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**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions**  
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**North Block, New Delhi**  
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**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject:** Designation of the Central Public Information Officers in the Organizations specified in the second schedule of the Right to Information Act, 2005.

The undersigned is directed to say that sub-section (1) of Section 24 of the RTI Act, 2005 provides that nothing contained in the Act shall apply to the intelligence and security organizations specified in the Second Schedule or to any information furnished by such organizations to the Government. However, this provision does not exempt these organizations from the purview of the Act in respect of the information pertaining to the allegations of corruption and human rights violations. Thus, the citizens have a right, though limited, to seek information from these organizations. Therefore, it is necessary that these organizations too designate Central Public Information Officers to deal with the RTI applications.

2. The Act does not contain any special provision about the method of supply of information in respect of allegations of corruption by the above referred organizations. It however, provides that information in respect of allegations of violation of human rights shall be given only after the approval of the Central Information Commission. In either case, it is possible that the applicant may not receive a decision within the time specified or he may be aggrieved by the decision communicated to him. In such a case, he may like to exercise his right to appeal as provided in section 19 of the Act.

3. Keeping above facts in view, all the organizations specified in the Second Schedule of the RTI Act, 2005 are advised to designate Central Public Information Officers (CPIO) immediately, if it has not been done so far. These organization are also advised to specify the First Appellate Authorities within the organizations and publish the details of the CPIOs and the Appellate Authorities.