

# ANNUAL REPORT

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# **THE RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT, 2005**

## **No. 22 of 2005**

*(This Act of Parliament received the assent of the President on the 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2005 and published for general information on the 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2005)*

### **1. INTRODUCTION:**

After the Right to Information Act came into effect, the Government have constituted A.P. Information Commission vide G.O.Ms.No.504, G.A. (I&PR-II) Dept.,, dated: 12-11-2005 and appointed the Chief Information Commissioner and three Information Commissioners through G.O. Ms.No. 505, G.A (I&PR-II) Dept., dated: 12-11-2005. The Commission started functioning from 15-11-2005 i.e., the date on which the oath of office was administered by the Governor of Andhra Pradesh on the dates noted against each:

Sri C.D.Arha, IAS (Retd.), Chief Information Commissioner	: 15-11-2005
Sri Ambaty Subba Rao, Information Commissioner	: 15-11-2005
Sri K.Sudhakara Rao, Information Commissioner	: 15-11-2005
Sri R.Dileep Reddy, Information Commissioner	: 16-11-2005

### **2. RULES NOTIFIED UNDER RTI ACT:**

According to Section 27(1), the appropriate Government may by notification in Official Gazette, make rules to carryout the provisions of this Act. The Government vide G.O.Ms.No.454, G.A (I&PR.II) Department, dated 13.10.2005 issued (Regulation of fee and cost) Rules, 2005 prescribing the application fee, cost of material and mode of payment through Cash\ Demand Draft\Bankers' Cheque. Keeping in view the difficulties faced by the Public and for the convenience of the citizens, on the recommendations made by the A.P. Information Commission, the Government vide G.O.Ms.No.740, G.A. (Coordn, GPM&AR) Department, dated: 1-10-2007 further issued orders making a provision for its payment also through Postal Order and Court Fee Stamps. According to these rules no application fee is necessary for applicants who belong to

BPL category (i.e., white card holders) and also for the applications filed at village level. The application fee and the cost of material to be charged for providing information shall be remitted to the Head of Account:

“0070-Other Administrative Services-  
60.Other Services-  
MH.800-Other receipts-  
SH(25) Receipts under Right to Information Act,2005-  
001.Receipts under Right to Information Act, 2005”.

Government in G.O.Ms.No.66, G.A (I&PR.II) Department, dated 25.2.2006 have issued State Information Commission (Appeal Procedure) Rules, 2006 prescribing the detailed procedure of filing appeals such as contents of appeal, documents to accompany an appeal, procedure to be followed in deciding an appeal, service of notice/summons by Commission, personal appearance of the Appellant/Complainant etc.

### **3. COMPETENT AUTHORITIES:**

Under Section 2(e) of the RTI Act 2005, the following authorities are defined as Competent Authorities.

- (1) Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of a State and the Chairman in the case of Legislative Council of a State.
- (2) The Governor
- (3) The Chief Justice of the High Court in the case of High Court.

According to Sec. 28(1), the Competent Authority also may by notification in the Official Gazette, make rules to carry out the provisions of this Act.

Accordingly, the Hon'ble the Chief Justice of High Court of Andhra Pradesh has issued A.P. High Court Right to Information Rules, 2005 in ROC No.852/SO/2005, published in A.P.Gazette, Rules Supplement to Part.II Extra-Ordinary No.50, dated: 9-11-2005.

Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly Secretariat also issued Right to Information (Regulation of Fee and Cost) Rules, 2006 in G.O.Ms.No.27, Legislature (OP.I), dated: 16-6-2006.

#### **4. HIGH LEVEL COMMITTEE:**

To review the effective implementation of the RTI Act and to take spot corrective measures wherever required, Government have constituted High Level Committee under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary vide G.O.Rt.No.6412, G.A. (Coordn, GPM&AR) Department, dt. 15-11-2006 with the following officials:-

- |  |                      |
|--|----------------------|
| 1.Chief Secretary to Government                      | ..Chairman           |
| 2.Chief Information Commissioner (APIC)              | ..Member             |
| 3.Chief Commissioner, Land Administration            | ..Member             |
| 4.Spl.Chief Secretary, Finance Department            | ..Member             |
| 5.D.G. & I.G. of Police                              | ..Member             |
| 6.Secretary to Govt., Law (Legal Affairs) Department | ..Member             |
| 7.Director General & Executive Director, C.G.G.      | ..Member             |
| 8.Prl.Secy. to Govt., GA (Coordn.GPM&AR) Dept.       | .. Member / Convenor |

The High Level Committee has been holding periodical review meetings and taking steps to issue appropriate instructions to remove any bottlenecks in the implementation of the provisions of the RTI Act and also to further streamline the functioning of the public authorities in the State.

#### **5. EXEMPTIONS:**

Under Sec.24(2) of the RTI Act, 2005, the Central Government by its notification have exempted the following Intelligence and Security Organizations established by the Central Government.

1. Intelligence Bureau.
2. Research and Analysis Wing of the Cabinet Secretariat.
3. Directorate of Revenue Intelligence.
4. Central Economic Intelligence Bureau.
5. Directorate of Enforcement.
6. Narcotics Control Bureau.
7. Aviation Research Centre.
8. Special Frontier Force.
9. Border Security Force.
10. Central Reserve Police Force.
11. Indo-Tibetan Border Police.
12. Central Industrial Security Force.
13. National Security Guards.
14. Assam Rifles.
15. Special Service Bureau
16. Special Branch (CID), Andaman and Nicobar.
17. The Crime Branch-C.I.D. CB, Dadra and Nagar Haveli
18. Special Branch, Lakshadweep Police

According to Sec.24(4), the provisions of the RTI Act 2005 shall not apply to such Intelligence and Security Organizations established by the State Government as that Government may from time to time , by notification in the Official Gazette specify:

*Provided that the information pertaining to the allegations of corruption and Human Rights violations shall not be excluded under this sub-section:*

*Provided further that in the case of information sought for is in respect of allegations of violation of Human Rights, the information shall only be provided after the approval of the State Information Commission and, notwithstanding anything contained in section 7, such information shall be provided within forty-five days from the date of the receipt of request.*

In exercise of these powers, the State Government have exempted the following Intelligence and Security organizations established by the State Government through G.O.Ms.No.667, G.A.(GPM&AR) Dept., dated 3.9.2007:-

- 1.State Intelligence Dept and its Spl. Intelligence Branch, State Security Wing.
- 2.State Greyhounds Organization.
- 3.All District Special Branches under the control of Superintendents of Police.
- 4.All Security Units in the Districts under the Superintendents of Police
- 5.Andhra Pradesh Special Police (APSP)
- 6.Special Protection Force (SPF)
- 7.State Armed Reserve Central Police Line (SARCPL)

## **6. PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICERS (PIOs)/APPELLATE AUTHORITIES(AAs):**

Under Section 5(1) & (2) of the Act, all the Public Authorities in the State have designated Asst. Public Information Officers (APIOs), Public Information Officers (PIOs) and 1<sup>st</sup> Appellate Authorities and they have exhibited boards at prominent places in their offices containing the Names, Designations and their Telephone Numbers. The total number of PIOs designated under RTI Act in the State stands at **1,79,726** for the year 2007. The particulars of APIOs, PIOs and Appellate Authorities in Secretariat Departments, Heads of Departments, Offices of District Collectors and Offices of Superintendents of Police are shown at **Annexures - B,C,D & E.**

## **7. DEPARTMENT-WISE INFORMATION AND AMOUNT COLLECTED:**

The total amount collected during the year 2007 is Rs. 8,29,644/- towards application fee and cost of material. The Department-wise particulars showing the total number of applications received by the Public Information Officers, the number of applications to which information was furnished, the no. of applications rejected in the State under various provisions of the RTI Act and the amount collected towards application fee and cost of material are shown at **Annexure-F**.

