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Monitoring agreements

Cabinet Secretary Rajiv Gauba (pictured) last week wrote to all Union secretaries about the need for “continuous and effective monitoring” of Memoranda of Understanding, or MoUs, signed by their ministries or departments with foreign governments and agencies on cooperation in various fields. In a letter on October 15, Gauba stated such monitoring was needed “so that their potential may be tapped optimally”. He observed that “many MoUs may have lost their relevance, and obsolete MoUs may be discontinued”. He said Action Taken Reports on decisions of the Cabinet or the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs on MoUs/agreements were often not updated regularly on the e-SamikSha portal of the Cabinet Secretariat. He asked secretaries to order a “structured review” of all MoUs/agreements.

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