



प्रधान महालेखाकार (लेखा एवं हकदारी) का कार्यालय, ओडिशा, पुरी शाखा, पुरी
OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT GENERAL (A&E) ODISHA,
PURI BRANCH, PURI

No. WM-Cir-Appt. SPIO/1010

Date :- 22.09.2017

To

All Executive Engineers/Divisional Officers/Controlling Officers
(As per mailing list)

Sub :- Appointment of Divisional Accountant/Divisional Accounts Officer as State Public Information Officer.

Sir,

It has been reported that Divisional Accountants/Divisional Accounts Officers posted in Public Works Divisions/Offices are being appointed as State Public Information Officers. Section 5(1) of R.T.I Act, 2005 envisages that every Public Authority shall designate as many officers as the Central Public Information Officers or State Public Information Officers, **as the case may be**, in all administrative units or offices under it as may be necessary to provide information to persons requesting for the information under the Act. This means that the Public Authority of the State shall designate State Public Information Officer in all administrative units or offices under it.

In this context, it is for the information of all concerned that Divisional Accountants/Divisional Accounts Officers are Central Government employees under the administrative control of the office of the Principal Accountant General (A&E) Odisha, and are posted to Public Works Divisions for the specific purpose of compilation of accounts, internal checking of accounts and advising the Divisional Officer on operation of financial rules. They are not expected/authorized to perform functions other than those enumerated in CPWA/OPWD codes. In view of the above position, appointment of Divisional Accountants/Divisional Accounts Officers as State Public Information Officers is not in order. Divisional Accountants/Divisional Accounts Officers who have already been appointed as State Public Information Officers may be relieved of this responsibility immediately.

This issues with the approval of Deputy Accountant General (Works Accounts).

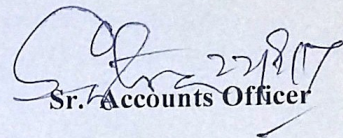
Yours faithfully


Sr. Accounts Officer

Memo No.1011

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Copy to all Divisional Accountants / Divisional Accounts Officers for information. They are directed not to accept any such appointment/responsibility without specific orders from this office. Any violation in this regard will be viewed seriously, and the respective Divisional Accountants/Divisional Accounts Officers will be solely responsible for any legal complications arising out of the same.


Sr. Accounts Officer