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Dated: 06.06.2007.

(CIRCULAR NO.EP- 25 -2007-14)

Subject: - Observations of citizens regarding disposal of requests under RTI Act, 2005 – Compliance of CIC orders.

References are invited to circulars No.EP-25-2005-23 dated 18.08.2005 and EP-25-2005-26 dated 5.9.2005 regarding implementation of RTI Act, 2005.

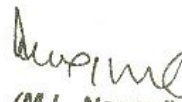
2. The Central Information Commission (CIC), while dealing with appeals under RTI Act, 2005, has observed that the **time limit provided in Section 7(1) of RTI Act, 2005 is not being adhered to by the CPIOs** while providing information to citizens. Further, the CIC has also observed that appellate authorities either do not respond at all or the appeals filed by citizens aggrieved with the decisions of CPIOs merely uphold CPIO's decisions.

3. In this regard, CIC has directed that unless information falls within the ambit of exemptions under Section 8 of the Act, *ibid* it should not be withheld. The CIC has further directed to strictly comply **with the time frame given in Section 7(1) of the Act** and cautioned that violation of the provisions of RTI Act will be viewed seriously by the Commission. A copy of CIC letter No.15/40/2007/CIC dated 26.4.2007 is enclosed.

4. The directions of CIC may please be brought to the notice of all CPIOs and Appellate Authorities for strict compliance.

Encl: As above.

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No.15/40/2007/CIC
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To

Dated, April 26th, 2007

All Appellate Authorities and
Central Public Information Officers

Sir/Madam,

It has been brought to the notice of the Commission that a number of PIO's are not adhering to the time frame in responding to Appellants as provided for in Section 7(1) of the RTI Act, 2005.

It has also been pointed out that in many cases, Compliance of the CIC's orders are not being done by the CPIO's within the time frame fixed by the CIC.

Other complaints include denial of information without adequate cause. A large number of Appellate Authorities either do not respond at all or merely uphold the CPIO's decision to withhold information.

I have been directed to inform you that unless information falls within the domain of exemption, it should not be withheld and the time frame for giving the information as well as compliance of the CIC's orders should be strictly adhered to. Violations of the provisions of the RTI Act will be viewed very seriously by the Commission.

Yours faithfully,

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