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मंत्रिमण्डल सचिवालय राष्ट्रपति भवन, नई दिल्ली-110004 CABINET SECRETARIAT RASHTRAPATI BHAWAN NEW DELHI-110004

D.O. No 403/1/1/2018-CA-V

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Dear Secretary,

It may be recalled that instructions had been issued by this Secretariat vide D.O. letter dated 25.11.2016 (copy enclosed) wherein timelines had been prescribed for all stakeholders to process legal cases for filing of appeals / SLPs in Courts. Consequent upon the Ld. Attorney General expressing concerns on delays yet being observed in the above process, a meeting of the Committee of Secretaries was held on 15.05.2018 wherein certain recommendations were made (copy of Minutes enclosed).

- 2. The Legal Information Management and Briefing System (LIMBS) a Web Based Application for Government litigation is an important tool to monitor court cases digitally and currently details of approximately 2.6 lakh court cases are available on it. However it has been noted with concern that records are not being filled or updated by Ministries/Departments, which impairs its utility. Ministries/Departments are also yet to appoint Nodal Officers at Joint Secretary level in spite of instructions issued in this regard by D/o Legal Affairs.
- 3. I would therefore request that Nodal officers at Joint Secretary level be nominated at the earliest, who may ensure that records pertaining to their Ministries/Departments, available on LIMBS, are updated and reviewed on a regular basis so that timely action on court cases is taken. It should also be ensured that timelines prescribed for filing appeals/SLPs are meticulously observed. As LIMBS also has a facility to mark cases as Critical/ Important for follow up, you may also like to monitor the same along with other legal cases, as well as cases where appeals/SLPs have to be filed, in your weekly review meetings by utilizing the available software to the optimum.
- 4. A confirmation of the action taken in the matter along with contact details of Nodal Officers be provided to D/o Legal Affairs, under intimation to this Secretariat.

With regards,

Shri Suresh Chandra Secretary, Deptt. of Legal Affairs New Delhi Yours sincerely,

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