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Subject: - Accessibility of Government Websites-Reg

The Department of Electronics and Information Technology has intimated that the following decisions were taken in the meeting for the High Level Advisory Committee(HLAC) held on 30<sup>th</sup> December 2014 to finalise the action plan to implement the National Policy on Universal Electronic Accessibility.

1. All the Government notifications/orders uploaded on the websites should be digitally signed and in ePub or OCR based PDF as a document that consists of scanned images of text as inherently inaccessible because the content of the document is images and not searchable text. Assistive technologies cannot read or extract the words; users cannot select, edit ,resize, or reflow text nor can they change text and background colors; and authors cannot manipulate the PDF for accessibility. A suitable technical write up/note regarding the conversion also be included in the document.
2. All RFPs should include a clause that all procurements should be GIGW(Guidelines for Indian Websites) compliant for accessibility to physically disabled persons.

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This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

  
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