## **8. DATA UNDER SEC. 4(1)(b):**

The Commission held series of meetings with the Chief Secretary, Special Chief Secretaries, Secretaries, Heads of Departments and pursued action with them and got the various provisions of the Act implemented. As a result, as required under Section 4(1)(b), the Public Authorities have prepared information about their organizations, functions, duties, powers, regulations etc., in 17 manuals and these have been made available in their offices and most of them have uploaded information in the Websites of APIC, A.P.Online and the Departmental as shown in **Annexures G and H**.

The A.P. Information Commission has transferred the data available in Departmental websites and also A.P.Online to the Website of A.P. Information Commission (**www.apic.gov.in**) for the convenience of the public.

## **9. TRAINING:**

The Commission recognized the need for proper training of the Public Information Officers, Appellate Authorities and pursued action with the Director General, Dr.MCR HRD Institute, Director General, Centre for Good Governance (CGG), Commissioner of School Education and District Collectors. As a result, the HRD Institute, CGG and Commissioner of School Education have conducted training programmes for Public Information Officers, Appellate Authorities and Civil Society Representatives during the year 2007 both at Hyderabad and at District Headquarters.

### **Dr. MCR HRD Institute:**

- |   |                                     |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Training of Trainers programs(ToT)                         | : 571 participants in 29 batches    |
| 2. Training programs for PIOs (3 day course)                  | : 480 participants in 16 batches    |
| 3. Training programs for PIOs (2 day course)                  | : 2,357 participants in 107 batches |
| 4. Training programs for Civil Society Representatives / NGOs | : 187 participants in 3 batches     |

5. Training programs for PIOs at District level :13,459 participants in 575 batches
6. Training programs for NGOs at District level : 41 participants in 14 batches

Centre for Good Governance:

1. All District Revenue Officers/Nodal Officers : 18.1.2007 and 20.1.2007
2. All PIOs of Secretariat Departments : 24.1.2007
3. All PIOs of Heads of Departments : 25.1.07, 27.1.07 and 29.1.07
- Commissioner of School Education : 7,500 PIOs

As there were changes of personnel among PIOs/Appellate Authorities who were trained earlier during 2005 and 2006 and new incumbents are now manning the posts of PIOs/Appellate Authorities and as complaints of delays in the disposal of applications are still coming, the Commission held meetings with Director General, Dr.MCR HRD Institute and also the Director General, Centre for Good Governance (CGG) on 19.7.2007, 27.7.2007 and 22.11.2007 and directed them to take up training programmes of PIOs/Appellate Authorities at all levels. As a result, the HRD Institute has finalized training programme for all PIOs/APIOs and Appellate Authorities at all District Head Quarters through their District Training Centres during February and March 2008. It has also proposed training as follows:-

1. Training of Trainers (ToT) - 3 batches
2. Training to PIOs / AAs - 12 batches (3 days duration)
3. Training to PIOs / AAs - 27 batches (2 days duration)

Under this dispensation, almost all the PIOs in the State would be exposed to a training / orientation programme.

**10. AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS / PROGRAMMES:**

The A.P. Information Commission fully recognizes that there is an urgent need to improve the level of awareness among the rural public so that the benefits of the RTI Act reach all sections of the people of the State and hence considered it absolutely imperative to conduct awareness campaigns particularly in rural areas to popularize the provisions of the RTI Act. The Chief Information Commissioner held discussions with the Prl. Secretary, G.A.(GPM&AR) Department; Director General, Dr. MCR HRD Institute; Director General, Centre for Good Governance and Special

Commissioner, Information and Public Relations Department and finalized the following awareness programs:-

- (i) Preparation of slides for exhibition in Cinema Theatres and beaming of strips on T.V.Channels.
- (ii) Preparation of short film of one minute duration to telecast on TV and Cinema Theatres through the Special Commissioner, Information and Public Relations.
- (iii) Preparation of a lesson on RTI to incorporate in the syllabus of schools in coordination with Department of School Education.
- (iv) Public Display Boards and module of Templates in rural areas for awareness of the public in coordination with PR & RD Department.
- (v) Development of e-learning Module on RTI by Centre for Good Governance, Hyderabad

#### **11. PUBLICITY MATERIAL:**

The A.P. Information Commission found that one of the main drawbacks in the popularization of the RTI Act was the absence of adequate publicity material. Therefore, the A.P. Information Commission, Centre for Good Governance and Commissioner of School Education got printed copies of RTI Act in English, Telugu and Urdu and got them distributed to the various Public Authorities along with the templates on Sections 4(1)(b) and 5(1)&(2), User Guides, Manuals for Public Authorities, PIOs and Appellate Authorities, Guides for Civil Society Organizations, Media and Citizens as shown below:-

##### A.P. Information Commission:

RTI Act copies in English	-	50,000
RTI Act copies in Telugu	-	50,000
RTI Act copies in Urdu	-	10,000

##### Centre for Good Governance:

Pamphlets	-	2,00,000
User Guides	-	41,000
Stickers	-	30,000
Posters	-	30,000
RTI Act (pocket size booklets)	-	30,000
Manuals for public authorities	-	4,000
<u>Commissioner of School Education</u>	-	70,000

Under the overall guidance of the A.P. Information Commission, the MCR HRD Institute has also conducted (15) Information Fairs for publicizing the RTI Act and distributed pamphlets to all the participants and the visitors to the Information Fairs. Several thousands of people visited these Fairs.

## **12. COMMISSION'S ROLE:**

A.P. Information Commission has been taking a pro-active role and regularly reviewing the work of the Public Authorities at the Secretariat, Heads of Department and the District levels.

The Chief Information Commissioner along with the Chief Secretary is also reviewing the progress of implementation of the provisions of the RTI Act in the monthly meetings with all the Spl. Chief Secretaries, Prl. Secretaries and Secretaries and giving suitable instructions on various matters to further streamline the implementation of the Act.

The Commission has also visited all the Districts and held review meetings with District Collectors and District Level Officers on the implementation of the Sections 4(1)(b) and 5(1)&(2) and also the status of disposal of the applications and submission of progress reports for preparation of Annual Report at the District level.

### **Review Meetings at Hyderabad with Secretaries & HODs:**

17-01-2007	- Secretariat, Hyderabad
02-02-2007	- Jubilee Hall, Hyderabad
12-02-2007	- Jubilee Hall, Hyderabad
24-02-2007	- Secretariat, Hyderabad
09-05-2007	- Secretariat, Hyderabad
17-10-2007	- Secretariat, Hyderabad

### **Review Meetings with all District Collectors & District Level Officers:**

06.11.2007	- at Visakhapatnam with Collectors of Visakhapatnam, Vizianagaram and Srikakulam
12.11.2007	- at Guntur with Collectors of Guntur and Prakasam
13.11.2007	- at Vijayawada with District Collectors of East Godavari, West Godavari and Krishna
15.11.2007	- at Tirupati with District Collectors of Chittoor, Kadapa, Anantapur and Nellore.
01.12.2007	- at Warangal with District Collectors of Warangal, Khammam and Karimnagar.
04.12.2007	- at Hyderabad with District Collectors of Rangareddy, Hyderabad, Nalgonda, Kurnool, Mahabubnagar, Nizamabad, Adilabad & Medak.

