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Ministry of Culture
Administrative Reforms & Information Technology Division

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi, 110001
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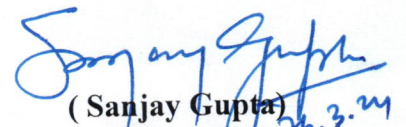
OFFICE ORDER

In partial modification of this Ministry's Office Order of even no. dated 02.02.2023 the competent authority has designated various officers of the Ministry of Culture (Proper) mentioned in the enclosed **Annexure**, as (i) Central Public Information Officer(**CPIO**) and (ii) First Appellate Authorities (**FAAs**) in respect of their items of work in terms of Section 5(1) and Section 19(1) of the Right to Information Act 2005 (No.22 of 2005). The officers indicated in column 2 of the enclosed Annexure have been designated as **CPIOs** and the officers indicated in column 5 as the **FAAs** in respect of the items of work being handled by respective Units indicated in Column 4 of the **Annexure**.

2. Further, Shri Goutam Malhotra, Section Officer (AR&IT) will be the nodal APIO (RTI Cell) under Section 5(2) of the RTI ACT 2005, who may also receive online and offline RTI applications/appeals for onwards transmission to the concerned CPIO/FAA, as the case may be.

3. It may also be noted that in the event of re-allocation of work amongst officers within the Ministry or due to his/her absence on account of any reason, the respective link officer or the officer holding additional charge will, suo motu, act as the APIO/CPIO or Appellate Authority, as the case may be. Further, in terms of Office Order No. 4/8/2015-AR&IT dated 15.10.2015 in the situation where there are orders that Under Secretary/CPIO will submit files relating to a Division directly to Joint Secretary concerned (if there is no link officer at the level of Dy. Secretary/Director in the Division), the first Appellate Authority would be the Joint Secretary of the concerned Division. No separate or specific order(s) in this regard will be required in so far as work relating to RTI is concerned.

4. The applicants are advised to submit their RTI application/Appeal to the concerned CPIOs/Appellate Authorities only, rather than addressing to any other officer including office of the Secretary (Culture) or Minister of Culture. The applicants are also advised to peruse the work allocation of the Ministry of Culture amongst officers of the Ministry for addressing RTI applications/Appeals correctly vis-a-vis for its expeditious disposal.


(Sanjay Gupta)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

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