasons thereof, and the material on the basis of which the decisions were taken shall be made public after the decision has been taken, and the matter is complete, or over:

Provided further that those matters which come under the exemptions specified in this section shall not be disclosed;

(j) information which relates to personal information the disclosure of which has no relationship to any public activity or interest, or which would cause unwarranted invasion of the privacy of the individual unless the Central Public Information Officer or the State Public Information Officer or the appellate authority, as the case may be, is satisfied that the larger public interest justifies the disclosure of such information:

Provided that the information which cannot be denied to the Parliament or a State Legislature shall not be denied to any person.

(2) Notwithstanding anything in the Official Secrets Act, 1923 (19 of 1923) nor any of the exemptions permissible in accordance with sub-section (1), a public authority may allow access to information, if public interest in disclosure outweighs the harm to the protected interests.

(3) Subject to the provisions of clauses (a), (c) and (i) of sub-section (1), any information relating to any occurrence, event or matter which has taken place, occurred or happened twenty years before the date on which any request is made under section 6 shall be provided to any person making a request under that section:

Provided that where any question arises as to the date from which the said period of twenty years has to be computed, the decision of the Central Government shall be final, subject to the usual appeals provided for in this Act.

9. Grounds for rejection to access in certain cases.—Without prejudice to the provisions of section 8, a Central Public Information Officer or a State Public Information Officer, as the case may be, may reject a request for information where such a request for providing access would involve an infringement of copyright subsisting in a person other than the State.

10. Severability.—(1) Where a request for access to information is rejected on the ground that it is in relation to information which is exempt from disclosure, then, notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, access may be provided to that part of the record which does not contain any information which is exempt from disclosure under this Act and which can reasonably be severed from any part that contains exempt information.

(2) Where access is granted to a part of the record under sub-section (1), the Central Public Information Officer or State Public Information Officer, as the case may be, shall give a notice to the applicant, informing—

(a) that only part of the record requested, after severance of the record containing information which is exempt from disclosure, is being provided;

(b) the reasons for the decision, including any findings on any material question of fact, referring to the material on which those findings were based;

(c) the name and designation of the person giving the decision;

(d) the details of the fees calculated by him or her and the amount of fee which the applicant is required to deposit; and

(e) his or her rights with respect to review of the decision regarding non-disclosure of part of the information, the amount of fee charged or the form of access provided, including the particulars of the senior officer specified under sub-section (1) of section 19 or the Central Information Commission or the State Information Commission, as the case may be, time limit, process and any other form of access.

11. Third party information.—(1) Where a Central Public Information Officer or a State Public Information Officer, as the case may be, intends to disclose any information or record, or part thereof on a

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request made under this Act, which relates to or has been supplied by a third party and has been treated as confidential by that third party, the Central Public Information Officer or State Public Information Officer, as the case may be, shall, within five days from the receipt of the request, give a written notice to such third party of the request and of the fact that the Central Public Information Officer or State Public Information Officer, as the case may be, intends to disclose the information or record, or part thereof, and invite the third party to make a submission in writing or orally, regarding whether the information should be disclosed, and such submission of the third party shall be kept in view while taking a decision about disclosure of information:

Provided that except in the case of trade or commercial secrets protected by law, disclosure may be allowed if the public interest in disclosure outweighs in importance any possible harm or injury to the interests of such third party.

(2) Where a notice is served by the Central Public Information Officer or State Public Information Officer, as the case may be, under sub-section (1) to a third party in respect of any information or record or part thereof, the third party shall, within ten days from the date of receipt of such notice, be given the opportunity to make representation against the proposed disclosure.

(3) Notwithstanding anything contained in section 7, the Central Public Information Officer or State Public Information Officer, as the case may be, shall, within forty days after receipt of the request under section 6, if the third party has been given an opportunity to make representation under sub-section (2), make a decision as to whether or not to disclose the information or record or part thereof and give in writing the notice of his decision to the third party.

(4) A notice given under sub-section (3) shall include a statement that the third party to whom the notice is given is entitled to prefer an appeal under section 19 against the decision.

CHAPTER III

THE CENTRAL INFORMATION COMMISSION

12. Constitution of Central Information Commission.—(1) The Central Government shall, by notification in the Official Gazette, constitute a body to be known as the Central Information Commission to exercise the powers conferred on, and to perform the functions assigned to, it under this Act.

(2) The Central Information Commission shall consist of—

- (a) the Chief Information Commissioner; and
- (b) such number of Central Information Commissioners, not exceeding ten, as may be deemed necessary.

(3) 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.

(4) The general superintendence, direction and management of the affairs of the Central Information Commission shall vest in the Chief Information Commissioner who shall be assisted by the Information Commissioners and may exercise all such powers and do all such acts and things which may be exercised or done by the Central Information Commission autonomously without being subjected to directions by any other authority under this Act.

(5) 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) 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.

(7) The headquarters of the Central Information Commission shall be at Delhi and the Central Information Commission may, with the previous approval of the Central Government, establish offices at other places in India.

13. Term of office and conditions of service.—(1) The Chief Information Commissioner shall hold office ¹[for such term as may be prescribed by the Central Government] 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.

(2) Every Information Commissioner shall hold office ¹[for such term as may be prescribed by the Central Government] or till he attains the age of sixty-five 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.

(3) 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.

(4) The Chief Information Commissioner or an Information Commissioner may, at any time, by writing under his hand addressed to the President, resign from his office:

Provided that the Chief Information Commissioner or an Information Commissioner may be removed in the manner specified under section 14.

²[(5) The salaries and allowances payable to and other terms and conditions of service of the Chief Information Commissioner and the Information Commissioners shall be such as may be prescribed by the Central Government:

Provided that the salaries, allowances and other conditions of service of the Chief Information Commissioner or the Information Commissioners shall not be varied to their disadvantage after their appointment:

Provided further that the Chief Information Commissioner and the Information Commissioners appointed before the commencement of the Right to Information (Amendment) Act, 2019 shall continue to be governed by the provisions of this Act and the rules made thereunder as if the Right to Information (Amendment) Act, 2019 had not come into force.]

1. Subs. by Act 24 of 2019, s. 2, for "for a term of five years from the date on which he enters upon his office" (w.e.f. 24-10-2019).

2. Subs. by, s. 2, *ibid.*, for sub-section (5) (w.e.f. 24-10-2019).

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(6) The Central Government shall provide the Chief Information Commissioner and the Information Commissioners with such officers and employees as may be necessary for the efficient performance of their functions under this Act, and the salaries and allowances payable to, and the terms and conditions of service of the officers and other employees appointed for the purpose of this Act shall be such as may be prescribed.

Provided also that the salaries, allowances and other conditions of service of the Chief Information Commissioner and the Information Commissioners shall not be varied to their disadvantage after their appointment.

(6) The Central Government shall provide the Chief Information Commissioner and the Information Commissioners with such officers and employees as may be necessary for the efficient performance of their functions under this Act, and the salaries and allowances payable to and the terms and conditions of service of the officers and other employees appointed for the purpose of this Act shall be such as may be prescribed.

14. Removal of Chief Information Commissioner or Information Commissioner.—(1) Subject to the provisions of sub-section (3), the Chief Information Commissioner or any Information Commissioner shall be removed from his office only by order of the President on the ground of proved misbehaviour or incapacity after the Supreme Court, on a reference made to it by the President, has, on inquiry, reported that the Chief Information Commissioner or any Information Commissioner, as the case may be, ought on such ground be removed.

(2) The President may suspend from office, and if deem necessary prohibit also from attending the office during inquiry, the Chief Information Commissioner or Information Commissioner in respect of whom a reference has been made to the Supreme Court under sub-section (1) until the President has passed orders on receipt of the report of the Supreme Court on such reference.

(3) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1), the President may by order remove from office the Chief Information Commissioner or any Information Commissioner if the Chief Information Commissioner or a Information Commissioner, as the case may be,—

(a) is adjudged an insolvent; or

(b) has been convicted of an offence which, in the opinion of the President, involves moral turpitude; or

(c) engages during his term of office in any paid employment outside the duties of his office; or

(d) is, in the opinion of the President, unfit to continue in office by reason of infirmity of mind or body; or

(e) has acquired such financial or other interest as is likely to affect prejudicially his functions as the Chief Information Commissioner or a Information Commissioner.

(4) If the Chief Information Commissioner or a Information Commissioner in any way, concerned or interested in any contract or agreement made by or on behalf of the Government of India or participates in any way in the profit thereof or in any benefit or emolument arising therefrom otherwise than as a member and in common with the other members of an incorporated company, he shall, for the purposes of sub-section (1), be deemed to be guilty of misbehaviour.