The main focus of these review meetings at Secretariat, Heads of Depts and District level was for timely operationalisation of provisions of Sections 4 (1) (b) and 5 (1) & (2). Thus, the Commission has been most persistently and regularly been reviewing this important item of work as these are the two provisions which form the very foundation on which the entire structure of the RTI is built. Apart from the high alertness and the priority indicated for suo-motu disclosure U/s 4(1)(b) and the pre-requisite capacity building u/s 5(1)&(2), these visits went a long way in sensitizing the public authorities at the District / Sub-division / Grass Root level on the aims and objectives of the RTI Act and the sincerity and commitment through which it should be implemented.

### **13. WEB BASED SERVICES FROM COMMISSION**

The availability of internet centers even in rural areas has made available the facility of browsing the websites. In view of this, the A.P. Information Commission has provided access to its information to the public by accessing the web site of the Commission ([www.apic.gov.in](http://www.apic.gov.in)). The appellants / complainants can know the status of their cases as also the final orders issued. The A.P. Information Commission is ensuring that all orders issued by the Commission are uploaded in its Website regularly on weekly basis after the disposal of each case. In view of this, presently any Appellant/Complainant can click a computer button and ascertain on the internet, from any place in the State or Country about the status of his appeal/complaint. Further, the following information is also available in the Commission's web site for ready reference of the public:

- Bio-Data Particulars of all the Commissioners
- G.Os pertaining to A.P. Information Commission
- Constitution of Commission
- Composition of Commission
- Premises of Information Commission
- RTI Act, 2005 in Telugu, English, Hindi and Urdu
- Regulation of Fee Rules
- Procedure for disposal of Appeals
- Circular memos issued on RTI Act,2005
- Data U/s 4(1)(b) of APIC

#### **14. FILE TRACKING SYSTEM:**

The Commission in association with CGG has developed File Tracking System for its office. All the tappal received at Reception / Inward level are being entered online in the proforma prescribed in the computer through auto generated tappal numbering system and acknowledgement slip is being issued instantly across the table to those who present their appeals/complaints in person in Commission's office. The status of the cases is also being updated from time to time after disposal of each case. The applicant can know the status of his case and final order passed from the click of a button on computer from any location in the State or the Country.

#### **15. STATUS THROUGH SMS:**

The Andhra Pradesh Information Commission in association with the Centre for Good Governance, Hyderabad has designed and developed the system of '**Status through SMS**'. Public can know the status of appeal/complaint filed in A.P. Information Commission instantly through this system. The process is "**SMS: APIC>Space>Regd No>space>Year> to 99896 51152**". System will receive the SMS and search the records in the database and then give an instant return status through SMS on computer generated auto response. Through this facility, the status of any complaint or appeal filed before the Commission could be known, round the clock 24 x 7 without any human interface. This is a pioneering effort and has been operationalised for the first time in the State of A.P. The Central Information Commission, Govt. of India has strongly recommended such practice and facility to be emulated throughout the Country.

#### **16. ANNUAL REPORT:**

Under Section 25 (1) & (4) of the RTI Act, 2005, the State Information Commission shall prepare at the end of each year a report on the implementation of the provisions of this Act in the State. The report prepared shall be forwarded to the Government which in turn will be laid on the Table of the House in the Assembly and Council.

At the request of A.P. Information Commission, the Government vide G.O.Rt.No.6488, General Administration (GPM&AR) Department, dated 20.11.2006 issued instructions that each Public Information Officer shall maintain **Register-I** in the prescribed proforma for recording the status of requests received from persons seeking information under section 6(1) of the RTI Act. It should also contain the number of

requests received, disposed, rejected and pending along with the amount collected towards application fee and charges for providing information.

Each 1<sup>st</sup> Appellate Authority shall maintain **Register-II** in the prescribed proforma for recording the status of appeals filed before him/her with regard to the date of receipt, the PIO against whose decision appeal was filed and their disposals.

The information has to be collected from Public Information Officers at the field level and have it transmitted upto Secretariat level. In order to facilitate the collection and transmission of information, four critical stages have been identified as shown below and similar proforma for furnishing information at all the stages has been prescribed:-

**Proforma-A:**

Each Public Information Officer (PIO) shall prepare information in Proforma-A from the particulars maintained in Register-I and submit to District Officer of his Department at the end of each quarter.

**Proforma-B:**

Each District Officer shall collect information from all the PIOs working under his/her control and consolidate the information of the District in Proforma-B after including his own office information and submit it to the Head of the Department.

**Proforma-C:**

Each Head of the Department will collect the information from the District Officers of all the Districts and prepare a consolidated statement after including his Office information in Proforma-C and submit to the concerned Secretariat Department.

**Proforma-D:**

Each Secretariat Department will collect the information from all the Heads of Departments and other units under its control, such as Universities, Corporations etc. and prepare a consolidated statement in Proforma-D including the information of the Secretariat Department and submit the same to the A.P. Information Commission for the preparation of Annual Report. At the request of AP Information Commission, the Govt. in U.O.Note No.19108/RTIA/KPS/ GPM&AR/07-1, dated: 6.07.2007 issued

instructions reiterating the orders issued in the G.O.Rt.No.6488, G.A.(GPM&AR) Department, dated 20.11.66 to furnish quarterly reports, as mentioned below:-

First quarter ending 31.3.2007	by 20.04.2007
Second quarter ending 30.6.2007	by 20.07.2007
Third quarter ending 30.9.2007	by 20.10.2007
Fourth quarter (Annual Report 1.1.07 to 31.12.07)	by 20.01.2008

In consultation with the Centre for Good Governance, the A.P. Information Commission has developed programme (software) to transmit the information online to the A.P. Information Commission directly from all the Offices.

#### **17. MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS:**

With a view to further streamline the functioning of the Commission, the A.P. Information Commission have issued its Management Regulations 2007 which have come into effect from 1.11.2007. In these regulations, the Commission's working hours, vacations, powers and functions of its Secretary, Registrar and other functionaries and the procedures of registry, scrutiny, summoning etc., have been clearly laid down and placed in the Commission's website. For the convenience of the public, a provision has been made for dealing with matters of urgent nature emanating during the vacation period of the Commission, wherein one of the Commission Members will be available to hear the appeals/ complaints of urgent nature.

#### **18. STATUS OF RTI APPLICATIONS FILED IN THE STATE:**

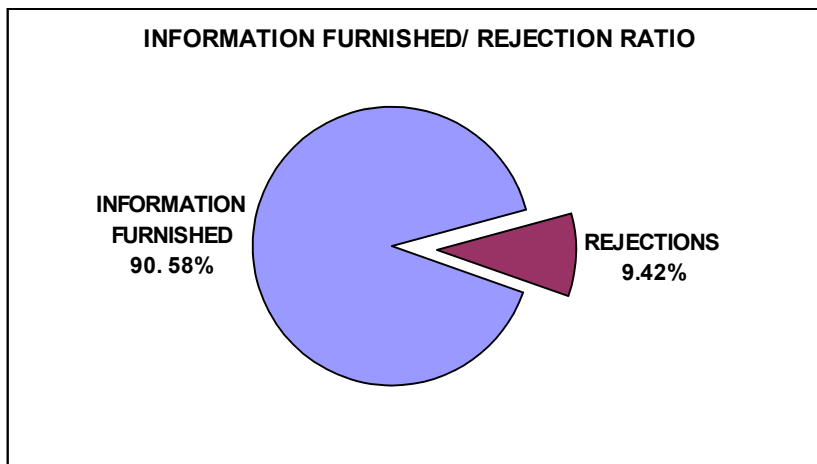
Applications received in all Departments in the State and their disposal during the year 2007 are shown below: (1.1.2007 - 31.12.2007)

