

**List of topics from Union Cabinet Meetings between 1 Aug-3 Sep 2009-Accessed under RTI**

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Dear all

Under the Right to Information Act 2005 I had requested for a copy of the list of topics on the agenda of all meetings of the Union Cabinet held between 1st August 2009 and 3rd September 2009. I have copied below the complete list of topics received free of cost from the PIO. Details about some of these topics are available on the website of the Press Information Bureau at: [http://www.pib.nic.in/release/pm\\_cabrel\\_search.asp](http://www.pib.nic.in/release/pm_cabrel_search.asp)

Readers will note that item no.7 on the agenda for 27.08.2009 has been "severed in terms of section 10(1) of the RTI Act, 2005". Section 10 (1) of the RTI Act is about severability.

" **10.** (1) Where a request for access to information is rejected on the ground that it is in relation to information which is exempt from disclosure, then, notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, access may be provided to that part of the record which does not contain any information which is exempt from disclosure under this Act and which can reasonably be severed from any part that contains exempt information."

Severing information amounts to rejection of a portion of the information requested. This can be done only by invoking the relevant ground/s under section 8(1). However the PIO has not offered any explanation about why this information is being severed. Therefore we will file an appeal under section 19 (1) of the RTI Act with the Cabinet Secretariat.

**Meeting No. 28/CM/2009****Meeting Date: 06.08.2009**

Item No.	Subject
1	Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Ministry of New and Renewable Energy of the Government of the Republic of India and the National Energy Commission of the Republic of Chile on cooperation in the field of new and renewable energy. (Ministry of New and Renewable Energy)
2	Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy of the Government of the Republic of India and the Department of Energy of the United States of America on cooperation in the development of biofuels. (Ministry of New and Renewable Energy)
3	Proposal for signing of Social Security Agreement between the India and Switzerland. (Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs)
4	Creation of a post of Joint Secretary for the newly created Department of Health Research in the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare. (Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Department of Health Research)
5	Proposal to provide additional financial assistance over and above the provisions of extant norms of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) / National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) in the wake of Kosi floods 2008. (Ministry of Home Affairs)
6	Proposal to drop the Financial Companies Regulation Bill, 2000. (Ministry of Finance, Department of Financial Services)
7	Upgradation of two posts of Additional Deputy CAG to the level of Deputy CAG in the Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India. (Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure)
8	Revision of pay and allowances admissible to Governor and Deputy Governor(s) of RBI. (Ministry of Finance, Department of Financial Services)
9	Approval for GSAT-10 Communication Satellite-reg. (Department of Space)
10	Proposal for incentivising the State Governments for providing homestead sites to the rural BPL households as part of Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY). (Ministry of Rural Development, Department of Rural Development)
11	National Policy on HIV/AIDS and the World of Work (Ministry of Labour and Employment)
12	Revision of pay scales of Faculty and Scientific/Design Staff and other academic staff of Centrally funded technical institutions following pay revision of the Central Government employees on the recommendation of the Sixth Central Pay Commission (6th CPC). (Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Higher Education)
13	Swine Flu.

**Meeting No. 29/CM/2009****Meeting Date: 13.08.2009**

Item No.	Subject
1	Memorandum of Understanding for cooperation in the field of Environment among India, Brazil and South Africa (IBSA) under IBSA Forum. (Ministry of Environment and Forests)
2	Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the Kingdom of Sweden and the Government of the Republic of India on cooperation in the field of environment. (Ministry of Environment and Forests)
3	Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India and the Norwegian Ministry of the Environment on 'Co-operation in the area of Climate Change and Implementation of the Clean Development Mechanism Projects of the Kyoto Protocol'. (Ministry of Environment and Forests)
4	International Partnership on Energy Efficiency Cooperation (IPEEC) - Terms of Reference and Memorandum concerning the hosting of the Secretariat in IEA. (Ministry of Power)
5	Civil Aviation Sector - Present Status.
6	Influenza A (H1N1) (Swine Flu).

**Meeting No. 30/CM/2009****Meeting Date: 20.08.2009**

Item No.	Subject
1	Ex-post facto approval for proposal of Chandigarh Administration for Upgradation of post and pay scale of the Principal of Chandigarh College of Engineering & Technology (CCET). (Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Higher Education)
2	Proposal to amend the National Institutes of Technology Act, 2007. (Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Higher Education)
3	Revision of terms and conditions of appointment of Chairman/Members of the Law Commission - Enhancement of pay consequent upon implementation of the Sixth Central Pay Commission's recommendations. (Ministry of Law and Justice, Department of Legal Affairs)
4	Setting up of Indian Community Welfare Fund (ICWF) in the Indian Missions. (Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs)
5	Proposal for revival of Tamilnadu Telecommunications Ltd.(TTL)-additional investment by TCIL in equity of TTL. (Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, Department of Telecommunications)
6	Relaxation of Fiscal Deficit Target and Borrowing Ceilings for States to 4% of Gross State Domestic Product for the Year 2009-10. (Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure)
7	Revival of Hindustan Prefab Limited (HPL) (Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation)



Item No.	Subject
8	Amendment to article 243D of the Constitution of India for enhancing reservation for women in Panchayats. (Ministry of Panchayati Raj)

**Meeting No. 31/CM/2009**

**Meeting Date: 27.08.2009**

Item No.	Subject
1	Transfer of 10 acres of defence land on long term lease to Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan Project Seabird, Karwar. (Ministry of Defence, Department of Defence)
2	Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Ministry of Mines, Government of India and the Ministry of Mines and Energy of the Republic of Namibia for Cooperation in the fields of Geology and Mineral Resources. (Ministry of Mines)
3	Agreement between India and Tajikistan on cooperation in the field of Agriculture and Allied Sectors. (Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture and Cooperation)
4	Increasing the authorized share capital of the National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC). (Ministry of Minority Affairs)
5	Implementation of reservation for students belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes to Jirania in the Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Council, Tripura in regard to Central Educational Institutions situated therein. (Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Higher Education)
6	Establishment of seven new Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs). (Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Higher Education)
7	Severed in terms of section 10(1) of the RTI Act, 2005.
8	Amendment to article 243D of the Constitution of India for enhancing reservation for women in Panchayats. (Ministry of Panchayati Raj)
9	Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding on exemption of visa requirement for the holders of Diplomatic and official passports between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Republic of Namibia. (Ministry of External Affairs)
10	Signing of Inter-Governmental Agreement with Namibia. (Department of Atomic Energy)

**Meeting No. 32/CM/2009**

**Meeting Date: 03.09.2009**

Item No.	Subject
1	Death of Dr. Y. S. Rajasekhara Reddy, Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh.

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