

IMPLEMENTATION OF RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT, 2005



The Right to Information Act, 2005 (RTI Act) received the assent of the President on 15 June 2005 and was published in the Gazette of India (Extraordinary) on 21 June 2005 with a view to setting out the practical regime of right to information for citizens to secure access to information under the control of public authorities, in order to promote transparency and accountability in the working of every public authority.

15.1.2 In consonance with this a separate section namely, RTI section has been created in the Department of Road Transport & Highways for implementing various provisions of the Act. This section, with the requisite supporting staff, is headed by a Section Officer and functions under the over all control of Joint Secretary (Admn), who is assisted by an Under Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

15.1.3 Necessary mechanism and procedures for receiving applications and application fees etc. from the citizens and for processing and disposal of the applications within the stipulated period as per provisions of the Act were put in place in the Department well in time.

15.1.4 Public Information Officers (PIOs) / Appellate Authorities in respect of the Department were designated within the stipulated period of 100 days as per provisions of section 5(1) of the Act. Having regard to the organizational set up of the Department at the headquarters and regional offices located at various places in the country and to avoid inconvenience to the citizens in identifying a single window face for seeking information under the Act, only one PIO (Nodal Officer) has been appointed at the headquarters at Delhi. All Chief Engineers, Director (Road Transport), Director (Finance), Director (Transport Research) and Deputy Secretary (Administration) have been appointed as Designated Officers (de-facto PIOs) for the purpose of processing and disposing of applications seeking information pertaining to their respective Wings / Divisions. All the Regional Officers have also been appointed as PIOs in respect of their respective regions located at different places in the country.

15.1.5 National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), an autonomous organization and National Institute for Training of Highway Engineers (NITHE), a society, under the administrative control of the Department have appointed their own PIOs / APIOs / Appellate Authorities.



15.1.6 Necessary action to publish, suo-moto, the information in respect of the Department as per provisions of Section 4(1)(b) of the Act was taken well within the stipulated time viz. within 120 days from the enactment of the Act, by uploading the information on the website of the Department.

15.1.7 For the convenience of the public, an official has been positioned at the Information and Facilitation Counter at Ground Floor of Transport Bhavan to receive requests / applications and application fee / fee for providing information from the citizens under the Act as also to help / guide the applicants as per provisions of the Act.

