F No. 4-1/2019-RC Government of India Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (RTI Cell)

Level-I, Jal Wing. Indira Pryavaran Bhavan. Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road. New Delhi – 110003 Dated: 02.02.2024

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Regarding replies being provided by the Central Public Information Officers (CPIOs) under Right to Information (RTI) Act, 2005.

This is regarding replies being furnished by CPIOs under the RTI Act. In this connection, the undersigned is directed to state that all the CPIOs should ensure that the replies being furnished by them under the RTI Act are in consonance with the records available in respect of related previous replies provided by them including the replies provided, if any, in respect of Parliament Questions on the same subject matter/issues.

In this regard, attention may be drawn to a similar instruction, issued by the Parliament Section vide OM No. H-11011/08/2023-Parl. dated 9.02.2023 wherein vide Para 4(v) it has been instructed that while submitting the draft replies to the Parliament Questions, RTI replies given earlier on the subject, if any, should be annexed with the draft replies to the Parliament Questions.

3. The concerned FAAs/CPIOs are also required to dispose of the RTI appeals/ applications within the time limit as per the RTI Act, 2005.

4. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

(Vinod Kumar) Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

To:

- 1. All the concerned Divisional Heads
- 2. All concerned FAAs/CPIOs;
- 3. Sr. PPS to Secy.(EF&CC), PPS to AS(TK), PPS to JS(SM)