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The Commissioner/Secretary to Government,
General Administration Department,
Civil Secretariat, Srinagar.

No: SIC-J/15/2009-II/866-67

Dated: 27/06/2011

Subject: Opening of RTI Portal on the GAD Website.

Sir,

The website of the GAD provides a web page link to the list of PIOs/FAAs of different departments in the State. There is no other specific RTI related content readily available on the said website. The GAD being a Nodal Department in the Government for implementation of the RTI Act is required to play a pivotal role in highlighting material information about the RTI related Government Circulars/Notifications/Guidelines etc. on its RTI web page link with a distinct menu on the home page. The website of DOPT as Nodal Department for RTI in Government of India features RTI Portal which gives a lot of information regarding RTI and its implementation. The State Government may also make a beginning in this behalf accordingly.

While the Commission is vigorously pursuing with the Public Authorities in the State to make voluntary disclosure of information u/s 4 (b) of the Act, it is expected that GAD being the Nodal Department would take lead in putting the mandatory information on its website in a desirable manner. The information hand book under section 4(b), a hard copy of which was furnished to Commission by General Administration Department vide No.GAD(Adm)110/2009-Vdated 12.08.2010 does not appear to have been uploaded on its website sofar. The GAD website is one of the very few websites of the State Government which is being updated meticulously on regular basis in respect of Government Orders, Circulars and Notifications etc. It has on its pages the information about its functions, duties and details of its Officers and Officials etc. This data simply needs to be projected as per templates circulated by the GAD to all other departments vide its Circular No. 25-GAD of 2009 dated 05.06.2009 to meet the obligations of Section 4(b). The other departments will be accordingly persuaded to create RTI linked web page pertaining to their respective departments for voluntary disclosure of information under section 4(b) of RTI Act and other issues handled by them in the course of implementation of RTI Act.

I am directed to bring this matter to your kind notice for consideration and further needful at your end. I am also directed to request you kindly to issue suitable instructions to all administrative departments for similar necessary action in this behalf.

Yours faithfully

Sd/-

(M.A.Wani)

Deputy Secretary
J&K State Information Commission

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1) Pvt.Secy. to CIC for information of HCIC.