I. AWARENESS GENERATION

(a) A new Central sector scheme on ‘Improving Transparency and Accountability in Government Through Effective Implementation on RTI Act’ has been approved by MOS (PP) on 12th August, 2010. The scheme aims at Awareness Generation and Capacity Building of Stakeholders.

(b) 35000 RTI Posters on Regional Languages i.e. Bangla, English, Marathi, Oriya, Kanada and Malayalam were displayed in Regional Post Offices from 1st August, 2010 for a period of one month.

(c) The RTI Logo, designed by the National Institute of Design, Ahmedabad has been approved by the MOS(PP)

(d) First meeting of the Scheme Monitoring Committee (SMC) was held under the chairmanship of JS(AT&A) on 16th September, 2010 to consider the proposals of State Information Commissions (SICs) and the Administrative Training Institutes (ATIs) under Central Sector Scheme on ‘Improving Transparency and Accountability in Government Through Effective Implementation of RTI Act, 2005’.

(e) An OM clarifying the provision of RTI applications received by a public authority regarding information concerning other public authority/authorities has been issued on 24th September, 2010.

II. STAKEHOLDER ANALYSIS

(a) A workshop on Legal Framework for Privacy, Data Protection and Security was held on 21st July, 2010 at CSOI, New Delhi. The objective of this workshop was to develop a conceptual framework which may balance the interests and concerns of the country on privacy, data protection and security keeping in view the domain legislations on the subject. The proposed framework would incorporate legal provisions, principles and elements of privacy, data protection and security which would be in consonance with existing provisions in various laws on the subject.
III. LEGISLATIVE INTERVENTION

(a) Ministry of Law & Justice has been asked to convey the opinion of Learned Solicitor General of India on filing of PIL in Supreme Court against the judgment of Delhi High Court ruling out constitution of Benches by Central Information Commission in view of conflicting judgments by High Court of Bihar etc.

(b) The High Court of Delhi in its judgment given in case of W.P.(C) 6614/2008 & CM Appeal No. 12685/2008 Shri Arvind Kejriwal Vs. CPIO, Cabinet Secretariat; W.P.(C) 8999/2008 & CM Appeal No. 7517/2008 UOI Vs. Arvind Kejriwal and WP(C) 8407/2009 & CM Appl. 5286/2009 UOI Vs. Arvind Kejriwal announced that the disclosure of information relating to ACRs, grading of officers, vigilance clearance under RTI Act may be examined as per provision of Section 11 (1) of the Act.