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Subject:-Supply of Information sought under Right to Information Act, 2005.

Sir.

I am to refer to your two applications dated 08.04.2013 on the above subject.

- In this connection, it is stated that a Code of Conduct for Ministers which is applicable to the Council of Ministers at the Centre and Chief Ministers and other Ministers in the States of the Union was formulated in 1964. The latest Code of Conduct is available on the website i.e. www.mha.nic.in. However it has no legal backing. Requisite information, as desired by you, is not available with this CPIO. Accordingly, information may be treated as 'nil'.
- The Appellate Authority in this matter is Shri S. Suresh Kumar, Joint 3. Secretary (CS) & First Appellant Authority, Ministry of Home Affairs, NDCC-II Building, Jai Singh Road,, New Delhi.

Yours faithfully,

(ASHUTOSH JAIN) Director & CPIO Tel.No. 23438147

Copy for information to:-

P.Bro-9/2017 C Shri Sanjoy Mitra, Under Secretary, RTI Cell, MHA, North Block, New Delhi w.r.t. their OM No. A-43020/01/2013-RTI dated 15.04.2013 and 16/04/2013.

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Date 08-04-2013 etter No: ADR11/MlaAssets-CPIO-MHA/130408/Man/01

Central Public Information Office

Ministry of Home Affairs

North Block, New Delhi - 110001

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Sub: Application for Information under Section 6(1) of the Right to Information Act. 2005

I will be obliged if you kindly provide me the complete and detailed information together with relevant documents/file noting/ office memorandum (OM)/correspondences /details etc on under mentioned aspects relating to letter(s) written to State Assembly Secretariat(s) "seeking information about assets of public representatives of all three tiers" as reported in press/media on 20th December 2011 (http://articles.timesofindia.indiatimes.com/2011-12-20/ranchi/30537859 1 declaration-assets-and-liabilities-jharkhand-mlas) (Please see annexure also)

- 1. Copy of the Home Ministry letter(s) and related annexure(s) sent to state assembly secretariat(s) in which the Ministry has sought information about "assets of public representatives of all the three tiers"
- 2. Copy of all the Law Ministry's correspondence(s) with the Home Ministry regarding the issue mentioned in above '1' (seeking information about assets of public representatives of all three tiers). Please also provide the copy of the correspondence from Law Ministry that urged Home Ministry to initiate the above mentioned letter(s) to the state assembly secretariat(s).
- 3. Does this correspondence from Hor a Ministry to State Assembly Secretariat(s) ask for regular (every year) annual declaration of assets by all the elected representatives in the State(s)? If yes, please provide the deadline each year by which all elected representatives have to furnish the information regarding assets.
- 4. Please provide the names of the states to which the above mentioned letter from Home Ministry has been sent?
- 5. Which states have responded with the information sought by Home Ministry about "assets of public representatives"? Please provide the copy of response from each state.
- 6. For the states which haven't responded with the information sought, have any reminders being sent to these states? If yes, Please provide us the copy of these reminders that have been sent to each state.
- 7. Has Home Ministry asked the state assembly secretariat(s) to put up this information regarding assets of public representatives on their respective websites? If yes, has any reminder being sent to these states regarding this? Please provide the copy of the same.
- 8. Has Home Ministry also sent a communication seeking information regarding the assets of the MPs to the Lok Sabha Secretariat? If yes, Please provide a copy of the same.
- 9. Has Lok Sabha secretariat responded to the letter mentioned in above 7? If Yes, Please provide the copy of the same.

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If above queries (or a few queries) relate to some other public-authority, please transfer this RTI petition to CPIO there under section 6(3) of RTI Act for response. Postal-order (IPO No. 11F 028268) for rupees ten is enclosed towards RTI fees in name of "Accounts Officer" as per DoPT circular No. F.10/9/2008-IR dated 05.12.2008.

Kindly quote this letter number in your response:

Letter No: ADR11/MIaAssets-CPIO-MHA/130408/Man/01

Yours sincerely

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RANCHI: Jharkhand MLAs, who were earlier directed to declare their assets by March 31 this year, have now been asked to complete the formalities by two days.

Addressing the members on the first day of the winter session on Monday, speaker C P Singh expressed his displeasure over the attitude of the members, particularly the ministers, as none among them had declared their assets despite a directive issued during the budget session. Singh said it was a matter of shame for Jharkhand MLAs as they failed to demonstrate propriety and wait for a directive from the Union government.

"In the light of the directive issued in the Upper House of Parliament in response to an unstarred question, the Union law ministry has sought information about assets of public representatives of all three tiers and a letter in this regard has been obtained by the assembly secretariat from the Union home ministry," Single said adding that by Wednesday every member should submit the declaration in a proper format. "It is unfortunate that even the ministers have not declared assets. The chief minister should ensure that his cabinet colleagues declare their assets on time."

In the last budget session held in February-March this year, Congress MLA Yogendra Sao had raised the matter during the chief minister's question hour. He had sought an answer from Arjan Munda whether he and his cabinet colleagues were ready to declare assets and liabilities on lines of propriety demonstrated by Bihar legislators. Replying to his question. Munda had readily accepted the proposal and said his government would direct all ministers to disclose property immediately. The speaker had then sought the opinion of the house if all the members were ready to follow the system and an unanimity was formed.

Reminding members of the previous proceedings. Singh said on Monday till date the assembly secretariat had obtained only 22 declarations. "I can read out the names of the MLAs who have declared their assets till date but would like to wait for one more day and give an opportunity to others to come up with their declaration." he said.

Vinod Singh of the CPI-ML has been the first MLA in the assembly to declare assets as he submitted a letter and asset-liability declaration form on March 3, soon after the directive was given. When asked about the delay, two ministers in the Munda cabinet, Baijnath Ram and Satyanand Jha Batul, admitted that they were yet to submit their declaration. "We are not trying to hide anything from the public and will submit our declaration within the time," Ram said, KN Tripathy of the Congress and Pradeep Yaday of Jharkhand Vikas Morcha (Prajatantrik) admitted that prompt declaration of assets by the MLAs could have brought prestige to the assembly. "Now the Union law ministry has sought details, I don't think anyone will be delaying the matter further," said Yaday.

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