CHAPTER IV

THE STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION

15. Constitution of State Information Commission.—(1) Every State Government shall, by notification in the Official Gazette, constitute a body to be known as the (name of the State) Information Commission to exercise the powers conferred on, and to perform the functions assigned to, it under this Act.

(2) The State Information Commission shall consist of—

(a) the State Chief Information Commissioner, and

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE CONSTITUTED UNDER SECTION 12 (3) OF THE RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT, 2005 UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA HELD ON 24th OCTOBER, 2020 AT 7, LOK KALYAN MARG, NEW DELHI FOR MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT OF 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 Prime Minister of India on 24th October 2020 at 7, Lok Kalyan Marg, New Delhi to make recommendations for appointment of Information Commissioners in the Central Information Commission.

The meeting was attended by the following:

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| i. | Shri Narendra Modi, Prime Minister | Chairman |
| ii. | Shri Amit Shah, Union Home Minister | Member |
| iii. | Shri Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury
Leader of Indian National Congress
the single largest party in Opposition in Lok Sabha | Member |

2. The Committee was apprised that as per Section 12(2) of the Right to Information Act, 2005, 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. The Committee was also apprised that at present there are five incumbent Information Commissioners in the Central Information Commission. The Committee was also apprised that if one of the incumbent Information Commissioners is appointed as the Chief Information Commissioner, there would be four Information Commissioners remaining.

3. The Committee was also apprised that the Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioner 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. The Committee was apprised of the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 16.12.2019 in MA No. 1979 in Writ Petition No. 436/2018 filed by Anjali Bhardwaj & Ors Vs. Union of India and Ors.

5. The Committee considered all eligible applicants who applied in response to advertisement made on 09.07.2020 for the post of Information Commissioners as well as the names shortlisted by the Search Committee headed by the Cabinet Secretary.

6. After taking into account all the relevant factors, the Committee recommended the following names for appointment as Information Commissioners in the Central Information Commission (the profiles are given in the Annexure)

(i) Shri Heeralal Samariya, IAS (TG:1985)(Retd.)

(ii) Ms. Saroj Punhani, IA & AS (1984)

(iii) Shri Uday Mahurkar, Senior Journalist

Submitted my dissent note
(Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury)
Leader of Indian National Congress, the single largest Party in Opposition in the Lok Sabha

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(Amit Shah)
Union Home Minister

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(Narendra Modi)
Prime Minister

AnnexureDetails of Information Commissioners

Sl. No.	Name & Service	Eminence	Knowledge	Experience
1.	Shri Heeralal Samariya, IAS (TG:1985)	Retired as Secretary, M/o Labour & Employment, Gol. He also served as Addl. Secretary, M/o Labour & Employment, Joint Secretary, M/o Chemicals & Fertilizers. He also served in various capacities in Govt. of Andhra Pradesh.	He possesses degree in BE (Civil).	He has more than 34 years of experience in Administration and Governance. He has experience in the sectors of Labour Laws, Legislative and Governance Reforms in States/UTs, Revenue & Tax Administration, Power, Transport, Industries, Rural Development, Maintenance of Law & Order and Local Administration.
2.	Ms. Saroj Punhani, IA &AS (1984)	Serving as Deputy C&AG, CAG of India. She has also served as Addl. Deputy CAG, CAG of India. She also served as Secretary, National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions, M/o HRD. She also served in various capacities in CAG of India.	She possesses Master degree in Philosophy.	She has more than 35 years of experience in executive and analytic functioning of governance and public policy. She has experience in the fields of finance, law, audit, accountancy and management.
3.	Shri Uday Mahurkar, Senior Journalist	He was born in Indore, Madhya Pradesh. He started his career in 1983 as a Subeditor, The Indian Express. He also served as Deputy Editor, India Today. He has authored the books <i>Marching with a Billion</i> and <i>Centrestage</i> .	He graduated in Indian History and Archaeology.	He has more than 36 years of experience in Journalism

Dissent Note

Dated 24.10.2020

- I. As a member of the Selection Committee, empowered to select/ appoint the Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners, as constituted U/s. 12(3) of the Right to Information Act, 2005, the undersigned had received two Agenda Note(s), along-with profiles of applicants and a covering letter dated 05.10.2020 from the DoPT, for:
 - a) Recommending the name of the Chief Information Commissioner (CIC) in the Central Information Commission to the President of India; and
 - b) Recommending the names (upto 6) of the Information Commissioners (ICs) in the Central Information Commission to the President of India.
- II. That a meeting of the coram as provided U/s. 12(3) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 was held on 07.10.2020 at 7, Lok Kalyan Marg, wherein the undersigned vide Dissent Note/ Objections dated 07.10.2020 had sought deferment of the said meeting on account of failure to provide the recommendations of the Search Committee to the members of the Selection Committee in advance. Accordingly, the said meeting was deferred.
- III. That consequently, vide letter dated 19.10.2020, the DoPT had furnished to the undersigned, the profiles of the shortlisted candidates for the posts of Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners (in the Central Information Commission), as approved by the Search Committee headed by the Cabinet Secretary, Gol. The following names have been recommended by the Search Committee:

Names Shortlisted for appointment as Chief Information Commissioner:

1. Shri Neeraj Kumar Gupta, IAS (UP: 1982) (Retd.), Information Commissioner, Central Information Commission.
2. Shri Yashvardan Kumar Sinha, IFS (1981) (Retd.), Information Commissioner, Central Information Commission.

Names Shortlisted for appointment as Information Commissioner:

1. Shri Subhash Chandra, IAS (KN: 1986) (Retd.), Former Secretary, Department of Defence Production, Ministry of Defence.
2. Ms. Meenakshi Gupta, IA&AS (1984), Deputy CAG, Comptroller and Auditor General of India.

3. Mr. Ira Joshi, IIS (1984) (Retd.), Former Principal Director General (News) All India Radio.
4. Shri Uday Mahurkar, Senior Journalist.
5. Shri Arun Kumar Panda, IAS (OR: 1984), Former Secretary, Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.
6. Ms. Saroj Punhani, IA&AS (1084), Deputy CAG, Comptroller and Auditor General of India.
7. Shri Heera Lal Samariya, IAS (TG: 1985) (Retd.), Former Secretary, Ministry of Labour & Employment.

IV. The RTI Act, 2005 is an epochal piece of legislation which ensures day to day transparency and accountability in public life, the task of appointing capable CIC/ ICs becomes even more significant in view of large-scale pendency of 36828 cases currently pending before the Central Information Commission (pendency report attached as **Annexure A**). Therefore, the following is stated:

- 1.1 The manner in which the Search Committee has conducted the exercise of shortlisting the names for CIC/ ICs is nothing but an empty formality, aimed at carrying out a hog-wash that defeats the very aim and goal of transparency and accountability that the RTI Act envisages. It is appalling that the Search Committee has failed to give any reasons or justifications in writing as to why the shortlisted candidates are more suitable among all those who applied for the said posts.
- 1.2 That a total of 139 candidates applied for the post of CIC; and 355 candidates applied for the various posts of ICs. However, the Search Committee, on the face of it arbitrarily selected names, without even bothering to provide any reasons for eliminating 137 out of the 139 candidates in case of the post of CIC; and 349 out of the 355 candidates, so applied for the posts of ICs.
- 1.3 That on perusal of the 486 applications (137 + 349) not deemed fit by the Search Committee, it is evident that those rejected are persons of equal if not more merit and have substantially contributed in public life. However, the Search Committee, apparently has neither used a criteria based approach or grading in selecting or rejecting a particular candidate. The clandestine working of the Search Committee is evident from the fact that when on 07.10.2020, the High Powered Selection Committee met for the first time to select the CIC/ ICs, the Search Committee did not even bother to provide a copy of its report to the members in advance and on account of the said failure of the Search Committee, the meeting of the Selection Committee had to be deferred. Further, even now while the Search Committee has shortlisted 9 names (2 for CIC and 7 ICs), it has once again, deliberately ignored the

mandate of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in its Judgement dated 15.02.2019 in the matter of **Anjali Bhardwaj & Others Vs. Union of India & Ors.** (W.P.(C) 436 of 2018), wherein the Apex Court had specifically directed the Search Committee to make public, the names and criteria of the candidates who applied for the said posts:

"67 (iii) it would also be appropriate for the Search Committee to make the criteria for shortlisting the candidates, public, so that it is ensured that shortlisting is done on the basis of objective and rational criteria."

