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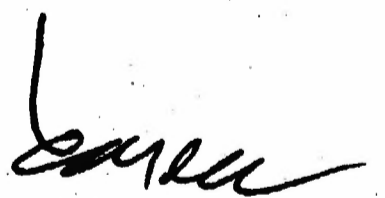
Dear Secretary,

Please refer to my earlier D.O. No. 1/48/6/2015-Cab dated June 24, 2015 regarding obtaining approval of the Cabinet for signing of MoUs. It is still being noticed that Cabinet Notes on MoUs are being brought before the Cabinet for its post facto approval or information after considerable delay from the date of signing of such MoUs. Prime Minister has expressed displeasure in this regard and directed that all MoUs that are signed by Departments and are required to be brought before the Cabinet for post facto approval or information, under the extant provisions, must be submitted within one month of the signing of the MoU. In case of any delay, the Note should detail the specific reason(s) and justification(s) in submitting the Note before the Cabinet after the prescribed time period.

2. You may like to personally ensure that the above instructions are strictly complied with.

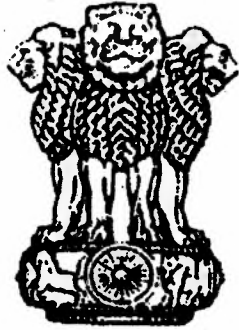
With regards,

Yours sincerely,


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Dear Secretary,

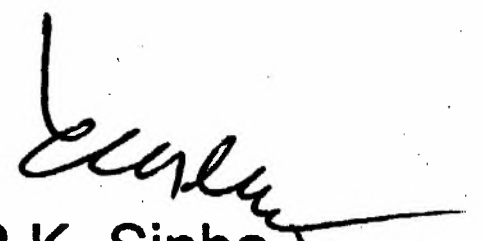
The Prime Minister has expressed concern that some Ministries/Departments are seeking approval under Rule 12 of the Government of India (Transaction of Business) Rules, 1961 for signing MoUs with foreign countries/organisations at the eleventh hour. You would appreciate that Rule 12 is invoked for situations of extreme urgency or unforeseen contingency. In most cases, the schedule of visits on which the MoUs are to be signed are known beforehand and it should be possible to take timely action and prepare a Note for consideration of the Cabinet. Therefore, I would urge you to ensure that the Cabinet Notes seeking approval for signing of MoUs are prepared sufficiently in advance of the proposed visits so as to preclude the need to seek approval under Rule 12.

2. Also, you may like to look into cases where approvals under Rule 12 have already been obtained for entering into an MoU and ensure that a Note seeking ex post facto approval of the Cabinet is sent to us positively within this week, if this has not already been done. This would also apply to cases where MoUs have already been signed by the Ministry/Department under delegated powers and a Note is required to be brought before the Cabinet for its information.

3. This may please be treated as urgent, as the Prime Minister has desired that all such cases may be brought before the next Cabinet meeting.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,


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