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Subject: Guidelines on Internship for Undergraduates pursuing five year integrated course in Law or graduates pursuing Bachelor's degree in Law under the Centrally sponsored Scheme on " Improving Transparency and Accountability in government through effective implementation of Right to Information Act"

1.0 Introduction

The Department of Personnel and Training (DOPT), Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Government of India, is the nodal Ministry for the Right to Information Act. It is administering a Plan scheme titled 'Improving Transparency and Accountability in Government through effective Implementation of the Right to Information Act'. The primary goal of the scheme is to contribute towards more accountable and transparent government and it has several components including programmes for awareness generation, training and e-governance initiatives for RTI for achieving the purpose.

Department of Personnel and Training has been conducting Internship Programme for the Ministries and Departments in the Government of India, which is beneficial both to the Departments and the interns. This will help the Ministry/ Department consolidate and document its experience in the implementation of RTI, its successes, constraints in implementation, identify the areas which need more attention, address the gap areas and suggest what more needs to be done to help achieve the objectives of the Act. The interns would be familiarized with the process of seeking information and enabling access to information under the RTI regime.

Under the scheme, DOPT is offering **short-term internships to Undergraduates who are in the second year pursuing five year integrated course in Law or graduates in the first year pursuing three year graduation course in Law from a recognised and reputed University** to conduct an analysis of RTI Applications in select public authorities.

2.0 Areas of Study and Research Output

The RTI Internship is being offered to analyze a sample of the RTI applications received in the calendar year 2014 by select public authorities. The analysis of the applications would aim to get an overall picture of the