

RTI Act, 2005 in DG: AIR

RTI Act, 2005 came into effect fully on 12th October, 2005.

The Right to Information Act, 2005 has been enacted with a view to promote transparency and accountability in the working of every public authority and to contain corruption in public life. Under the Act, every public authority is obliged to provide the information about its organisation's aims objectives, policies and programmes. The information is to be made available suo motu and on the request of the applicant as per provision of the Act.

Degination of the CPIO:-

Every Public Authority is obliged to designate as many CPIOs as considered necessary to provide the information to the applicant. DG: AIR has designated the CPIOs both for the Directorate and in r/o AIR Stations and O/o Zonal DDGs/CEs.

Appellate Authority:-

The Act, provides that in case of failure on the part of CPIO to provide information within the stipulated period of 30days or supply of incorrect or incomplete information, the applicant may submit appeal to the 1st Appellate Authority against the CPIO.

DG AIR has designated Appellate Authority to consider the appeals filed under the RTI Act, 2005.

The list of CPIOs and all the Appellate Authorities has been widely circulated. It has also been posted on the website of DGAIR.

Counter for Receipt fo Application under RTI

Information Facilitation Counter has been set up at the reception of the Akashwani Bhawan for receipt of application under RTI Act, 2005.

Nodal Officer

DDG (A) has been designated as Nodal Officer to oversee the implementation of the RTI Act in the Directorate. At present Sh. H.K. Pani DDG (A) is the Nodal Officer.

Nodal Section in respect of RTI

The Scor Section (Room No. 243) has been made the Nodal Section to deal with RTI matters. The Section shall coordinate all matters including registration of all RTI applications/appeals, sending the applications/appeals to the respective CPIOs/Appellate Authorities, compilation of data, and submission of Annual Report to CIC.

Suo motu disclosure

The right to information Act, 2005 provides for suo motu disclosure of information on 17 points enumerated therein by the public authority. DG AIR has taken action in this regard. The information required has been posted on the website of the Directorate.

AIR Stations/ Zonal officers have been asked to post information as available with them on AIR website.

Fee for RTI Application

Request for information is to be accompanied by the prescribed fee of Rs. 10/- by way of cash against proper receipt or the Demand Draft or the Banker's Cheque or the Indian Postal Order drawn in favour of "Accounts Officer, DG AIR" or Prasar Bharati (Broadcasting Corporation of India), DG AIR, New Delhi.

The fee can be deposited in cash with the cashier of DG: AIR (Room No. 228) Akashvani Bhawan, New Delhi - 110001.

Training in RTI

AIR has deputed officers for the training in ISTM where the training module includes the RTI Act as well.

STI (P) is providing training to officers and staff working at the AIR Stations. The RTI Act has been included in training module. Quite a huge No. of officers and staff has been trained and this is a continuing programme.