Total Applications received	:	31,964
Total Applications disposed	:	27,775 (86.89%)
Total Applications pending	:	4,189

#### **DISPOSAL STATUS OF RTI APPLICATIONS FILED IN THE STATE:**

Out of 27,775 applications disposed in the State during the year 2007, the classification of the disposals ie., information furnished or rejected, and their percentage are given hereunder:

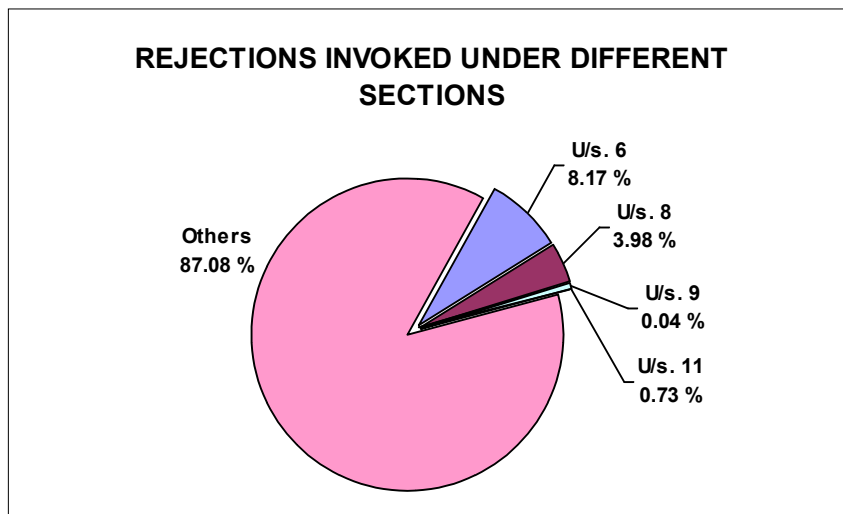
Information furnished	:	25,158 (90.58%)
Rejections	:	2,617 (9.42%)



REJECTIONS OF RTI APPLICATIONS FILED:

Out of the 2,617 applications rejected, the following are the provisions invoked while rejecting them :

Under sec.6	..	214
Under Sec.8(1)(a)	..	32
Under Sec.8(1)(b)	..	5
Under Sec.8(1)(c)	..	3
Under Sec.8(1)(d)	..	5
Under Sec.8(1)(e)	..	3
Under Sec.8(1)(f)	..	4
Under Sec.8(1)(g)	..	6
Under Sec.8(1)(h)	..	31
Under Sec.8(1)(i)	..	1
Under Sec.8(1)(j)	..	14
Under Sec.9	..	1
Under Sec.11	..	19
Others	..	2,279



**19. STATUS OF CASES FILED IN THE A.P. INFORMATION COMMISSION:**

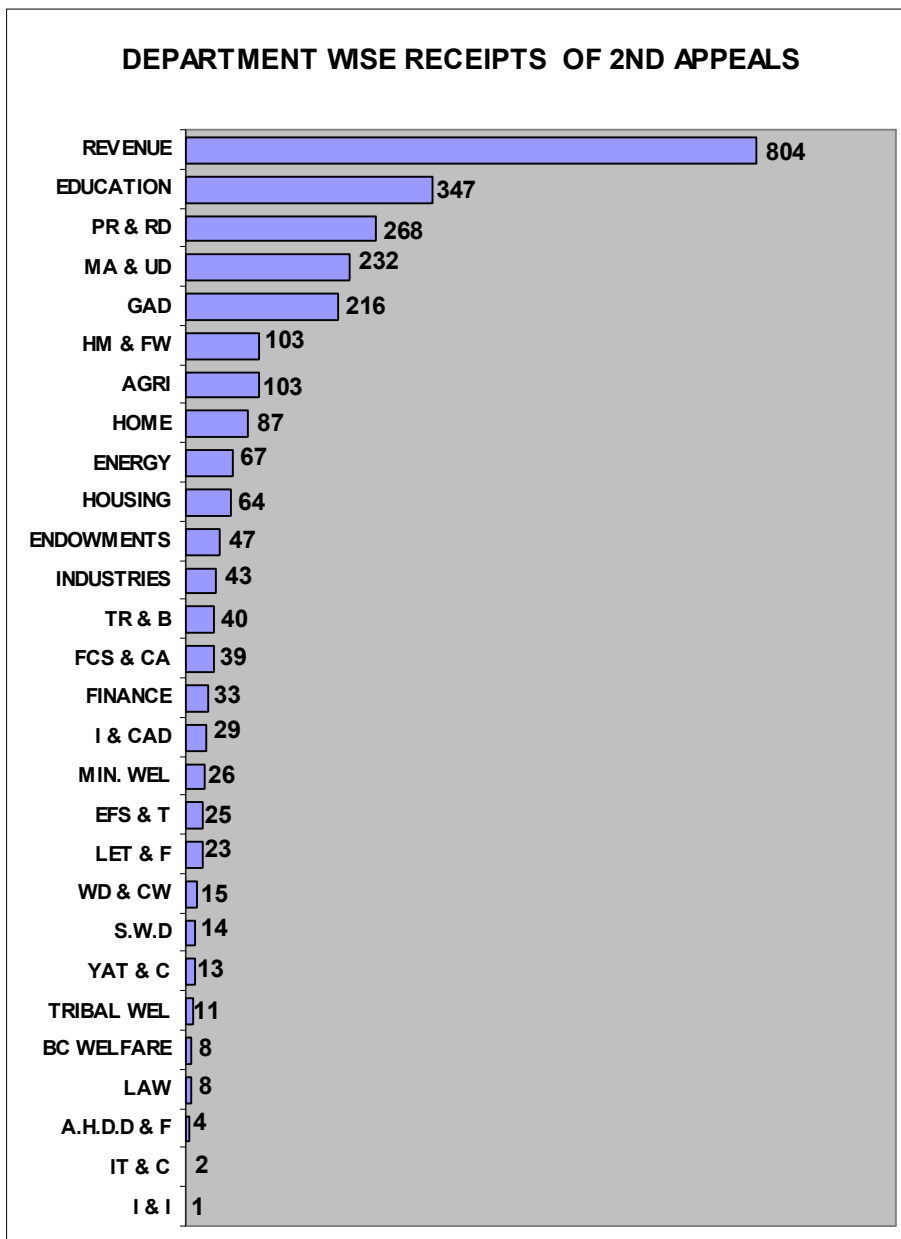
A.P. Information Commission has received 7,780 currents during the year 2007 in the form of appeals/complaints/others as shown below:

Sl. No.	Classification	Receipts	Disposals	Pending
1	Opening balance as on 1-1-07	423	423	---
2	Appeals	2,484	1,786	698(*)
3	Complaints	88	45	43(*)
4	Others	5,208	4,690	518
	<b>Total</b>	<b>8,203</b>	<b>6,944</b> <b>(84.65 %)</b>	<b>1,259</b> <b>(15.35 %)</b>

(\*) The appeals and complaints pending are under process at various stages and most of them are less than five months.