Since, the Search Committee has only been constituted to aid and assist the Selection Committee and it is the Selection Committee which is the statutory body to select the candidates as mentioned hereinabove. It is extremely imperative that the Search Committee discharges its functions in a transparent manner. However, by not providing the reasons for shortlisting/ rejection of candidates and by ignoring the dictum of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, the Search Committee has failed to discharge the functions for which it was constituted. Even as the Search Committee headed by none less than the Cabinet Secretary of India, arbitrarily and blatantly ignored every facet of transparency and laid down process, one is forced to conclude that it did not apply its mind at all. In either case, the whole exercise smacks of apparent bias and favouritism and therefore renders the entire process untenable.

- 2.1 That among the 2 names shortlisted for the top post of CIC, one recommendation made by the Search Committee is for Shri Yashvardhan Kumar Sinha- a 1981 batch IFS Officer. In this regard, it may be interesting to note that officers of the Foreign Service mostly work abroad and even while at-home, they have nothing whatsoever to do general administration, policy formations, service delivery and programme implementation – areas that form the overwhelming bulk of RTI queries. the assignments of the Indian Foreign Service, are largely exempted from the purview of the RTI Act, 2005. This apart from the fact that the assignments of the Indian Foreign Service are largely exempted from the purview of the RTI Act, 2005. The recommendation for the post of CIC ought to be someone with more on ground domestic experience in the field of service delivery, law, science, human rights and issues that concerns the general public in their day to day life etc. In addition to this, it is important to mention that among the sitting ICs, Smt. Vanaja N. Sarna (a 1980 batch officer) is senior most and far more experienced than Shri Sinha. In view of these factors, Shri Sinha's recommendation for the top post requires reconsideration at the outset itself, as none of

the aforesaid factors were, including the principle of seniority, were considered by the Search Committee.

- 2.2 Shockingly, another such recommendation by the Search Committee is that of Shri Uday Mahurkar, whose name has been shortlisted for the post of IC, however, Shri Mahurkar's name does not even find mention in the list of 355 applicants, as provided by the DoPT, who have applied for the position of ICs. The fact that the Search Committee has sky-dropped the name of Shri Mahurkar casts very serious aspersions on the integrity of the Search Committee. While on one hand this renders the entire exercise of inviting applications through advertisement useless, on the other hand even if one were to give the liberty of choice to the Search Committee, the basic principle of documentation of a reasoned and justified selection, has been totally overlooked.
- 2.3 In this regard, the Cabinet Secretary as Chairman of the Search Committee, must explain, within one week from today, stating the considerations for which the Search Committee chose to name Shri Uday Mahurkar- an open supporter of the ruling political party and its ideology. This issue assumes greater significance in light of the fact that Shri Mahurkar, though a journalist, has a pre-fixed ideology of supporting the ruling party (kindly verify his articles, comments, social media profile etc.) and had not even applied for the job of Information Commissioner. The Cabinet Secretary needs to explain the special reasons and pressure exerted upon him for picking up the name of Shri Mahurkar on a completely out of turn basis which smacks of apparent bias on the face of it.
- 3.1 Another important aspect is that the Central Information Commission must consist of Commissioners from different walks of life. Even the Supreme Court has emphasized on the said aspect in its judgement of **Anjali Bhardwaj & Others Vs. Union of India & Ors.** (*supra*), wherein it has held as follows:

"39. As can be seen, any 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 is qualified to become Chief Information Commissioner or Information Commissioner. The Legislature in its wisdom widened the area of consideration by not limiting it to the serving or retired government employees alone. Persons of eminence in public life are made eligible. Field of knowledge and experience is also very much broadened as it can be either

in law or science and technology or social service or management or journalism or mass media or administration and governance. The Parliament, thus, intended that persons of eminence in public life should be taken as Chief Information Commissioner as well Information Commissioners. Many persons who fit in the aforesaid criteria have been applying for these posts. However, a strange phenomenon which we observe is that all those persons who have been selected belong to only one category, namely, public service, i.e., they are the government employees. It is difficult to fathom that persons belonging to one category only are always be found to be more competent and more suitable than persons belonging to other categories. In fact, even the Search Committee which short-lists the persons consist of bureaucrats only. For these reasons, official bias in favour of its own class is writ large in the selection process.

40. ...It is, however, emphasised that there can be equally suitable persons from other walks of life as well who may be the aspirants for such posts. This Court, therefore, impresses upon the Search Committee, in future, to pick up suitable candidates from other categories as well. After all, the very purpose of providing wide range of suitability was to have members in CIC by giving representation to other classes as well. This would ensure wider representative character in the composition of CIC."

- 3.2 Despite the categorical directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, the names shortlisted by the Search Committee only consist of bureaucrats making it appear as cosy club of retired civil servants who were being provided post retirement sinecures as quid pro quo for the commitment they may have shown to their political masters. Surprisingly, although a large number of academicians, scientists, historians, human rights activists and also persons from legal, social service backgrounds applied for the said posts of CIC and ICs, but the Search Committee did not find even a single suitable, independent candidate from the said talent pool.
- 3.3 Considering the above factual position and also the Judgement of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in **Anjali Bhardwaj & Others Vs. Union of India & Ors.** (*supra*), the entire exercise undertaken by the current Search Committee cannot be allowed to be reduced to an empty formality, or a mere eye-wash reeking of selectivity, quod-pro-quo and

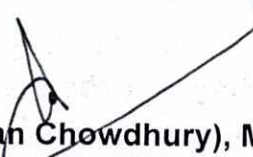
favouritism, whereas, the Search Committee ought to have demonstrated application of mind by recording reasons in writing for elimination or recommendation of a particular applicant for the prestigious posts of CIC and ICs.

- 3.4 Pertinently, even the Search Committee itself is dominated by bureaucrats and as a natural corollary of the same, its recommendations are biased and made with a pre-determined mind. Moreover, as observed by the Supreme Court, even the Search Committee should not be an overloaded bureaucratic panel.

Therefore, the purpose of the RTI Act, 2005 which is a common man's law cannot be allowed to be defeated by political favouritism and institutional subversion. Hence, proper evaluation of the candidates/ applicants with reasons in writing and disclosure of the same in public domain, must be a condition precedent before concluding the selection process, to ensure accountability and transparency across all government departments.

V. In view of the aforesaid, the undersigned recommend as follows:

- A. In view of the Hon'ble Supreme Court Judgement in **Anjali Bhardwaj & Others Vs. Union of India & Ors.** (*supra*), the Search Committee ought to be reconstituted with individuals from the field of social service, law, science, human rights.
- B. For the reasons stated above in *para IV*, all the recommendations made by the current Search Committee, should be withdrawn immediately.
- C. The Cabinet Secretary, on behalf of the Search Committee, shall provide written explanation as demanded under *sub-para 2.3 of para IV*.
- D. Keeping in mind the large-scale pendency in the Central Information Commission, a meeting of the reconstituted Search Committee ought to be called at the earliest and not later than one week from today, to short-list suitable candidates among the applicants.


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

Reference is invited to DOPT's note dated 25.10.2020 at page 1-4/N of File No. 4/3/2020- IR-II on the subject cited above.

2. The Prime Minister has approved recommending following to the President :

(i) to appoint

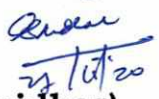
- (a) Sh. Heeralal Samariya,
- (b) Ms. Saroj Punhani and
- (c) Sh. Uday Mahurkar

as Information Commissioners in the Central Information Commission as per Section 12(3) of the Right to Information Act for a period of three years from the date they enter office.

(ii) The terms and conditions of appointment of the Information Commissioners 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.

3. The Prime Minister has also signed the Submission Note to the President.

4. DoPT's File No. 4/3/2020-IR-II, is returned herewith.


(C. Sridhar)
Joint Secretary
Tel. No. 2301 5944

Secretary, Department of Personnel & Training

PMO ID no. 600/52/C/04/2020-HR

Dated 27.10.2020

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AJAY BHALLA, IAS



गृह सचिव
Home Secretary
भारत सरकार
Government of India
North Block,
New Delhi

Secretary, DoPT

F.No. 4/3/2020-IR II

28th October, 2020

Dear Sh. Samariya,

I am happy to inform you that you have been selected for appointment as Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission for a period of three years from the date you enter the office.

