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Dated Shillong, the 29th July, 2015.

All Administrative Deptts. I/D

Subject

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Implementation of Suo Motu Disclosure under Section 4 of RTI Act, 2005.

Please find enclosed herewith the O.M.No.1/34/2013-IR, dated 29.06.2015 received from the Director, Government of India, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Department of Personnel & Training which is self explanatory for favour of information and guidance.

(D. Rynjah) PIO & Under Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya Personnel & A.R.(A) Department

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- 1. The Director, Govt. of India, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Department of Personnel & Training, North Block, New Delhi.
- 2. The State Informatics Officer, NIC, Shillong with a request to kindly place the contents of the O.M. in the Website.
- 3. The Deputy Director, Meghalaya Administrative Training Institute, Shillong.

By Order etc,

PIO & Under Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya Personnel & A.R.(A) Department

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No.1/34/2013-IR Government of India Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pension Department of Personnel and Training

> North Block, New Delhi-1 Dated: 29th June 2015

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Office Memorandum

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Attention is invited to detailed guidelines on implementation of suo motu disclosure under Section 4 of RTI Act, 2005 issued vide this department's O.M. No.1/6/2011-IR dated 15.4.2013. Subsequently, a Committee of experts consisting of Shri A.N.Tiwari, Chief Information Commissioner(Retd) and Dr. M.M.Ansari, Information Commissioner(Retd) (of Central Information Commission) was constituted to recommend, interalia, measures to further strengthen implementation of Section 4 of the RTI Act, 2005. The Committee has, interalia, made the following recommendations which have been duly accepted by the competent authority:-

- All the details of the public authority may be uploaded on its website. Access to information should be made user-friendly for which appropriate information technology infrastructure should be suitably designed, developed and operationalised.
- 2) All the training modules for professional upgradation of employees should incorporate matter relating to the virtues of transparency and open government and RTI law.
- 3) In order to minimise the burden of servicing RTI applications, the public authorities with high public dealings should put in place an effective system to redress the grievances of affected persons. At the suborganisational levels, there should be cooperation and coordination between the Central Public Information Officers and the officers responsible for addressing public grievances.
- 4) In order to reduce the number of RTI applications relating to service matters, the information relating to recruitment, promotion and transfers should be brought into public domain promptly.
- 5) The retention and maintenance of specific documents for specified duration should be clearly spelt by each public authority in respect of its documents.