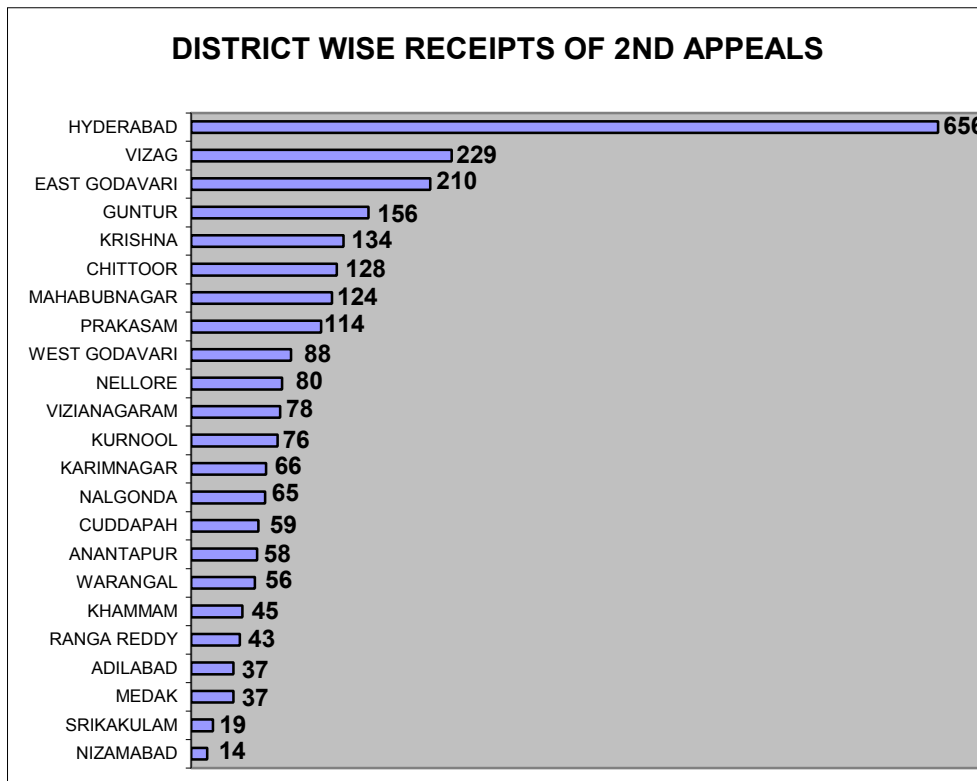
## DEPARTMENT-WISE RECEIPT OF APPEALS / COMPLAINTS IN APIC:

The Department wise receipt of second appeals / complaints received during the year 2007 are as follows:-



**DISTRICT-WISE SECOND APPEALS / COMPLAINTS :**

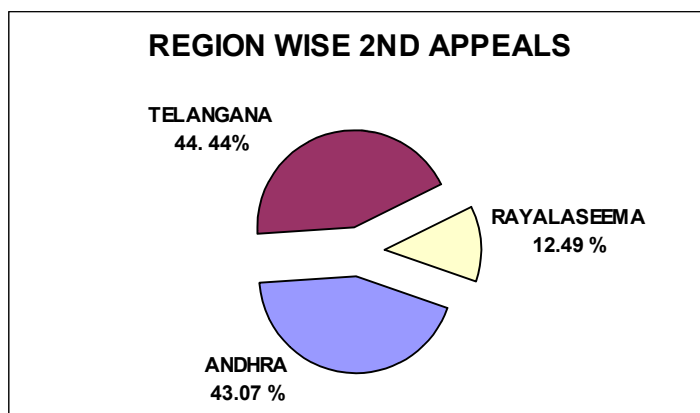
The district wise receipt of 2<sup>nd</sup> appeals / complaints received in the A.P. Information Commission during the year 2007 are as follows:-



**REGION WISE SECOND APPEALS:**

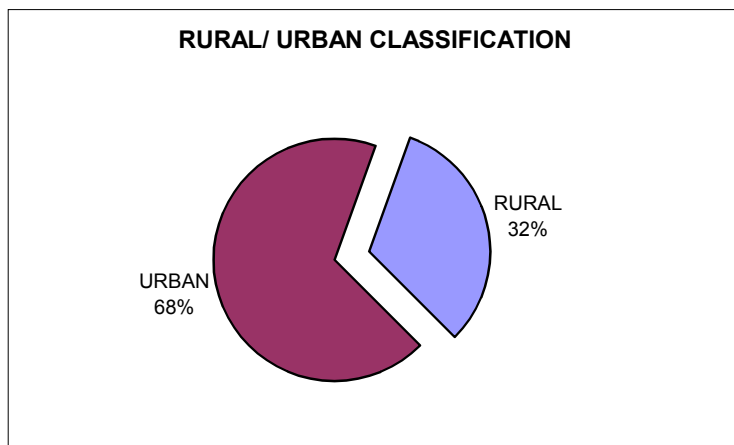
The percentage of region-wise receipts of appeals in the A.P. Information Commission during the year 2007 is as follows:

Andhra Region	:	43.07%	(9 Districts)
Telangana Region	:	44.44%	(10 Districts)
Royalaseema Region	:	12.49%	(4 Districts)



## **RURAL / URBAN:**

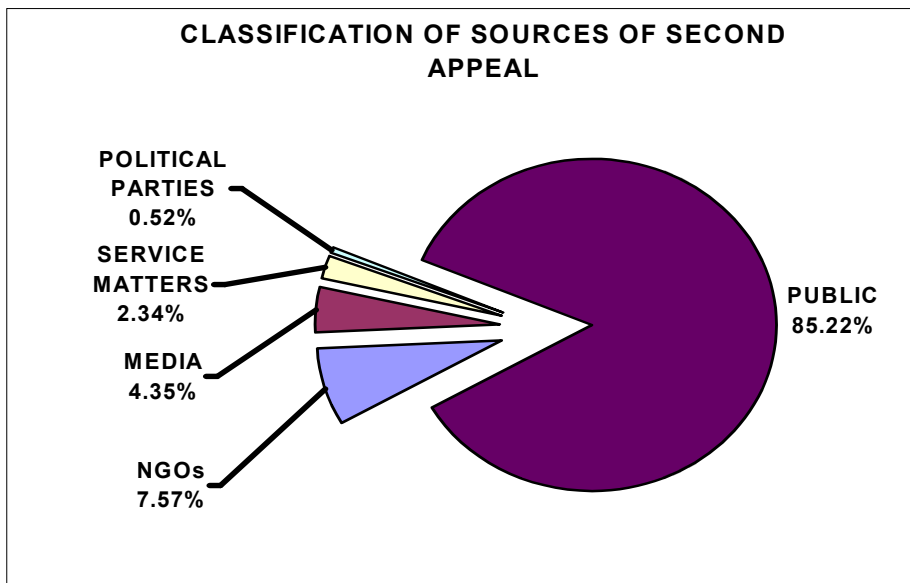
The total number of appeals / complaints received from rural areas during 2006 were 139, which works out to 11%. The Commission has observed that there was urgent need to improve the level of awareness among the rural public so that the benefits of the RTI Act reach all sections of the State. Efforts have been made to popularize the provisions of the Act by conducting awareness campaigns particularly in rural areas. As a result, the total number of appeals / complaints received from rural areas during 2007 are 823, which works out to 32%. This is an encouraging development within a short period of 2 years.