2. The terms of appointment as Information Commissioner in the Commission shall be regulated in accordance with the provisions of the Right to Information Act, 2005 and 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. You are requested to confirm that offer of appointment as Information Commissioner is acceptable to you


3. You are also requested to take note of the provisions of Section 12(6) of the RTI Act, 2005 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. Therefore, it would be necessary for you to resign from other offices/organizations, if any, which you may be associated with in a capacity that is otherwise debarred/prohibited under the RTI Act, before appointment as Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission.

5. Please accept in advance our best wishes in your new assignment.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,


(Ajay Bhalla)

Shri Heeralal Samariya
D-7, Tower-6, New Moti Bagh,
New Delhi-110023

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Dear Shri *Ajay Kumar Bhalla ji,*

I am honoured to receive your letter No. 4/3/2020-IR-II dated 28th October, 2020 informing me that I have been selected for appointment as Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission. It is my privilege to accept the offer of appointment as Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission.

I further inform that, at present, I am not holding any other office of profit or office of profit prohibited under Section 12(6) of the Right to Information Act 2005 towards appointment as Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

Heeralal Samariya
(Heeralal Samariya)

29/10/2020

Sh. Ajay Kumar Bhalla
Secretary
Department of Personnel & Training
North Block,
New Delhi.

I would like to take Oath in (Hindi/ English).

H Samariya
(Heeralal Samariya)

AJAY BHALLA, IAS



गृह सचिव
Home Secretary
भारत सरकार
Government of India
North Block,
New Delhi

Secretary, DoPT

F.No. 4/3/2020-IR II

28th October, 2020

Dean Saroj,

I am happy to inform you that you have been selected for appointment as Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission for a period of three years from the date you enter the office.

2. The terms of appointment as Information Commissioner in the Commission shall be regulated in accordance with the provisions of the Right to Information Act, 2005 and 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. You are requested to confirm that offer of appointment as Information Commissioner is acceptable to you

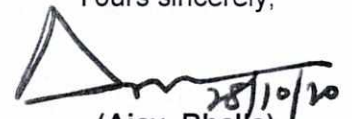
3. You are also requested to take note of the provisions of Section 12(6) of the RTI Act, 2005 that the Chief Information Commissioner or an Information Commissioner shall not be a Member of Parliament or Member of the Legislature of any State or Union Territory, as the case may be, or hold any other office of profit or connected with any political party or carrying on any business or pursuing any profession.

4. Therefore, it would be necessary for you to resign from other offices/organizations, if any, which you may be associated with in a capacity that is otherwise debarred/prohibited under the RTI Act, before appointment as Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission.

5. Please accept in advance our best wishes in your new assignment.


With regards,

Yours sincerely,


(Ajay Bhalla) 28/10/20

Ms. Saroj Punhani
B-43, Nivedita Kunj, Sector-10,
R.K. Puram, New Delhi-110022

Received


Saroj Punhani

Dear Shri

Ajay Bhalla,

I am honoured to receive your letter No. 4/3/2020-IR-II dated 28th October, 2020 informing me that I have been selected for appointment as Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission. It is my privilege to accept the offer of appointment as Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission.

I further inform that, at present, I am holding the post of Dy. C&AG (HR & Training) in office of C&AG and affirm that I would resign from my present assignment to assume the appointment as the Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

Saroj Punhani

Saroj Punhani
(Saroj Punhani)

Sh. Ajay Kumar Bhalla
Secretary
Department of Personnel & Training
North Block,
New Delhi.

✓
I would like to take Oath in (Hindi/English).

Saroj Punhani

Saroj Punhani
(Saroj Punhani)

AJAY BHALLA, IAS



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गृह सचिव
Home Secretary
भारत सरकार
Government of India
North Block,
New Delhi

Secretary, DoPT

F.No. 4/3/2020-IR II

28th October, 2020

Dear Sh. Mahurkar,

I am happy to inform you that you have been selected for appointment as Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission for a period of three years from the date you enter the office.

2. The terms of appointment as Information Commissioner in the Commission shall be regulated in accordance with the provisions of the Right to Information Act, 2005 and 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. You are requested to confirm that offer of appointment as Information Commissioner is acceptable to you

3. You are also requested to take note of the provisions of Section 12(6) of the RTI Act, 2005 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. Therefore, it would be necessary for you to resign from other offices/organizations, if any, which you may be associated with in a capacity that is otherwise debarred/prohibited under the RTI Act, before appointment as Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission.

5. Please accept in advance our best wishes in your new assignment.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,


(Ajay Bhalla) 28/10/20.

Shri Uday Mahurkar,
Deputy Editor, India Today
Shri Renuka Niwas, Bungalow No.1,
Gujarat Cooperatives Housing Society,
Near Karnavati Club, Ahmedabad
Gujarat

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Dear Shri Bhalla

I am honoured to receive your letter No. 4/3/2020-IR-II dated 28th October, 2020 informing me that I have been selected for appointment as Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission. It is my privilege to accept the offer of appointment as Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission.

I further inform that, at present, I am ^{not} holding the position of Dy. Editor, India Today and affirm that I ~~would resign~~ ^{have resigned} from my present assignment to assume the appointment as the Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,


(Uday Mahurkar)

Sh. Ajay Kumar Bhalla
Secretary
Department of Personnel & Training
North Block,
New Delhi.

I would like to take Oath in (~~Hindi~~/ English).


(Uday Mahurkar)



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October 29th, 2020

Shri Uday Mahurkar
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Senior Deputy Editor
India Today
Date of Joining: July 6th, 1987
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RETIREMENT CUM RELIEVING LETTER

Dear Uday Bhai,

On your retirement, we have the privilege of acknowledging your peerless performance during these past 33 years. You have always been a dedicated and diligent colleague, whose commitment and contribution to the India Today Group has been noteworthy.

Your full and final settlement on retirement date of October 27th, 2020, including gratuity and leave encashment, will be disbursed shortly. As you must be aware, in your sensitive position, you have been made privy to confidential/commercial documentation pertaining to the organization during your employment with us. This information is privileged, confidential and proprietary documentation of our company and is not to be disclosed.

Thank you for being an asset to the India Today Group. We hope your retirement brings the well-deserved satisfaction, which you have earned over several years. We wish you and your family all the best in this new phase of life.

Please do let me know for any assistance or clarifications.

Kind regards,

For **Living Media India Limited**

Purva Misra
Chief HR Officer, India Today Group



रश्मि चौधरी

Rashmi Chowdhary

अपर सचिव (प्रशि. व प्र.)

Additional Secretary (Trg. & Admn.)

टेली/ Tel. : 2309 4010

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कार्मिक और प्रशिक्षण विभाग

कार्मिक, लोक शिकायत तथा पेंशन मंत्रालय

नॉर्थ ब्लॉक, नई दिल्ली-110001

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL & TRAINING

MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC

GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS

NORTH BLOCK NEW DELHI-110001

D.O No. 4/3/2020-IR II

2nd November, 2020

Dear Shri Bhadoo,

The Hon'ble President of India has approved the appointment of Sh. Heeralal Samariya, Ms. Saroj Punhani and Sh. Uday Mahurkar as the Information Commissioners in the Central Information Commission.

2. Section 13(3) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 provides that the Chief Information Commissioner or an Information Commissioner shall before he/she enters upon his/her 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 of the Right to Information Act, 2005.

3. The new Information Commissioners would have to be administered an Oath or affirmation as per the First Schedule of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Sh. Heeralal Samariya has indicated that he will take oath in Hindi whereas Ms. Saroj Punhani and Sh. Uday Mahurkar have indicated that they will take oath in English. A copy of the Oath in Hindi/ English is enclosed. A suggested list of dignitaries who may be invited for the swearing-in-ceremony is enclosed.

4. Previously, the Hon'ble President had administered the oath to the Chief Information Commissioner and had appointed the Chief Information Commissioner to administer the oath to Information Commissioners in the Central Information Commission.

5. You are requested to inform the date and time at which Hon'ble President would be pleased to administer Oath to the new Information Commissioners. Alternatively, please inform the particulars of the person appointed by the Hon'ble President in this behalf.

With

best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Rashmi
(Rashmi Chowdhary)

Shri Ajay Bhadoo,
Joint Secretary
President Secretariat,
Rashtrapati Bhawan,
New Delhi.

