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Dear Secretary,

As Ministries are aware, instructions have been issued by the Cabinet Secretariat for laying down (a) the time lines for completion of inter-ministerial consultations; and (b) the requirement of forwarding a copy of the final note prepared for consideration of the Cabinet/Cabinet Committee(s) to PMO and thereafter waiting for a period of seven working days before forwarding such notes to the Cabinet Secretariat.

- 2. It has been observed that these instructions are not being adhered to strictly. With a view to ensure compliance with these instructions, with effect from 01.01.2011, the notes for the Cabinet and Cabinet Committees, received without a categorical confirmation in the forwarding memo to the following effect will be returned to the Ministries/Departments:
- (i) that the note for the Cabinet/Cabinet Committee in its final form had been forwarded to the Prime Minister's Office at least seven working days before its despatch to the Cabinet Secretariat, and that the comments/advice, if any, received from the PMO had duly been taken on board; and
- (ii) that the time lines stipulated for completion of inter-ministerial consultations have been adhered to, and the Ministry/Department had proactively pursued the concerned Ministries/Departments required to be consulted, in cases where the comments were not received within the stipulated time-frame.
- 3. It has also been decided that in cases, where there are differences between the Ministries/Departments, these should also be highlighted in the forwarding memorandum to be sent to the Cabinet Secretariat.
- 4. I shall be grateful, if the above instructions could be disseminated to all concerned for strict compliance.
- This issues with the approval of the Cabinet Secretary.
 With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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