

## **INPUTS FOR DELIVERY MONITORING UNIT**

**(As on 10/9/09)**

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) Public Information Officers designated and appointed in every public authority within 100 days of the enactment of the RTI Act, 2005
- c) Proactive disclosures published by public authorities within 120 days of the enactment of the RTI Act, 2005
- d) Designation of 3672 post offices in rural areas as Assistant Public Information Officers for various public authorities under the central government.
- e) 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) Audio Visual publicity campaign launched from 31<sup>st</sup> July to 09<sup>th</sup> August 2009 (**under the 100 Days Action Plan**).

- c) Posters on RTI displayed in 35000 rural post offices in 8 States from 01<sup>st</sup> July 2009 **(under the 100 Days Action Plan)**.
- d) On line certificate course on RTI launched on 07<sup>th</sup> September 2009. 1452 registrations received for the course of which 543 are from the non-government/private sectors **(under the 100 Days Action Plan)**.

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#### 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 **(under the 100 Days Action Plan)**.
- b) Disclosure of file notings allowed vide OM issued on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2009 **(under the 100 Days Action Plan)**.
- c) Rules for further disclosures under Section 4(1)(b) of the RTI Act, 2005 is under consideration **(under the 100 Days Action Plan)**.
- d) Consultative workshop on current issues on RTI is being organised on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2009 for Information Commissioners from central and state Information Commissions. MOS(PP) to inaugurate the workshop.

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