

INPUTS FOR DELIVERY MONITORING UNIT

As on 4/12/09

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) Two new Information Commissioners appointed on 23rd September, 2009 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.
- 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 6th October to 12th October, 2009
- c) Audio Visual publicity campaign launched from 31st July to 09th August 2009 and 6th October, 2009 to 15th October, 2009.
- c) Posters on RTI displayed in 35000 rural post offices in 8 States from 01st July 2009.
- d) On line certificate course on RTI launched on 07th September 2009. 1452 registrations received for the course of which 543 are from the non-government/private sectors. 5 Batches already completed.
- e) Consultation on current issues on RTI organised on 14th October 2009 at New Delhi for Chief Information Commissioners and Information Commissioners from Central and State Information Commissions. MOS (PP) inaugurated the consultation.
- e) A Consolidated Guide on RTI released for all stakeholders on 14th October, 2009 by MOS (PP). Guides forwarded to all stakeholders.
- f) International Consultation on RTI organised under the UNDP-GOI programme on "Capacity Building for Access to Information" on 8-9th October 2009 at Bengaluru.
- g) 5 days training (16th-20th 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 03rd 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 23rd 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
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8. 5 Batches of Online certificate course on RTI successfully completed.