## **SOURCES OF APPEALS:**

The A.P. Information Commission has received the appeals / complaints from different sources like NGOs, Media, service personnel, political parties, public and others. The classification is as follows:-

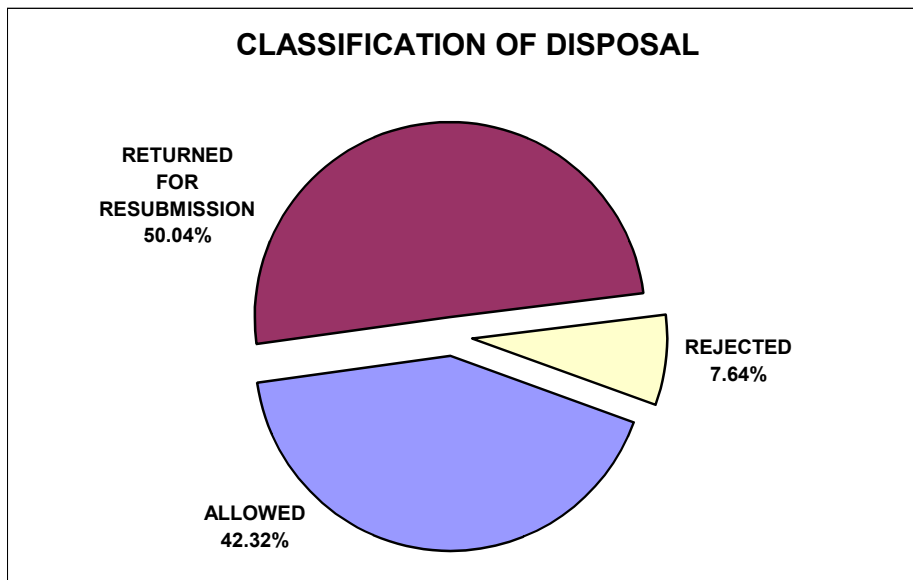
1. N.G.Os	:	7.57%
2. Media	:	4.35%
3. Service Matters	:	2.34%
4. Political Parties	:	0.52%
5. Public	:	85.22%



### DISPOSAL STATUS OF THE SECOND APPEALS FILED IN A.P.I.C:

Out of 2,254 cases of appeals/complaints disposed during the year 2007, the following is the classification of the disposals in the Commission:

Allowed	:	954 (42.32 %)
Returned for re-submission	:	1,128 (50.04 %)
Rejected	:	172 ( 7.64 %)



## **20. PENALTIES & DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS:**

Sec.20 of the Act which provides for imposition of penalties and disciplinary action is reproduced below:-

20(1). Where the State Information Commission, at the time of deciding any complaint or appeal is of the opinion that the State Public Information Officer, has, without any reasonable cause, refused to receive an application for information or has not furnished information within the time specified under sub-section (1) of Section 7 or malafidely denied the request for information or knowingly given incorrect, incomplete or misleading information or destroyed information which was the subject of the request or obstructed in any manner in furnishing the information, it shall impose a penalty of two hundred and fifty rupees each day till application is received or information is furnished, so however, the total amount of such penalty shall not exceed twenty five thousand rupees:

*Provided that the State Public Information Officer shall be given a reasonable opportunity of being heard before any penalty is imposed on him;*

*Provided further that the burden of proving that he acted reasonably and diligently shall be on the State Public Information Officer.*

20(2) Where the State Information Commission at the time of deciding any complaint or appeal is of the opinion that the State Public Information Officer has without any reasonable cause and persistently, failed to receive an application for information or has not furnished information within the time specified under sub-section (1) of section 7 or malafidely denied the request for information or knowingly given incorrect, incomplete or misleading information or destroyed information which was the subject of the request or obstructed in any manner in furnishing the information, it shall recommend for disciplinary action against the State Public Information Officer under the service rules applicable to him.

No. of cases in which show-cause notices were issued	:	33 cases
No. of cases in which warning was issued for violation of the provision of RTI Act	:	9 cases
No. of cases in which orders were issued for enquiry	:	3 cases
No. of cases in which penalties were imposed	:	1 case

## **21. VISIT OF PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE:**

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, Law and Justice under the Chairmanship of Dr. E.M.Sudarsana Natchiappan, MP, Rajya Sabha conducted a review meeting in Hyderabad with the Chief Secretary to Government of Andhra Pradesh, Officers of A.P. Government together with the officials of the A.P.Information Commission on 08.01.2008 on the implementation of the RTI Act in the State. The Committee greatly appreciated the work being done under RTI Act in the State.

## **22. NATIONAL CONVENTION ON RTI ACT:**

On the completion of one year of implementation of the RTI Act, a National Convention was held on 13-15<sup>th</sup> October, 2006 at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi where the Chief Information Commissioners, State Information Commissioners, NGOs and Civil Society Organizations and Eminent Personalities participated. The President and the Prime Minister of India participated and addressed the participants.

On the completion of two years after the introduction of RTI Act, a Conference of Chief Information Commissioners and State Information Commissioners was held on 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2007 at New Delhi. The conference made the following recommendations:-

- To identify the major obstacles in flow of information and to outline ways and measures for removing them for facility of the public.
- To evolve mechanism for effective cooperation and coordination of the activities of Central / State Information Commissions, especially:-  
Documentation and dissemination of best practices in India and abroad
- Creation of an e-enabled common portal for Information Commissions on the lines of COURTNIC (System evolved for the Supreme Court and High Courts).
- To review rules and executive orders issued under the Act.
- To suggest measures for accelerating
- The process of scientific management of all records in all offices in the Government and public authorities.
- The spread of public awareness and training as mandated by Section-26 of the RTI Act.
- Information delivery at the district level.

### **23. NATIONAL COORDINATION COMMITTEE:-**

A National Committee for Coordination has been constituted with the following members:-

1. Shri K.K. Misra, CIC, Karnataka
2. Shri Suresh Vinayakrao Joshi, CIC, Maharashtra
3. Shri P. Talitemjen Ao, CIC, Nagaland
4. Justice Shashank Kumar Singh, CIC, Bihar
5. Shri A.K. Vijayavargiya , CIC, Chattisgarh
6. Dr. R.S. Tolia, CIC, Uttarakhand
7. Shri G. Madhavan, CIC, Haryana.
8. Prof. M.M. Ansari, Central Information Commissioner
9. Shri C.D. Arha, IAS (Retd), CIC, A.P.
10. Shri Rajan Kashyap, CIC Punjab, Convenor

The Committee held its second meeting on 2.2.2008 in the Office of A.P. Information Commission wherein AP Information Commission / Centre for Good Governance made power point presentation on the status of implementation of RTI Act in the State. The Committee has highly appreciated the initiatives of the A.P. Information Commission in the effective application of Information Technology for Data Management and Monitoring in the context of the RTI Act. Sri M.M. Ansari, the Central Information Commissioner inaugurated the **SMS facility** through which the status of any complaint or appeal filed before the A.P.Information Commission could be known by sending SMS message to the Commission's number (**SMS APIC>Regd No> space> Year> to 99896 51152**). The Committee recommended to adopt the procedures being followed in the A.P.Information Commission for other states and also to recommend to nominate the CGG as the National Information Resource Centre.

### **24. RECOMMENDATIONS:**

#### **Awareness:**

Section 26 of the Act mandates the Government to:-

- (a) develop and organize educational programmes to advance the understanding of the public, in particular of disadvantaged communities as to how to exercise the rights contemplated under this Act;
- (b) encourage Public Authorities to participate in the development and organization of programmes referred to in clause (a) and to undertake such programmes themselves;
- (c) promote timely and effective dissemination of accurate information by Public Authorities about their activities; and

(d) train State Public Information Officers, as the case may be of Public Authorities and produce relevant training materials for use by the public authorities themselves.

The Government had to compile in its official language a guide containing such information, in an easily comprehensible form and manner, as may reasonably be required by a person who wishes to exercise any right specified in this Act.

