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 (INDIA'S PUBLIC SERVICE BROADCASTER)
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 COPERNICUS MARG NEW DELHI-110001

File No. R-5/011/08/2021/RTI

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OFFICE ORDER

This has reference to the Office Order No 44/2021-PPC dated 19.02.2021.

It has been observed that some sections/units are not providing information within 15 days as required under point 5 of the order. CPIO have to issue repeat reminders and thereby there is a delay in providing information to the applicant.

Further, it is also observed that many times copies of notes/documents are being provided without specifying as to how these documents are relevant to the information sought and/or if they can be provided to the applicant within the provisions of RTI Act. On perusing some of these documents, it was also observed that they attract provisions of section 8, 10 etc of the RTI Act.

Accordingly following arrangement will be followed in PBS and Directorates of DD and AIR with immediate effect.

The officer, whose assistance is being sought by CPIO through CPIO as per point 4 of the order, will be treated as Deemed PIO (DPIO) and such officer shall be treated as a Central Public Information Officer for the purpose of contravention of the provisions of the Act. Accordingly they are required to provide the information within 15 days as specified in the order. No further reminders will be issued. All the erstwhile CPIOs in PBS and Directorates of DD and AIR are being re-designated as DPIOs for the purpose.

While providing the information, the DPIO should see that no part of the information attracts provision 8 of the RTI Act. A confirmation for the same should also be provided along with the information with the approval of Head of unit/section.

Many times it is seen that employees/retired employees/casuals/contractual staff seek information relating to their personal interest. They already have an official channel to address such issues, why they need to resort to RTI Act which is primarily for general public also needs to be seen and addressed. In such cases, DPEO should also inform CPIO about the status of applicant and his/her issue(s) pending to be addressed in the unit/section.

This is in super session to all earlier orders in this regard and has the approval of CEO.


 (Anjani Kumar)
 Dy. Director General & CPIO