

## INPUTS FOR DELIVERY MONITORING UNIT

As on 3/03/2010

The RTI Act, 2005 became operational from 12 October 2005. The implementation of the Act has followed the following sequence:

### **I BUILDING OF INSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURES**

- a) 28 Information Commissions including one Central Information Commission and 27 State Information Commissions were constituted and are functioning since 2006.
- b) 1 Chief Information Commissioner and 8 Information Commissioners are in place in the Central Information Commission
- c) Public Information Officers designated and appointed in every public authority within 100 days of the enactment of the RTI Act, 2005
- d) Proactive disclosures published by public authorities within 120 days of the enactment of the RTI Act, 2005
- e) Designation of 3672 post offices in rural areas as Assistant Public Information Officers for various public authorities under the central government.
- f) Fee and Appeal Rules, 2005 notified by Government of India

### **II CAPACITY BUILDING OF STAKE HOLDERS**

- a) Under the UNDP-GOI "Capacity Building for Access to Information" programme, over 90,000 stakeholders were trained in collaboration with Central and State ATIs. Trainer's manuals and guides for various stakeholders prepared under the programme.
- b) Guides for Information Seekers, Public Information Officers, Public Authorities, First Appellate Authorities published by DOPT. A consolidated guide for all stakeholders has also been released.
- c) A centrally sponsored plan scheme on "Strengthening, Capacity Building and Awareness Generation for Effective Implementation of RTI Act" was launched in November 2008.
- d) Instructions/clarifications issued by DOPT to remove difficulties faced by public authorities and information seekers from time to time.

### **III AWARENESS GENERATION**

- a) A comprehensive RTI portal developed by DOPT with links to public authorities of States and Central Governments, Information Commissions and all circulars/notifications issued.
- b) RTI Week celebrated from 6<sup>th</sup> October to 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2009
- c) Audio Visual publicity campaign launched from July 2009. Till 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2010 publicity campaigns on TV and radio telecast and broadcast for 52 days.

- d) Posters on RTI displayed in 65000 rural post offices in 8 States.
- e) On line certificate course on RTI launched on 07<sup>th</sup> September 2009. 3523 have been selected so far for 12 batches till 4/3/2010. 2846 applicants are still in the queue.
- f) Consultation on current issues on RTI organised on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2009 at New Delhi for Chief Information Commissioners and Information Commissioners from Central and State Information Commissions. MOS (PP) inaugurated the consultation.
- g) A Consolidated Guide on RTI released for all stakeholders on 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2009 by MOS (PP). Guides forwarded to all stakeholders.
- h) International Consultation on RTI organised under the UNDP-GOI programme on "Capacity Building for Access to Information" on 8-9<sup>th</sup> October 2009 at Bengaluru.
- i) 5 days training (16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> November, 2009) on Access to Information organised by ISTM at New Delhi for the South Asia Region in collaboration with Commonwealth Secretariat.

#### **IV STAKEHOLDER ANALYSIS AND EVALUATION OF IMPLEMENTATION**

- a) A focused group discussion was held on 03<sup>rd</sup> February 2009 under the Chairmanship of Dr. E.S. Nachchiappan with activists and private citizens.
- b) An independent study on understanding the key issues and constraints in implementing the RTI Act, 2005 completed. Recommendations are being considered.

#### **V LEGISLATIVE INTERVENTIONS**

- a) The Second Schedule relating to 'exempted organisations' to the RTI Act has been reviewed thrice. Further review is being considered.
- b) Disclosure of file notings allowed vide OM issued on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2009.
- c) Rules for further disclosures under Section 4(1) (b) of the RTI Act, 2005 is under consideration.

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**Action taken since last report  
(As on 4/12/09 – 4/03/2010)**

- Scroll message on DD News both in Hindi and English. It is displayed every 5 minutes, 24 hours a day for 90 days commencing from January 6, 2010.
  
- Centre for Good Governance, Hyderabad has been taken on board as a knowledge partner and for setting up of a National Resource Centre.
  
- Tool-kit for audit of Proactive disclosure has been completed. ISTM has undertaken a study of 15 Departments of the Government of India. A study for policy level inputs for reinforcing and improving Proactive disclosures is underway.
  
- Posters displayed in 30,000 post offices from 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2010.
  
- A concept paper has been prepared on the 'Amendment to the RTI Act' and has been put up to the MOS (PP). After approval by the Hon'ble Prime Minister the concept paper will be given wide publicity for consultation on contents.
  
- An SMS campaign on RTI has been carried out by Service Provider, Reliance. Other service Providers have also been requested through Secretary (Telecom) to carry the campaign, in Hindi and English.
  
- A presentation meeting on the conceptualisation of RTI LOGO was taken by MOS (PP) on 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2010.
  
- Audio-Visual campaigns have been run for 10 days each in January, 2010 and February, 2010 and on the DD NEWS and DD National during the live telecast of the Railway Budget, General Budget and the post budget discussions.

- RTI stall set up at Central Control Room, Har-ki-pauri, Haridwar for publicity during the Kumbh Mela