Received

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सूचना
का अधिकार

सूचना का अधिकार अधिनियम, 2005

(पहली अनुसूची)

सूचना आयुक्त द्वारा ली जाने वाली शपथ या किए जाने वाले प्रतिज्ञान का प्रारूप

"मैं हीरालाल समरिया जो सूचना आयुक्त नियुक्त हुआ हूँ,

ईश्वर की शपथ लेता हूँ / सत्यनिष्ठा से प्रतिज्ञान करता हूँ

कि मैं विधि द्वारा स्थापित भारत के संविधान के प्रति सच्ची श्रद्धा और निष्ठा रखूंगा, मैं भारत की प्रभुता और अखंडता अक्षुण्ण रखूंगा तथा मैं सम्यक प्रकार से और श्रद्धापूर्वक तथा अपनी पूरी योग्यता, ज्ञान और विवेक से अपने पद के कर्तव्यों का भय या पक्षपात, अनुराग या द्वेष के बिना पालन करूंगा तथा मैं संविधान और विधियों की मर्यादा बनाए रखूंगा।"

Right To Information Act, 2005
(THE FIRST SCHEDULE)
FORM OF OATH OR AFFIRMATION TO BE MADE BY
THE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER

"I, Saroj Punhani,

having been appointed Information Commissioner, swear in the name of God/ solemnly affirm 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 judgement perform the duties of my office without fear or favour, affection or ill-will and that I will uphold the Constitution and the laws"

Right To Information Act, 2005
(THE FIRST SCHEDULE)
FORM OF OATH OR AFFIRMATION TO BE MADE BY
THE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER

"I, Uday Mahurkar,

having been appointed Information Commissioner, swear in the name of God/ solemnly affirm 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 judgement perform the duties of my office without fear or favour, affection or ill-will and that I will uphold the Constitution and the laws"

Suggested list of Invitees of swearing in ceremony on 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.	Principal Secretary to Prime Minister
9.	National Security Adviser
10.	Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha
11.	Shri Adhir Ranjan Chowdhary, Leader of INC in Lok Sabha.
12.	MOS(PP)
13.	Chairman, UPSC
14.	Chief Election Commissioner
15.	Comptroller & Auditor General of India
16.	Chief Information Commissioner
17.	Attorney General of India
18.	Cabinet Secretary
19.	Chief Vigilance Commissioner
20-21.	Election Commissioners
22.	Solicitor General
23.	Principal Advisor to Prime Minister
24-27.	Information Commissioners - 4
28-30.	Information Commissioners designate -3
31.	Home Secretary
32.	Finance Secretary
33.	Law Secretary
34.	Secretary, DoPT
35.	Secretary, Legislative Department
36.	Secretary (Coordination), Cabinet Secretariat
37.	Establishment Officer & Additional Secretary, DoPT
38.	Director, CBI
39.	Director, IB
40.	Additional Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat
41.	Additional Secretary, DoPT
42.	Additional Secretary & Financial Advisor, DOPT
43-44.	Secretary/Additional Secretary, CIC
45-59	Family members of 3 Information Commissioners designate

अजय भादू, आई.ए.एस.

राष्ट्रपति के संयुक्त सचिव

Ajay Bhadoo, I.A.S.

Joint Secretary to the President



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राष्ट्रपति भवन,

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RASHTRAPATI BHAVAN

New Delhi - 110004

F.No.53-CA(I)/2018


04th November, 2020

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5.11.20
Please refer to your letters No.4/2/2020-IR II dated 2nd November, 2020 requesting for soliciting the convenience of The President for a suitable date and time for administering Oath to Shri Yashvardhan Kumar Sinha, Chief Information Commissioner-designate and three Information Commissioners-designate namely Shri Heeralal Samariya, Ms. Saroj Punhani and Shri Uday Mahurkar.

I wish to inform that The President will be pleased to administer Oath of office to Shri Yashvardhan Kumar Sinha, Chief Information Commissioner – designate on 07th November, 2020 at 10.00 a.m. in the Ashok Hall of Rashtrapati Bhavan.

Further, I wish to inform that The President has desired that the newly appointed Information Commissioners namely Shri Heeralal Samariya, Ms. Saroj Punhani and Shri Uday Mahurkar, may make and subscribe oath before the Chief Information Commissioner as provided under Section 13(3) of the Right to Information Act, 2005.

Yours sincerely,


(Ajay Bhadoo)

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5/11/2020
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Smt. Rashmi Chowdhary,
Additional Secretary,
Department of Personnel & Training,
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions,
North Block,
New Delhi.

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F.No. 4/3/2020-IR II
Government of India
Ministry of Pension, Public Grievances & Pension
Department of Personnel & Training

North Block, New Delhi
5th November, 2020

To

The Secretary
Central Information Commission
CIC Bhawan, Baba Gang Nath Marg,
Munirka, New Delhi-110067

Subject: Oath to the newly appointed Information Commissioners in Central Information Commission - reg.

Madam,

The Hon'ble President has approved the appointment of Sh. Heeralal Samariya, Ms. Saroj Punhani and Sh. Uday Mahurkar as Information Commissioners in the Central Information Commission.

2. In this regard President Secretariat has conveyed that The President has desired that the newly appointed Information Commissioners Sh. Heeralal Samariya, Ms. Saroj Punhani and Sh. Uday Mahurkar may make and subscribe oath or affirmation before the Chief Information Commissioner as provided under Section 13(3) of the Right to Information Act, 2005.

3. You may please take necessary action accordingly.

Yours faithfully,


(Rashmi Chowdhary)

Additional Secretary to the Govt. of India
Tel.No. 011-23094010

Copy to: Shri Rahul Rastogi, Joint Secretary (Admn), Central Information Commission, CIC Bhawan, Baba Gang Nath Marg, Munirka, New Delhi-110067 - for information and necessary action.

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F.No. 4/2/2020-IR II
Government of India
Ministry of Pension, Public Grievances & Pension
Department of Personnel & Training

North Block, New Delhi
5th November, 2020

To

The Secretary
Central Information Commission
CIC Bhawan, Baba Gang Nath Marg,
Munirka, New Delhi-110067

Subject: Oath to the newly appointed Chief Information Commissioner in Central Information Commission - reg.

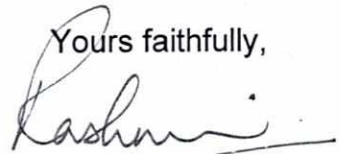
Madam,

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2. In this regard President Secretariat has conveyed that The President will be pleased to administer Oath of office to Sh. Yashvardhan Kumar Sinha, Chief Information Commissioner- designate on 7th November, 2020 at 10:00 A.M in the Ashok Hall of Rashtrapati Bhavan.

3. You may please take necessary action accordingly.

Yours faithfully,



(Rashmi Chowdhary)

Additional Secretary to the Govt. of India
Tel. No. 011-23094010

CENTRAL INFORMATION COMMISSION
BABA GANGNATH MARG, MUNIRKA
NEW DELHI - 110067

D.O. No. 2/14/2018/CIC/Admn

Date: 07.11.2020

The Secretary
Department of Personnel and Training
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
North Block, New Delhi 110 001

Sub: OATH TO THE NEWLY APPOINTED INFORMATION COMMISSIONERS

Ref: DoPT's letter No.4/3/2020-IR II dated 05th November, 2020

As per the instructions contained in the letter under reference, it is informed that Oath of Office of the Information Commissioners was administered by Shri Yashvardhan Kumar Sinha, Chief Information Commissioner to Sh. Heeralal Samariya, Ms. Saroj Punhani and Sh. Uday Mahurkar in Central Information Commission on 07th November, 2020 at 12.30 hrs.

2. A copy of the Oath taken by Sh. Heeralal Samariya, Ms. Saroj Punhani and Sh. Uday Mahurkar is sent herewith for information and necessary action.
3. It is requested that a copy of the notification of the appointment of the Information Commissioners may be sent to this Commission.

Received by
hand on 7.11.2020.
May pr. see at dsk
stage.

Encl: as above

9/11/2020
v.s. (IR-II)

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9/11/20
ASO (M)

07/11/2020
(Rahul Rastogi)
Joint Secretary (Admn)

पहली अनुसूची
(धारा 13 (3) और धारा 16 (3)
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“मैं, उदय माहूरकर जो

सूचना आयुक्त नियुक्त हुआ हूँ, ईश्वर की शपथ लेता हूँ कि मैं विधि द्वारा
स्थापित भारत के संविधान के प्रति सच्ची श्रद्धा और निष्ठा रखूँगा, मैं भारत
की प्रभुता और अखंडता अक्षुण्ण रखूँगा तथा मैं सम्यक प्रकार से और
श्रद्धापूर्वक तथा अपनी पूरी योग्यता, ज्ञान और विवेक से अपने पद के
कर्तव्यों का भय या पक्षपात, अनुराग या द्वेष के बिना पालन करूँगा तथा मैं
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(उदय माहूरकर)
07.11.2020

मेरी उपस्थिति में



(वाई. के. सिन्हा)
मुख्य सूचना आयुक्त
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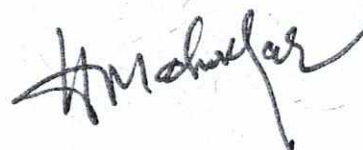
THE FIRST SCHEDULE

[Sections 13 (3) and 16 (3) of the RTI Act, 2005]

FORM OF OATH OR AFFIRMATION TO BE MADE BY
THE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER

"I, Uday Mahurkar,

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 judgement perform the duties of my office without fear or favour, affection or ill-will and that I will uphold the Constitution and the laws."



