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Cabinet Secretary Rajiv Gauba orders review of all unimplemented Cabinet decisions since 2014

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NEW DELHI: Cabinet secretary Rajiv Gauba has asked all ministries to conduct a review of the unimplemented decisions of the cabinet or cabinet committees since May 2014, when Narendra Modi-led government first assumed charge, and draw up concrete plans with new time frames for expeditious implementation of all such decisions.

Gauba wrote to all secretaries last month saying the exercise might involve examining the reasons for not adhering to the approved time frames. ET has seen a copy of the letter.

“Decisions of the cabinet/cabinet committees are required to be implemented within the time-frame indicated in the ‘statement of implementation schedule’ and ‘statement on major milestones and corresponding target dates’ appended to the cabinet/cabinet committee note,” Gauba wrote in the letter. “Progress on implementation is also being monitored online through e-SamikSha. Delays in implementation of decisions is a matter of concern.”

Gauba asked for concrete strategies and action plans to be prescribed during the review “with clearly identifiable time-lines and milestones” for different activities to ensure effective and expeditious implementation of the cabinet decisions. “I would request that your personal attention may be given to this task,” he wrote to the secretaries.

In another letter to all secretaries last month, Gauba asked for a review of all memoranda of understanding (MoUs) and agreements signed by ministries with foreign governments and agencies on cooperation in various fields to determine whether concrete outcomes
He also pointed out that often action taken reports on cabinet or Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs’ decisions on MoUs and agreements are not updated regularly on the e-SamikSha portal and that a separate communication on this aspect was also being sent to all ministries.

“I request for your personal attention to the task of structured review of MoUs entered into by your ministry with a view to fully exploit their potential and necessary instructions may be issued for uploading regular updates in this regard both on the MEA e-SamikSha and cabinet secretariat’s e-SamikSha portals,” Gauba wrote to the secretaries.