From the above, it is clear that it is the duty and obligation of the Government to create the necessary awareness both on the supply as well as the demand side. For this, it is essential that adequate budgetary allocations are made for conducting seminars, symposiums, workshops as also for the printing of guides and pamphlets. As visual media has expanded rapidly, efforts should be made to effectively use this media. The Commission has observed that the receipt of the complaints and appeals from rural areas need to be improved. Though there is some improvement in the mindset of Public Authorities during the last 2 years still there is scope for its improvements so that the applications under RTI Act are no longer perceived with hostility. The Act which has been passed by the Parliament assented to by the President, and notified has become the law of the land. It is a major step forward in heralding transparency, accountability, openness and Good Governance, and, denotes a paradigm shift to demystify the Government functioning and bring out all the processes involved into the public domain. Thus, it is mandatory for this important item of work, adequate resources are deployed and sufficient funds are made available to inculcate greater awareness, both in the supply as well as the demand side.

Every Department must necessarily come out with "User Guides" so as to ensure proper implementation of the schemes and programme as well as to achieve utmost participation from the public. It should be made mandatory for all the Departments to upload their websites not only on the existing programmes but also on all the new and on going schemes. For such of the Departments who default, adverse notice must be taken and responsibility be cast on the Secretary concerned.

**Performance of the Officers:**

In view of the high profile of the legislation and its crucial role in achieving transparency, accountability, Good Governance and eliminating corruption, it is absolutely important that while apprising the performance of the officers, a specific column is incorporated into the forms of Annual Confidential Reports / Self Assessment Reports prescribed, which should specifically refer to the officers' attitude towards the

implementation of Right to Information Act. This will go a long way in conveying a message to the functionaries manning the Public Authorities that the Government are very serious about in its implementation and a negative approach to the Act can jeopardize the careers and promotional avenues of the officers concerned.

**Remuneration to APIOs and PIOs:**

RTI Act is a legislation which has very strict time limits for execution and for delays caused and there is a personal liability on the Information Officer concerned. As the Act gets more acceptance, there will be significant increase in the number of applications received which will have to be processed within the time limit prescribed. This implies a significant increase in the work load on the officers dealing with the subject. Often they have to pursue matters coming in the jurisdiction of their seniors and this may also invite incurring their displeasure / annoyance. As the second appeal with the Commission is concerned, the culpability of the Information Officer is very clearly defined. Thus, it is clear, that the job of the Information Officer will become a high risk assignment which causes a heavy additional burden and exposes the officers to punitive action while at the same time there is no compensatory monetary relief. In view of the above, it will be in the fitness of the things, if some token honorarium is given to all such officers who are designated as the APIO or PIO.

As per the practices in vogue, whenever the need arises, all those associated with the election work come under the administrative control of the Election Commission of India. Similarly, all such officers who are designated as Vigilance Officers come under the administrative control of the Vigilance Commissioner. This ensures a certain degree of unified command structure, and insulates the field level functionaries from extraneous influences. On similar lines, it is suggested, that all the Information Officers must come under the administrative control of the Information Commission and once designated, they cannot be transferred, changed or altered without the prior permission of the Information Commission.

**Allotment of Budget:**

Keeping in view the critical importance of the legislation which aims to create an open, transparent and accountable administration, it is recommended that each Department must earmark atleast one percent of its budgetary allocation towards meeting its obligations under this Act.

## **25. SOME IMPORTANT CASE LAW**

### **Appeal No. 320/IC-DR/2006, dated 26-06-07 - Supply of Note Files**

Name of the Appellant : Sri O.D.Sharma  
Public Authority : Prl. Secretary (PR&RD Dept.)

An appeal was filed before the Prl. Secretary to Govt., PR & RD Dept., requesting to furnish note files of 3 files of 2002, 2003 and 2004 years of PR & RD Departments. As the appellant did not get the note files, he filed an appeal before this Commission requesting to issue instructions to the Prl. Secretary to Govt., to furnish the note files as requested by him. It is clear that “file notings” do not fall in any of the exempted category in terms of section 8 and also, as per the definition given u/s 2 (f), 2(i) and 2 (j) it is abundantly clear that “file notings” have not been excluded and the public authority **MUST** disclose the “file notings” as and when an applicant asks for them.

The plea of the Prl. Secy., PR & RD Dept., that the information sought for has been exempted u/s 8(1) (i) of the Act has no relevance and cannot be accepted. Sec. 8(1) (i) provides exemption for cabinet papers including records of deliberations of the Council of Ministers. But, in the instant case of compassionate appointment is NOT a matter for a Cabinet Decision as per rules of Business. Therefore, the stand taken by the Prl. Secy., PR & RD Dept., that “note files” cannot be furnished as per exemption from disclosure under Sec.8(1) (i) of the Act has no legs to stand, and the same is not tenable.

*“On 13.6.2007 the case was called. The Appellant requested for the adjournment of the case to 21.6.2007 vide fax letter dated 12.6.2007. The respondent was present and submitted a copy of the note files sought by the appellant. The Commission directed the Respondent that the same be supplied to the Appellant through **Registered Post with Acknowledgement Due** forthwith and a compliance be sent to the Commission before 5 p.m. on the same day i.e., 13.6.2007.”*

The respondent submitted compliance report together with postal receipt before the Commission as directed.

Based on this decision Govt., through Circular U.O. Note No. 2474/RTIA/KPS/GPM&AR/07-02 dated 12.6.07 issued orders clarifying that note files also have to be furnished.

**Appeal No. 2559/CIC/07 dated 5.6.07 - Tender documents to be in public domain - No exemption u/s 8(1)(e)**

Name of the Appellant : Sri S. Basu  
Public Authority : Director (PA&W), Singareni Collieries Company Ltd.

Singareni Collieries refused to furnish information on tenders relating to purchase of PROMTRACTOR DOZER / PIPELAYER and other equipment which were already finalized, on the ground that it was exempted U/s 8(1) (e) of the RTI Act. The Commission held that information on the tender evaluation must be in public domain and MUST be disclosed. *“This Commission having examined the material available on record and also having perused the written submission made by the Respondent and after hearing the rival contentions of the parties is unable to agree with the contentions of the Respondent. This Commission upholds the contention of the Appellant that the information requested for is within the public domain and the same **MUST** be disclosed. The Act stands for transparency, accountability and eradication of corruption. As huge amounts are involved, the process of tender evaluation **MUST** necessarily be in the public domain. The public has a right to seek full information on the evaluation of tender documents and minutes of the tender committee are vital ingredients. These will have to be in the public domain and fiduciary relationship clause cannot be invoked.*

*In the light of the aforesaid discussion, the request of the Appellant is within the public domain and the same must be disclosed”.* SCCL has implemented the above order.

**Appeal No. 3239/CIC/2007, Dt. 24-08-2007 - Private sugar factories also come under the purview of RTI Act**

Name of the Appellant : Sri Pulla Raja Goud  
Public Authority : Commissioner of Sugar & Cane Commissioner

On a complaint received that Private Sugar factories were not furnishing information under RTI Act stating that they do not come under the RTI Act, the Commission through Lr.No.3239/CIC/2007, dated 24.08.2007 gave instructions that under Sec.2(f) of the RTI Act any private body which can be accessed by a public authority under any other law also is required to furnish information and directed the Commissioner of Sugar and Cane Commissioner to issue instructions. Accordingly the Commissioner of Sugar and Cane Commissioner through his letter Rc.No.C2/895/2005, dated 10.09.2007 issued instructions clarifying that even private Sugar Factories come under the purview of the RTI Act.