(Uday Mahurkar)
07.11.2020

In my presence



(Y. K. Sinha)
Chief Information Commissioner
07.11.2020

पहली अनुसूची
(धारा 13 (3) और धारा 16 (3)
सूचना का अधिकार अधिनियम, 2005)
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सूचना आयुक्त नियुक्त हुई हूँ, ईश्वर की शपथ लेती हूँ कि मैं विधि द्वारा
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संविधान और विधियों की मर्यादा बनाए रखूँगी।"

सरोज पुनहानि

(सरोज पुनहानि)

07.11.2020

मेरी उपस्थिति में

वाई. के. सिन्हा

(वाई. के. सिन्हा)

मुख्य सूचना आयुक्त

07.11.2020

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, Saroj Punhani,


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 judgement perform the duties of my office without fear or favour, affection or ill-will and that I will uphold the Constitution and the laws."



(Saroj Punhani)

07.11.2020

In my presence



(Y. K. Sinha)


Chief Information Commissioner

07.11.2020


पहली अनुसूची
(धारा 13 (3) और धारा 16 (3)
सूचना का अधिकार अधिनियम, 2005)
सूचना आयुक्त द्वारा ली जाने वाली शपथ
या किये जाने वाले प्रतिज्ञान का प्रारूप

“मैं, हीरालाल सामरिया जो

सूचना आयुक्त नियुक्त हुआ हूँ, ईश्वर की शपथ लेता हूँ कि मैं विधि द्वारा
स्थापित भारत के संविधान के प्रति सच्ची श्रद्धा और निष्ठा रखूँगा, मैं भारत
की प्रभुता और अखंडता अक्षुण्ण रखूँगा तथा मैं सम्यक प्रकार से और
श्रद्धापूर्वक तथा अपनी पूरी योग्यता, ज्ञान और विवेक से अपने पद के
कर्तव्यों का भय या पक्षपात, अनुराग या द्वेष के बिना पालन करूँगा तथा मैं
संविधान और विधियों की मर्यादा बनाए रखूँगा।”


(हीरालाल सामरिया)
07.11.2020

मेरी उपस्थिति में



(वाई. के. सिन्हा)
मुख्य सूचना आयुक्त
07.11.2020

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, Heeralal Samariya,
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
judgement perform the duties of my office without fear or
favour, affection or ill-will and that I will uphold the
Constitution and the laws."


(Heeralal Samariya)
07.11.2020

In my presence


(Y. K. Sinha)
Chief Information Commissioner
07.11.2020

F.No 4/3/2020-IR II
Government of India
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
(Department of Personnel & Training)
IR Division

Dated the 7th November, 2020

To

The Manager
Government of India Press,
Mayapuri,
New Delhi.

Sub: Appointment of Information Commissioners in the Central Information Commission-
Notification to be published in Part-II Section 3, sub-section (ii) of the Gazette of India,
Extraordinary, dated 7th November, 2020 after 1600 hrs.

Sir,

I forward herewith three Notifications regarding appointment of Information Commissioners in the Central Information Commission, in Hindi and English, to be published in Part-II, Section 3, sub-section (ii) of the Gazette of India, Extra-ordinary, on 7th November, 2020 after 1600 hrs. A soft copy of the notification is enclosed.

2. It is requested that the above Notifications may be published and copies of published Notifications may please be provided to this Department.
3. This issues with the approval of Secretary, DoPT.

Yours faithfully,


(Pawan Kumar)

Under Secretary to the Government of India
Phone No: 23092759

(TO BE PUBLISHED IN PART II, SECTION 3, SUB-SECTION (ii) OF THE GAZETTE OF INDIA, EXTRA ORDINARY DATED 7TH NOVEMBER, 2020 AFTER 1600 HRS)

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

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 7th November, 2020

S.O-----(E). — The President, on the recommendations 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 Heeralal Samariya as the Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission with effect from the afternoon of 7th November, 2020.

2. The terms and conditions of his appointment shall be regulated in accordance with the provisions of the Right to Information Act, 2005 and 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.

[F.No.4/3/2020-IR II]


(Rashmi Chowdhary)

Additional Secretary to the Government of India

Copy to:

1. Shri Heeralal Samariya, Information Commissioner, CIC, New Delhi
2. The Secretary, Central Information Commission, CIC Bhawan, Baba Gangnath Marg, Munirka, New Delhi — 110 067.
3. President's Secretariat (Shri Ajay Bhadoo, Joint Secretary), Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi.
4. PS to Hon'ble Prime Minister, South Block, New Delhi.
5. Cabinet Secretariat, Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi.
6. Sr. PPS to Secretary (P)/AS&FA (Home)/PS to AS (Trg & Admn), AS (S&V), AS(E)/JS (L&A)
7. PPS to E.O., DoPT, North Block, New Delhi.
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भारत सरकार
कार्मिक, लोक शिकायत तथा पेंशन मंत्रालय
(कार्मिक और प्रशिक्षण विभाग)

अधिसूचना

नई दिल्ली, दिनांक 7 नवम्बर, 2020

का. आ.(अ).- सूचना का अधिकार अधिनियम, 2005 (2005 का 22) की धारा 12 की उप-धारा (3) के अंतर्गत गठित समिति की अनुशंसाओं पर, राष्ट्रपति श्री हीरालाल सामरिया को दिनांक 7 नवम्बर, 2020 के अपराह्न से केन्द्रीय सूचना आयोग में सूचना आयुक्त के रूप में नियुक्त करते हैं।

2. उनकी नियुक्ति की निबंधन और शर्तों को सूचना का अधिकार अधिनियम, 2005 और सूचना का अधिकार (केन्द्रीय सूचना आयोग में मुख्य सूचना आयुक्त, सूचना आयुक्तों, राज्य सूचना आयोग में राज्य मुख्य सूचना आयुक्त और राज्य सूचना आयुक्तों के कार्यकाल, वेतन, भत्ते और सेवा की अन्य निबंधन और शर्तें) नियम, 2019 के प्रावधानों के अनुसार विनियमित किया जाएगा।

[फा.सं. 4/3/2020-आईआर II]


(रश्मि चौधरी)

अपर सचिव, भारत सरकार

प्रति प्रेषित:

1. श्री हीरालाल सामरिया, सूचना आयुक्त, सीआईसी, नई दिल्ली।
2. सचिव, केन्द्रीय सूचना आयोग, सीआईसी भवन, बाबा गंगनाथ मार्ग, मुनिरका, नई दिल्ली-110067
3. राष्ट्रपति सचिवालय (श्री अजय भादू, संयुक्त सचिव), राष्ट्रपति भवन, नई दिल्ली।
4. माननीय प्रधानमंत्री के निजी सचिव, साउथ ब्लॉक, नई दिल्ली।
5. मंत्रिमंडल सचिवालय, राष्ट्रपति भवन, नई दिल्ली।
6. सचिव (कार्मिक)/अपर सचिव एवं वित्तीय सलाहकार (गृह मंत्रालय) के वरिष्ठ प्रधान निजी सचिव/अपर सचिव (प्रशिक्षण/प्रशा.), अपर सचिव (सेवा और सतर्कता), अपर सचिव (स्थापना)/संयुक्त सचिव (छुट्टी एवं भत्ता)।
7. स्थापना अधिकारी के प्रधान निजी सचिव, कार्मिक और प्रशिक्षण विभाग, नॉर्थ ब्लॉक, नई दिल्ली।
8. वेतन एवं लेखा कार्यालय, सीएआर, डलहौजी रोड, नई दिल्ली।
9. गार्ड फाइल।
10. 20 अतिरिक्त प्रतियां।

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

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 7th November, 2020

S.O-----(E). — The President, on the recommendations 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 Ms. Saroj Punhani as the Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission with effect from the afternoon of 7th November, 2020.

2. The terms and conditions of her appointment shall be regulated in accordance with the provisions of the Right to Information Act, 2005 and 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.

