D.O.No. 407/12/2014-AVD-IV(B)

Dated: 8th September, 2014

Dear Secretary,

Please refer to my D.O. letter of even No. dated 1st August, 2014 regarding furnishing of information relating to assets and liabilities by public servants under section 44 of the Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act, 2013.

2. In this regard, I am forwarding a copy of the Central Government’s notification dated 08th September, 2014 containing an Order amending the Lokpal & Lokayuktas (Removal of Difficulties) Order, 2014, for the purpose of extending the time limit for carrying out necessary changes in the relevant rules relating to different services from “two hundred and seventy days” to “three hundred and sixty days”, from the date on which the Act came into force, i.e., 16th January, 2014.

3. Government has also notified on 8th September, 2014, the Public Servants (Furnishing of Information and Annual Return of Assets and Liabilities and the Limits for Exemption of Assets in Filing Returns) Amendment Rules, 2014, extending the time limit for filing of revised returns by all public servants from 15th September, 2014 to 31st December, 2014. A copy of the notification containing the said amendment Rules is enclosed.

4. I request you to kindly issue orders towards ensuring compliance with these Rules by all officers and staff in your Ministry/Department and in various organisations/PSUs under the control of your Ministry/Department, within the revised time-limit mentioned in the amended Rules, by filing their revised returns of assets and liabilities to the competent authority on or before 31st December, 2014.

5. I also request you to kindly ensure that necessary follow-up action for harmonising the provisions of the relevant rules relating to all categories of public servants (as defined in the Act) falling under the jurisdiction/administrative/cadre control of your Ministry/Department is completed within the revised time limit of 360 days now provided in the Order dated 8th September, 2014 (Annexure-I).

Encl: As above

To Secretaries
All Ministries/Departments of the Government of India