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North Block, New Delhi, Dated: the 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2008

To

Chief Secretaries of all the States/UTs

Subject: Involving Non-Governmental Organisations for spreading awareness about the RTI Act, 2005.

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Sir,

I am directed to say that clause (a) of sub-section (1) of Section 26 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 casts a responsibility on the Governments of States to develop and organize educational programmes to advance the understanding of the public about exercise of their right to information. It is a gigantic task which requires involvement of various sections of society. Non- Governmental Organisations are providing various kinds of services to the people and creating awareness amongst them. They come in close contact with the public and may play an important role in disseminating knowledge about the use of the Right to Information Act. You are, therefore, requested to involve the Non-Governmental Organisations working in your State to spread awareness about the Act.

Yours faithfully,

(K.G. Verma)