[F.No.4/3/2020-IR II]


(Rashmi Chowdhary)

Additional Secretary to the Government of India

Copy to:

1. Ms. Saroj Punhani, Information Commissioner, CIC, New Delhi
2. The Secretary, Central Information Commission, CIC Bhawan, Baba Gangnath Marg, Munirka, New Delhi — 110 067.
3. President's Secretariat (Shri Ajay Bhadoo, Joint Secretary), Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi.
4. PS to Hon'ble Prime Minister, South Block, New Delhi.
5. Cabinet Secretariat, Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi.
6. Sr. PPS to Secretary (P)/AS&FA (Home)/PS to AS (Trg & Admn), AS (S&V), AS(E)/JS (L&A)
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अधिसूचना

नई दिल्ली, दिनांक 7 नवम्बर, 2020

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2. उनकी नियुक्ति की निबंधन और शर्तों को सूचना का अधिकार अधिनियम, 2005 और सूचना का अधिकार (केन्द्रीय सूचना आयोग में मुख्य सूचना आयुक्त, सूचना आयुक्तों, राज्य सूचना आयोग में राज्य मुख्य सूचना आयुक्त और राज्य सूचना आयुक्तों के कार्यकाल, वेतन, भत्ते और सेवा की अन्य निबंधन और शर्तें) नियम, 2019 के प्रावधानों के अनुसार विनियमित किया जाएगा।

[फा.सं. 4/3/2020-आईआर II]


(रश्मि चौधरी)

अपर सचिव, भारत सरकार

प्रति प्रेषित:

1. सुश्री सरोज पुनहानि, सूचना आयुक्त, सीआईसी, नई दिल्ली।
2. सचिव, केन्द्रीय सूचना आयोग, सीआईसी भवन, बाबा गंगनाथ मार्ग, मुनिरका, नई दिल्ली-110067
3. राष्ट्रपति सचिवालय (श्री अजय भादू, संयुक्त सचिव), राष्ट्रपति भवन, नई दिल्ली।
4. माननीय प्रधानमंत्री के निजी सचिव, साउथ ब्लॉक, नई दिल्ली।
5. मंत्रिमंडल सचिवालय, राष्ट्रपति भवन, नई दिल्ली।
6. सचिव (कार्मिक)/अपर सचिव एवं वित्तीय सलाहकार (गृह मंत्रालय) के वरिष्ठ प्रधान निजी सचिव/अपर सचिव (प्रशिक्षण/प्रशा.), अपर सचिव (सेवा और सतर्कता), अपर सचिव (स्थापना)/संयुक्त सचिव (छुट्टी एवं भत्ता)।
7. स्थापना अधिकारी के प्रधान निजी सचिव, कार्मिक और प्रशिक्षण विभाग, नॉर्थ ब्लॉक, नई दिल्ली।
8. वेतन एवं लेखा कार्यालय, सीएआर, डलहौजी रोड, नई दिल्ली।
9. गार्ड फाइल।
10. 20 अतिरिक्त प्रतियां।

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

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 7th November, 2020

S.O-----(E). — The President, on the recommendations 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 Uday Mahurkar as the Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission with effect from the afternoon of 7th November, 2020.

2. The terms and conditions of his appointment shall be regulated in accordance with the provisions of the Right to Information Act, 2005 and the Right to Information (Term of Office, Salaries, Allowances and Other Terms and Conditions of Service of Chief Information Commission, 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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(Rashmi Chowdhary)

Additional Secretary to the Government of India

Copy to:

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2. The Secretary, Central Information Commission, CIC Bhawan, Baba Gangnath Marg, Munirka, New Delhi — 110 067.
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अधिसूचना

नई दिल्ली, दिनांक 7 नवम्बर, 2020

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2. उनकी नियुक्ति की निबंधन और शर्तों को सूचना का अधिकार अधिनियम, 2005 और सूचना का अधिकार (केन्द्रीय सूचना आयोग में मुख्य सूचना आयुक्त, सूचना आयुक्तों, राज्य सूचना आयोग में राज्य मुख्य सूचना आयुक्त और राज्य सूचना आयुक्तों के कार्यकाल, वेतन, भत्ते और सेवा की अन्य निबंधन और शर्तें) नियम, 2019 के प्रावधानों के अनुसार विनियमित किया जाएगा।

[फा.सं. 4/3/2020-आईआर II]


(रश्मि चौधरी)

अपर सचिव, भारत सरकार

प्रति प्रेषित:

1. श्री उदय माहूरकर, सूचना आयुक्त, सीआईसी, नई दिल्ली।
2. सचिव, केन्द्रीय सूचना आयोग, सीआईसी भवन, बाबा गंगनाथ मार्ग, मुनिरका, नई दिल्ली-110067
3. राष्ट्रपति सचिवालय (श्री अजय भादू, संयुक्त सचिव), राष्ट्रपति भवन, नई दिल्ली।
4. माननीय प्रधानमंत्री के निजी सचिव, साउथ ब्लॉक, नई दिल्ली।
5. मंत्रिमंडल सचिवालय, राष्ट्रपति भवन, नई दिल्ली।
6. सचिव (कार्मिक)/अपर सचिव एवं वित्तीय सलाहकार (गृह मंत्रालय) के वरिष्ठ प्रधान निजी सचिव/अपर सचिव (प्रशिक्षण/प्रशा.), अपर सचिव (सेवा और सतर्कता), अपर सचिव (स्थापना)/संयुक्त सचिव (छुट्टी एवं भत्ता)।
7. स्थापना अधिकारी के प्रधान निजी सचिव, कार्मिक और प्रशिक्षण विभाग, नॉर्थ ब्लॉक, नई दिल्ली।
8. वेतन एवं लेखा कार्यालय, सीएआर, डलहौजी रोड, नई दिल्ली।
9. गार्ड फाइल।
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(कार्मिक और प्रशिक्षण विभाग)

अधिसूचना

नई दिल्ली, 7 नवम्बर, 2020

का.आ. 4027(अ).—सूचना का अधिकार अधिनियम, 2005 (2005 का 22) की धारा 12 की उप-धारा (3) के अंतर्गत गठित समिति की अनुशंसाओं पर, राष्ट्रपति श्री हीरालाल सामरिया को दिनांक 7 नवम्बर, 2020 के अपराह्न से केन्द्रीय सूचना आयोग में सूचना आयुक्त के रूप में नियुक्त करते हैं।

2. उनकी नियुक्ति की निबंधन और शर्तों को सूचना का अधिकार अधिनियम, 2005 और सूचना का अधिकार (केन्द्रीय सूचना आयोग में मुख्य सूचना आयुक्त, सूचना आयुक्तों, राज्य सूचना आयोग में राज्य मुख्य सूचना आयुक्त और राज्य सूचना आयुक्तों के कार्यकाल, वेतन, भत्ते और सेवा की अन्य निबंधन और शर्तें) नियम, 2019 के प्रावधानों के अनुसार विनियमित किया जाएगा।

[फा. सं. 4/3/2020-आईआर II]

रश्मि चौधरी, अपर सचिव

MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS

(Department of Personnel and Training)

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 7th November, 2020

S.O. 4027(E).—The President, on the recommendations 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 Heeralal Samariya as the Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission with effect from the afternoon of 7th November, 2020.

2. The terms and conditions of his appointment shall be regulated in accordance with the provisions of the Right to Information Act, 2005 and the Right to Information (Term of Office, Salaries, Allowances and Other Terms and Conditions of Service of Chief Information Commission, Information Commissioners in the Central Information Commission, State Chief Information Commissioner and State Information Commissioners in the State Information Commission) Rules, 2019.

[F. No. 4/3/2020-IR II]

RASHMI CHOWDHARY, Addl. Secy.

अधिसूचना

नई दिल्ली, 7 नवम्बर, 2020

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रश्मि चौधरी, अपर सचिव

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 7th November, 2020

S.O. 4028 (E). — The President, on the recommendations 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 Ms. Saroj Punhani as the Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission with effect from the afternoon of 7th November, 2020.

2. The terms and conditions of her appointment shall be regulated in accordance with the provisions of the Right to Information Act, 2005 and the Right to Information (Term of Office, Salaries, Allowances and Other Terms and Conditions of Service of Chief Information Commission, 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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RASHMI CHOWDHARY, Addl. Secy.

अधिसूचना

नई दिल्ली, 7 नवम्बर, 2020

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रश्मि चौधरी, अपर सचिव

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 7th November, 2020

S.O. 4029(E).—The President, on the recommendations 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 Uday Mahurkar as the Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission with effect from the afternoon of 7th November, 2020.

