

No. I-23011/1/2005-RTI

1, Transport Bhawan,
Parliament Street,

New Delhi, the 11th January, 2013

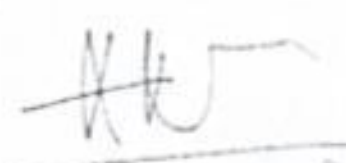
OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject:- Right to Information Act, 2005- Handling of RTI matters by de facto PIOs regarding.

The undersigned is directed to say that in terms of the orders issued vide this Ministry's Order No. 105/2005 (F.NO. I-19012/1/2005-E.I) dated 3rd August, 2005 read with the Orders No. I-23011/1/2005-O&M/RTI dated 20th September, 2005, 30th March, 2007 and 14th August, 2012 issued vide No. I-23011/1/2005-O&M/RTI, officers of the level of Deputy Secretaries/Directors and equivalent /Superintending Engineer's in different wings/divisions of the Ministry in the Headquarters were inter alia specified by designation as de facto Public Information Officers and the next higher level of Joint Secretaries, Chief Engineers equivalent as Appellate Authorities.

2. It has come to the notice of RTI Section that officers who are designated as link officers for any particular regular functionary or who have been assigned additional charge of the vacant post, do not handle RTI matters pertaining to the area of link charge on the plea that they have not been specifically designated. It is clarified that in case any officer is on leave or otherwise not in office on account of training etc, Administration Branches issue orders from time to time designating the link officer who will be dealing with the subject handled by the officer who is not in office for various reasons mentioned above. In case of any vacancy arising, till the post is filled, Administration Branches also issue orders for assigning additional charge to the existing officers. Therefore, once such orders designating link officer or assigning such additional charge is issued, it is incumbent on the link officer and the officer who has been assigned additional charge of any particular functional area to also deal with the applications received under RTI Act also as de facto PIO or Appellate Authorities.

This issues with the approval of Joint Secretary(Estt&RTI)



(V.K. Paul)

Under Secretary to the Government of India (RTI)

To

1. All Appellate Authorities, Ministry of Road Transport & Highways.
2. All Wing Heads, Ministry of Road Transport & Highways.
3. All Sections/Desks/Units, Ministry of Road Transport & Highways.
4. Border Roads Development Board, Sena Bhawan, New Delhi.

5. All Regional Officers/Engineer Liaison Officers, Ministry of Road Transport & Highways
6. NHAI, Dwarka, New Delhi
7. IAHE, Noida, U.P.
8. Senior Technical Director, NIC, Ministry of Road Transport & Highways for uploading this Order on the Ministry's website.
9. Notice Boards.

Copy to:

- (i) PS to Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Road Transport & Highways
- (ii) PS to Hon'ble MOS (T), Ministry of Road Transport & Highways
- (iii) PS to Hon'ble MOS (Sh. Sarvey Sathyanarayana), Ministry of Road Transport & Highways.
- (iv) PPS to Secretary (RTH)
- (v) Sr. PPS to DG(RD) & SS
- (vi) PPS to AS&FA
- (vii) PPS to ADG, Roads Wing