I. AWARENESS GENERATION

(a) RTI week was celebrated from 25th to 31st October, 2010. During the period Hon’ble MOS(PP) launched the RTI Logo and RTI Portal and dedicated these to the Nation on 28th October, 2010 at Civil Services Officers’ Institute, K.G. Marg, New Delhi and on 30th October, 2010 prominent daily newspapers of the nation carried advertisements on the RTI Logo.

(b) DOPT has offered 5 (Five) short-term fellowships to researchers from the field of media / Civil Society professionals / RTI Trainers to conduct field based research on themes relating to RTI to enhance our understanding of the status of the implementation of the act, including its successes, constraints in its implementation and how those are being / could be overcome and what more needs to be done to help achieve the objectives of the Act.

II. STAKEHOLDER ANALYSIS

(a) A meeting of the Group of Officers constituted to develop a conceptual framework for serving the country’s balance of interests and concerns on privacy, data protection and security was held under the chairmanship of Secretary(Personnel) on 28th October, 2010.

(b) A one day Seminar on ‘Right to Information (RTI) – Key to Good Governance’ was held on 29th October, 2010 at ISTM, New Delhi.

(c) A consultation on communication strategy of RTI Act with the Secretaries to the State Governments and Secretaries, State Information Commissions was held on 10th November, 2010 at CSOI, K.G. Marg, New Delhi.

(d) A consultation on communication strategy of RTI Act with the Civil Society Organizations was held on 14th November, 2010 at YASHDA, Pune.

(e) Delegates from SAARC countries were briefed about the status of implementation of RTI Act in India on 15th November, 2010 at North Block, New Delhi.

(f) A draft Right to Information (Regulation of Fee and Cost) Rules, 2005 and the Central Information Commission (Appeal Procedure) Rules, 2005 seeking views/comments of Public Authorities/Stakeholders and General Public circulated and also posted on the website persmin.nic.in on 10th December, 2010, before finalise the same.