2. The terms and conditions of his appointment shall be regulated in accordance with the provisions of the Right to Information Act, 2005 and the Right to Information (Term of Office, Salaries, Allowances and Other Terms and Conditions of Service of Chief Information Commission, 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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RASHMI CHOWDHARY, Addl. Secy.

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F.No: 4/3/2020-IR II
Government of India
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
(Department of Personnel and Training)
IR Division

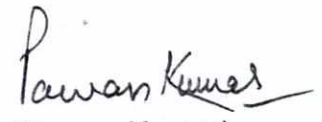
North Block, New Delhi
Dated 10th November, 2020

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith a copy of Gazette Notification regarding the appointment of Sh. Heeralal Samariya, Ms. Saroj Punhani and Sh. Uday Mahurkar as Information Commissioners in the Central Information Commission with effect from the afternoon of 7th November, 2020 for information and further necessary action.

Enclosed: as above.


(Pawan Kumar)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

Tel. No. 23092759

To

Secretary, Central Information Commission
CIC Bhawan, Baba Gang Nath Marg,
Munirka, New Delhi-110067



Email

bikesh.baranwal@nic.in

Fwd: Appointment of Ms. Saroj Punhani, IA&AS (1984) as Information Commissioner in CIC

From : US RTI <usrti-dopt@nic.in>
Subject : Fwd: Appointment of Ms. Saroj Punhani, IA&AS (1984) as Information Commissioner in CIC
To : Bikesh Kumar Barnawal <bikesh.baranwal@nic.in>

Tue, Nov 17, 2020 01:02 PM

4 attachments

Pl. put up in file.
Bikesh
19/11/2020
ASO (M)

From: "Rakesh Kumar" <usir-dopt@nic.in>
To: "US RTI" <usrti-dopt@nic.in>
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 12:34:27 PM
Subject: Fwd: Appointment of Ms. Saroj Punhani, IA&AS (1984) as Information Commissioner in CIC

May pls see.

From: "Varsha Sinha" <varsha.sinha@nic.in>
To: "Rakesh Kumar" <usir-dopt@nic.in>
Sent: Friday, November 6, 2020 12:43:18 PM
Subject: Fwd: Appointment of Ms. Saroj Punhani, IA&AS (1984) as Information Commissioner in CIC

From: "Rashmi Chowdhary" <rashmi.edu@nic.in>
To: "Varsha Sinha" <varsha.sinha@nic.in>
Sent: Friday, November 6, 2020 12:34:04 PM
Subject: Fwd: Appointment of Ms. Saroj Punhani, IA&AS (1984) as Information Commissioner in CIC

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From: "Sidhu Gurveen (Ms)" <chophygs@cag.gov.in>
To: "Rashmi Chowdhary" <rashmi.edu@nic.in>, "RAHUL RASTOGI" <rahul.rastogi@gov.in>
Sent: Friday, November 6, 2020 12:32:33 PM
Subject: FW: Appointment of Ms. Saroj Punhani, IA&AS (1984) as Information Commissioner in CIC

Madam/Sir,

In connection with the Appointment of Ms. Saroj Punhani, IA&AS (1984) as Information Commissioner in Central Information Commission, please find enclosed the following documents for necessary action/information at your end:

- (i) Request received from Ms. Saroj Punhani, IA&AS (1984) for Voluntary Retirement
- (ii) Office Order relieving Ms. Saroj Punhani, IA&AS (1984) from this office w.e.f. 06.11.2020 for joining as Information Commissioner in Central Information Commission.
- (iii) Letter to Ministry of Finance for acceptance of Voluntary Retirement of Ms. Saroj Punhani, IA&AS (1984)

Regards

Gurveen Sidhu

DG(HQs)
O/o The Comptroller and Auditor General of India,
9, DDU Marg
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OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER & AUDITOR GENERAL OF INDIA
9-DEEN DAYAL UPADHYAY MARG, NEW DELHI

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To

The Comptroller and Auditor General of India,
New Delhi

Subject: Application for Voluntary Retirement for joining the post of Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission.

Sir,

Home Secretary vide d.o. letter No. 4/3/2020-IR-II dated 28.10.2020 (copy enclosed) has communicated my selection as Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission.

2. While conveying my acceptance to the above offer of appointment, I have also confirmed (as required in para '4' of the offer) that I would resign from my present assignment as Dy. C&AG (HR & Training) to assume the appointment as Information Commissioner.

3. I am yet to be informed of any definite date on which I would have to take oath/assume charge as Information Commissioner, and would inform the office in this regard, as soon as it is intimated to me.

4. Meanwhile as required in the offer of appointment, I request that my Voluntary Retirement from the post of Deputy Comptroller and Auditor General (HR & Training) may be processed for acceptance with effect from the date of my taking over charge as Information Commissioner, which shall be finalised in due course. In the event any waiver for the notice period under Rule 48 (I-A) (b) of CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972, is required based on the date of appointment as finalised, I request that the same may be granted.

Yours faithfully,

Saroj Punhani
(Saroj Punhani)

Deputy Comptroller and Auditor General

3/11/20

No. – GE.I/P-63/PF/Part-III

**OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER AND AUDITOR GENERAL OF INDIA
NEW DELHI -110124**

Dated:

OFFICE ORDER

Consequent upon her appointment as Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission, Ms. Saroj Punhani, IA&AS (1984) Deputy Comptroller and Auditor General (HR & Training) is relieved from this office with effect from 06.11.2020 (AN).

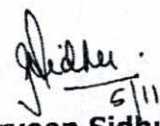
**Sd/-
(Gurveen Sidhu)
Director General (Headquarters)**

No. 1686 – GE.I/P-63/PF/Part-III

Dated: 05/11/2020.

Copy for information to:-

1. Home Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, North Block, New Delhi – 110001.
2. Secretary, Central Information Commission, CIC Bhawan, Baba Gang Nath Marg, Staff Quarters, Old JNU Campus, Munirka, New Delhi, Delhi 110067.
3. Ms. Saroj Punhani, Deputy Comptroller and Auditor General (HR & Training), O/o the Comptroller and Auditor General of India, New Delhi-110124
4. Principal Director and Secretary to C&AG of India.
5. Director (P), O/o the CAG of India, New Delhi.
6. PPS to all DAIs/ADAs.
7. PAO, O/o the C&AG of India, New Delhi-110124.
8. SAO – PD (P) Branch.
9. PF of officer.
10. All Groups of GE-I Section.
11. Compendium.


(Gurveen Sidhu)
Director General (Headquarters)

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भारत के नियंत्रक एवं महालेखापरीक्षक का कार्यालय
9, दीन दयाल उपाध्याय मार्ग,
नई दिल्ली-110 124



No. 1685 - GE.I/P-63/PF/Pt.-III

OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER &
AUDITOR GENERAL OF INDIA
9, DEEN DAYAL UPADHYAYA MARG,
NEW DELHI - 110 124

दिनांक / DATE 05/11/2020.

To

The Secretary to the Government of India,
Ministry of Finance,
Department of Expenditure,
North Block,
New Delhi-110001.

(Attention- Shri Hari Kishore, Under Secretary)
Subject: - Voluntary Retirement of Ms. Saroj Punhani (IA&AS-1984)

Sir,

I am to state that Ms. Saroj Punhani, (IA&AS-1984) Dy. Comptroller and Auditor General has been selected for appointment as Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission.

2. In this connection, Ms. Saroj Punhani has sought voluntary retirement w.e.f. 06.11.2020 (AN) to enable her join the post of Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission. Copy of her voluntary retirement letter is enclosed.

3. It is confirmed that no vigilance/disciplinary case is pending/ contemplated against her.

5. The Comptroller and Auditor General of India has no objection to the acceptance of her voluntary retirement with effect from 06.11.2020 (AN) and her relief from the department on the same day to join as Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission, subject to acceptance of her voluntary retirement by Government of India. Further, the shortfall of notice period of three months is to be relaxed as per Rule 48 (1-A) (b) of the CCS (Pension) Rule, 1972.

6. It is requested that Government's approval for acceptance of her voluntary retirement may kindly be conveyed to this office at an early date.

7. Her service particulars are given below:-

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|-------|-------------------|-------------------|
| (i) | Name:- | Ms. Saroj Punhani |
| (ii) | Date of birth:- | 04.02.1961 |
| (iii) | Date of joining:- | 21.08.1984 |
| (iv) | Category status:- | General |

Encl:- As stated above

Yours faithfully,

(Gurveen Sidhu)

Director General (Headquarters)