File. No. 5-1/2024-RC Government of India Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change (RTI Cell)

1stFloor, Jal Wing, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh, New Delhi-110003 Dated 22nd May, 2025

Τo,

Dr. K. Ravichandran Director, Indian Institute of Forest Management PO Box 357, Nehru Nagar Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh India Pin: 462003

Subject: Third Party Audit of Proactive Disclosure under RTI Act 2005 for the year 2024-25 of MoEFCC.

Sir,

Please find enclosed D. O. letter received from Secretary, Central Information Commission (CIC) regarding Third Party Audit of Proactive Disclosure under RTI Act 2005. The CIC has requested to carry out Third Party Audit exercise for the year 2024-25, from training institutes under each Ministry/ Department/ Public Authority with respect to Proactive Disclosure under RTI Act.

2. The competent authority in this Ministry has decided that Indian Institute of Forest Management shall conduct Third Party Audit of this Ministry with respect proactive disclosure under RTI Act, as mandated by the CIC. Guidelines for Third Party Audit are available at CIC web site: (*Transparency Audit of Disclosures Under Section 4 of the RTI Act by the Public authorities.pdf (cic.gov.in)*

3. You are requested to nominate a suitable officer from IIFM to coordinate and manage Third Party Audit of the Ministry and details of the Officer may be provided to Ministry.

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Director (RTI) Tel: 20819284 Copy to:-

i. PSO to Secretary (MoEF&CC) / AS(VVY)/ JS(SM)

ii. Registrar, Central Information Commission, CIC Bhawan, Baba Gangnath Marg, Munirka, New Delhi - 110067

रशिम चौधरी, भा.रे.का.से. सचिव RASHMI CHOWDHARY, I.R.P.S. Secretary	र्स्टियमेव जयते	केन्द्रीय सूचना आयोग कमरा नं501, पांचवा तल, बाबा गंगनाथ मार्ग मुनिरका, नई दिल्ली-110067 CENTRAL INFORMATION COMMISSION Room No. 501, 5th Floor, Baba Gangnath Marg, Munirka New Delhi-110067
Date, 11/04/2025	G2 THE 2023 INDIA	D.O. No.15011/4/2025-Legal-CIC 2 nd April, 2025

Reference is invited to DOPT's O.M. No.1/6/2011-IR dated 15.04.2013 and 07.11.2019, regarding implementation of suo motu disclosure under Section 4 of Right to Information (RTI) Act, 2005- issue of guidelines.

In this connection, it is intimated that the portal for the Third Party Audit exercise 2. for the year 2025 is active now on CIC's website (https://dsscic.nic.in/users/pn-login). The following steps are to be taken on CIC's portal:

- Each Public Authority (PA) has to login on CIC's portal for submitting self-appraisal i. on the basis of suo motu disclosure updated on its website.
- Each PA has to map its training institute after getting confirmation from them for ii. carrying out audit of self appraisal submitted by PA on CIC's portal. The user manual regarding mapping is available on the website of CIC.
- After mapping, the training institute would be able to carry out the audit of self iii. appraisal submitted by PA by logging on CIC's portal.

It is intimated that the timelines for carrying out the Third Party Audit exercise for 3. the year 2025 are as follows:-

- Last date for submitting self appraisal/mapping with training institutes by PAs on 1 CIC's portal: 15.05.2025
- Last date to get the self appraisal audited by third party (training institute) and ii. submit the audited report on CIC's portal: 10.06.2025

It is, therefore, requested to start the process of carrying out Third Party Audit 4 exercise for the year 2025 on CIC's portal and the same may be notified to all the PAs under your Ministry/Department. The Third Party audit will be through digital mode on CIC's portal (https://dsscic.nic.in/users/pn-login) only and no physical report will be accepted by the Commission. Shri Ankit Arora, Section Officer (Law) and Shri Deepak Kumar Mahto, Senior Assistant may be contacted on 011-26181928 and Shri Rajeev Kumar Sah, Sr. Software Support Engineer on 011-26107030 for any clarification.

ps (RFT) hich regan Yours_sincerely, (Rashmi Chowdharv) Secretary

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