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Cabinet Secretariat (Mantrimandal Sachivalaya)  
Rashtrapati Bhavan  
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New Delhi, the 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2015

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject: Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed with other countries - matters to be brought for consideration before the Cabinet regarding**

Attention is invited to the Second Schedule to the Government of India (Transaction of Business) Rules, 1961 which provide that cases which shall be brought before the Cabinet include:

*(d) Cases involving negotiation with foreign and Commonwealth countries on treaties, agreements and other important matters:*


*Provided that-*

*(i) Cultural Agreements and Agreements on Science and Technology not impacting the national security or our relations with other countries which are duly approved by the Minister-in-Charge of the Department concerned and the Minister of External Affairs and where requisite inter-Ministerial consultations in terms of rule 4 have been carried out may only be circulated to the Cabinet for information;*

*(ii) such foreign aid agreements and commercial agreements as are duly approved by the Minister-in-Charge of the concerned Department and as are within the broad framework already approved by the Cabinet need not be formally placed before the Cabinet.*

2. It has been decided that while seeking the approval of Cabinet for entering into Memorandum of Understandings (MoU), in terms of the provisions of the Government of India (Transaction of Business) Rules, 1961, Ministries/ Departments must provide the rationale of opting for the MoU route. Ministries/ Departments should also enclose a list and status of existing MoUs while seeking approval of a new MoU.

3. These instructions may be brought to the notice of all concerned for compliance.

  
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**To**  
**All Secretaries to the Government of India.**

