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No. AN/III/3053/RTI/ Vol. III dated 08/06/2012.

To,

All Pr. Controllers/ Controllers

Subject: Applicability of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Indian Citizen living abroad-
Launching of e-IPO regarding.

Please find enclosed a copy of DoP&T circular no. 1/44/2009-IR dated-
03/05/2012 on the subject for information and necessary action please.


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- 1) EDP Center – with request to upload on CGDA Website.


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No. 1/44/2009-IR
Government of India
Ministry of Personnel, PG & Pensions
Department of Personnel & Training

North Block, New Delhi
Dated the 3rd May, 2012

Subject: Applicability of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Indian Citizen living abroad-
Launching of e-IPO regarding.

The RTI Act, 2005 gives right to all the citizens of India to access the information available with public authorities. Indian Citizens living abroad are also entitled to access to information under the RTI Act, 2005.

2. In the absence of e-payment facility, Indian Citizens living abroad are finding it difficult to file RTI application under the Act which mandates payment of prescribed RTI application fee along with the application.

3. Now, it has been decided 'in principle' in consultation with the Deptt. of Posts to launch e-IPO with the following procedure:-

- [a] Indian Citizen living abroad will use their credit/debit Card to purchase an e-IPO meant for the purpose of paying fees under the RTI Act, 2005 only. This would mean the prescribed fee and additional fee.
- [b] Physical IPO will not be generated, only a number will be assigned against the transaction.
- [c] Information seeker will write this number on his RTI application and send to public authority. Service of e-IPO along with RTI application will be applicable to Central Public Authorities (Ministries/Deptt.). Ministries/Deptts. will be responsible for receiving and forwarding RTI application to their respective subordinate offices.
- [d] Central Public Authorities (Ministries/Deptts.) will provide the details of their Nodal Officer/RTI Cell in-charge to Deptt. of Posts. Deptt. of Posts will issue a login ID and password to each of the Ministry/Department.
- [e] Nodal Officer after receipt of RTI application will match the transaction details mentioned on the application with one mentioned on the site of Deptt. of Posts and confirm both being the same. If both the transaction details match, RTI application and transaction fee will be accepted. Money will not be received physically by the PIO but will be transferred to Consolidated Fund of India. This will be on the pattern of the payment received by Deptt. of Posts in the scheme of CAPIOs.

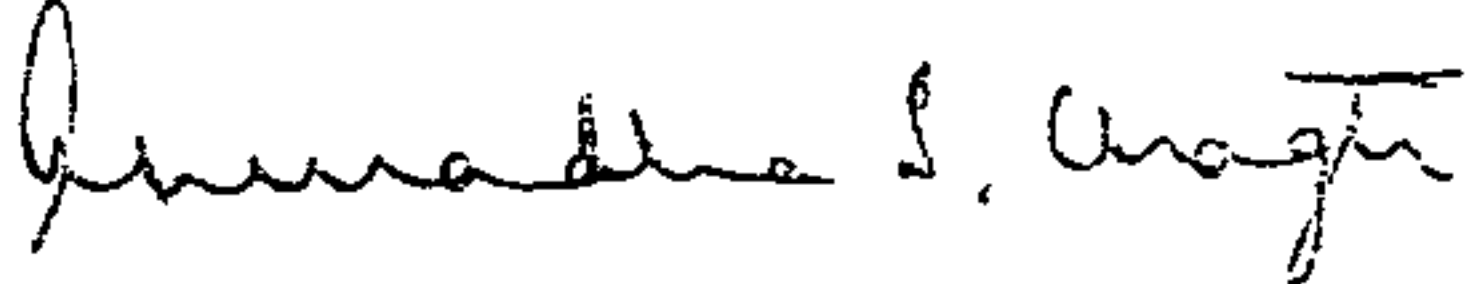
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4. All Ministries/Departments are requested to designate a Nodal Officer for handling the e-RTI applications in their Ministry/Department. Once the modalities of the system are worked out, arrangement for training of nodal officers would be made. Ministries/Public Authorities may also like to refer to this Department's Office Memorandums regarding designation of a nodal officer for RTI purposes and setting up of RTI Cell vide Office Memorandum No. 1/32/2007-IR dated 14.11.2007 and Office Memorandum No. 1/12/2010-IR dated 19.05.2011 available on this Department's official website at www.persmin.nic.in. Department of Posts is being requested separately to provide the Login ID and Password to each Ministry/Department.


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3. Central Information Commission.
4. Staff Selection Commission, CGO Complex, New Delhi.
5. Office of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India, 10, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi.