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Reforms (AR.3) Department,  
Secretariat,  
Chennai – 600 009.  
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**Letter No.41633/AR.3/2015-1, Dated 23.11.2015**

From

Thiru P.W.C. DAVIDAR, I.A.S.,  
Principal Secretary to Government.

To

All Secretaries to Government,  
Departments of Secretariat,  
Chennai – 600 009. (w.e.)

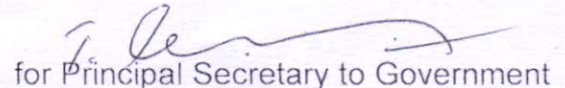
Sir,

Sub: Right to Information Act,2005 – Format for giving information to  
the applicants under Right to Information Act – Issue of  
guidelines – Communicated – Regarding.

Ref: From the Deputy Secretary, Government of India, Ministry of  
Personnel, Public Grievances Pensions Department of  
Personnel and Training, Office Memorandum No.10/1/2013-IR,  
Dated 06.10.2015.

I am directed to enclose a copy of the Office Memorandum received from the  
Deputy Secretary, Government of India, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and  
Pensions Department of Personnel and Training, New Delhi for information and future  
follow-up action.

Yours faithfully,

  
for Principal Secretary to Government  
SS  
23/11/2015

**Copy to :**

1. Tamil Nadu Information Commission, Teynampet, Chennai – 600 018.
2. All Officers and all Sections, Personnel and Administrative Reforms Department,  
Chennai – 600 009.

North Block, New Delhi  
Dated 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2015

Office Memorandum

Subject: Format for giving information to the applicants under RTI Act- issue of guidelines regarding.

It has been observed that different public authorities provide information to RTI applicants in different formats. Though there cannot be a standard format for providing information, the reply should however essentially contain the following information:

- (i) RTI application number, date and date of its receipt in the public authority.
- (ii) The name, designation, official telephone number and email ID of the CPIO.
- (iii) In case the information requested for is denied, detailed reasons for denial quoting the relevant sections of the RTI Act should be clearly mentioned.
- (iv) In case the information pertains to other public authority and the application is transferred under section 6(3) of the RTI Act, details of the public authority to whom the application is transferred should be given.
- (v) In the concluding para of the reply, it should be clearly mentioned that the First Appeal, if any, against the reply of the CPIO may be made to the First Appellate Authority within 30 days of receipt of reply of CPIO.
- (vi) The name, designation, address, official telephone number and e-mail ID of the First Appellate Authority should also be clearly mentioned.

2. In addition, wherever the applicant has requested for 'certified copies' of the documents or records, the CPIO should endorse on the document "True copy of the document/record supplied under RTI Act", sign the document with date, above a seal containing name of the officer, CPIO and name of public authority; as enumerated below:

True copy of the document/record supplied under RTI Act. Sd/- Date (Name of the Officer) CPIO (Name of the Public Authority)
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Further in case the documents to be certified and supplied is large in number, information on RTI application should be supplied by a designated PIO but the certification of the documents, if need be, could be done by an other junior gazetted officer.

3. This may be brought to the notice of all concerned.

G. S. Arora  
(G. S. Arora)  
Deputy Secretary (IR)  
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1. All the Ministries / Departments of the Government of India.

Secretariat/ Central Vigilance Commission/ President's Secretariat/ Vice President's Secretariat/ Prime Minister's Office/ NITI Ayog/Election Commission.

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

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