**Appeal No.496/CIC/07 dated 28.5.07 - Applicability of Sec. 8(1) (h)**

Name of the Appellant : Sri T. Ramesh Reddy  
Public Authority : Chief General Manager, APIIC

An applicant filed an application before the PIO /A.P. Industrial Infrastructure Corporation seeking the details of Survey Numbers, names of house owners whose lands were deleted due to presence of houses, religious structures, house plots etc., in respect of Turkayamzal, Nadargul, Bongluru and Adibatla Villages in the finalization of Outer Ring Road (ORR). "The appellant further stated that as the information received was insufficient, he filed an appeal dated: 11-12-06 before the Appellate Authority, APIIC and that the Appellate Authority informed him through his letter No. 22126/ED-1&AA/RTI-2005/2006, dated: 11-01-2007 that the information sought for by the appellant cannot be provided u/s 8(h) of RTI Act, 2005 as the matter is under CBI investigation".

"The Appellant therefore, filed appeal before the Commission requesting to provide the information.

"On 25-05-2007 the case was called. The Appellant was absent. The Respondent, the Chief General Manager, APIIC was present. The plea of the respondent is that as the matter is under investigation of the CBI ipso-facto, sec 8 (1) (h) of the RTI Act, 2005 is applicable. This is NOT what the law says. Sec 8 (1) (h) of the said Act is to be invoked only when "it impedes the process of investigation". In the absence of any such request made by the investigating agency i.e the CBI, this section is not-applicable and therefore non-maintainable. Moreover the Commission observed that the information asked for are pure facts which cannot be altered whatever the stage of investigation. In view of the foregoing, the Commission directed the Respondent to supply the information requested within 30 days of receipt of this order to the appellant and report compliance to this Commission".

**Appeal No.2909/CIC/07, dated 27-10-2007 - Access to file noting and legal opinion of APP - No exemption under Sec. 8(1) (h)**

Name of the Appellant : Sri Hari Kishan Agarwal  
Public Authority : ACP, Asifnagar Division, Hyd.

One Applicant sought to peruse the file noting of Dy. Commissioner of Police and also a copy of the legal opinion given by APPO. The PIO/Inspector of Police, through letter No.ILHO/02/2007 dated 23.5.2007 informed the Appellant that the noting of the

then DCP in connection with Cr.No.288/03 vide CC No.705/04 and Cr.No.193/04 vide CC No.765/04 are part of investigation of the above cases and the matter will be informed to him after finalization of investigation process. He further informed that with regard to legal opinion of APPO on the proceedings of Section 145 Cr.P.C., it is in the process of finalization and the matter will be informed to him very soon.

Aggrieved by the decision of the PIO, the Appellant filed an appeal before the Commission. The Asst. Commissioner of Police concerned through his letter No.788/ACP-AN/OW/2007 dated 30.9.2007 addressed to the Appellant informed that the noting of the then DCP in connection with Cr.No.288/2003 vide CC No.705/4 & Cr.No.193/04 vide CC No.765/04 are part of investigation of the above cases and the same will impede the process of investigation and as such it will be informed to him after finalization of investigation process and with regard to legal opinion by APPO on the proceedings of Section 145 Cr.P.C. it is in the process of finalization and the matter will be informed to him very soon.

On 23.10.2007 the case was called. The Appellant and the Respondent were present. The Commission is of the view that the Respondent's plea of rejection u/s 8(1) (h) is not maintainable as the case has already been closed and there is no "offender" as of now. The Commission directed the Appellant to approach the Respondent for perusing the file, for which the Appellant agreed. The Commission further directed the Respondent to allow the Appellant to peruse the file and also to supply the copies requested by the Appellant.

**Appeal No.1206/CIC/07, dt. 28-05-07 - Respondent sending reply to HOD instead of to the Appellant – not correct**

Name of the Appellant : Sri G. Ramachandra Rao  
Public Authority : Director of Health, A.P.

An appellant filed an application to the PIO / DMHO seeking information on mis-utilisation of funds under Family Planning Programme, action taken against the persons responsible. As the appellant did not get the information even after he filed an appeal before the Appellate Authority/Director of Health, he approached the Commission.

On 25-05-07 the case was called. The Appellant and the Respondent were present. The Appellant confirmed the receipt of partial information. The Respondent stated that the information was sent to the Commissioner of Family Welfare Department. The Commission pointed out that the plea that the information was sent to the Commissioner of Family Welfare Dept., cannot be accepted as it has no locus standi in

the matter. The Commission pointed out that under the RTI Act, 2005 the PIO has to furnish information directly to the applicant and his obligation does not abate by sending the information to the higher ups in the Department i.e., Commissioner. The Commission directed that the Respondent must supply the remaining information also to the appellant within 30 days from the date of receipt of this order.

**Appeal No. 3599/CIC/06, Dt. 06-08-07 - Government issued Orders**

Name of the Appellant : Sri M.V. Ramana  
Public Authority : Spl. Officer, ULC, Vijayawada

An appellant vainly represented to the Tahsildar, Vijayawada (Urban) & the Spl. Officer & Competent Authority, Urban Land Ceilings, Vijayawada since 2005 to correct the name of his father in G.O.Ms.No.485, Rev. (UCI) Dept., dated 13-04-2005. As there was no action for nearly 2 years, he approached the Commission. The Commission passed the following order on 06-08-2007.

“The Commission hereby directs the Prl. Secretary to Govt., Revenue Dept., A.P. Secretariat, Hyderabad to take notice that as the matter has now come up under the RTI Act, 2005, he should take further action urgently and the action taken report on the proposal dt. 7-2-2006 of the SO & CA, ULC, Vijayawada be furnished to the Complainant within 30 days from the date of receipt of this order”.

Within 12 days of Commission’s order, the Govt., through G.O.Ms.No.1107, Rev. (UCI) Dept., dated 18-08-2007 issued orders amending the earlier G.O and reported compliance.

**Appeal No. 4091/CIC/07, Dt. 10-09-07 - Settlement of EPF claim**

Name of the Appellant : Sri John Richard  
Public Authority : Commissioner, EPF Orgn., Hyderabad.

A Complaint was received that M/s. IMI Soft Ware Limited was not finalizing the EPF claim of a Software Engineer inspite of representing the matter to the Commissioner, Employees Provident Fund Organisation. The Commission requested the Commissioner, E.P.F. Organisation, Hyderabad to take action and report. The Regional PF Commissioner-I, Hyderabad through his letter AP/RO-HYD/RTIA/other-States/2007/676 dated 2-1-2008 has informed that the EPF claim was finally settled and that a cheque dated 03-12-2007 was delivered to the Complainant.

## ANNEXURE-A

### REVIEW MEETINGS / VISITS OF THE COMMISSION DURING THE YEAR 2007

Sl. No	Meeting	Place	Date
1.	Addressed the trainees in the Training Programme on RTI Act, 2005 at CIRE, Shivrampally	Shivrampally, Hyderabad	08.01.2007
2.	Review Meeting with Spl.Chief Secretaries, Prl. Secretaries and Secretaries along with CS	Secretariat, Hyderabad	17.01.2007
3.	High Level Committee Meeting in the Chambers of Chief Secretary	Secretariat, Hyderabad	17.01.2007
4.	Review Meeting with Spl. Chief Secretaries, Prl. Secretaries and Secretaries on submission of progress reports	Secretariat, Hyderabad	02.02.2007
5.	Review on implementation of the RTI Act at Municipal Corporation, Eluru and other Departments	Eluru	
6.	Review Meeting with all Heads of Departments on implementation of the RTI Act, 2005	Jubilee Hall, Hyderabad	12.02.2007
7.	Meeting with Mr.Naseer Ahmed Rana, Governance Advisor, World Bank	A.P.I.C., Hyderabad	13.02.2007
8.	Meeting with the District Officials of the Departments of Law, Agriculture, Cooperation & Marketing, Horticulture, Sericulture & Rain Shadow Area Development & Fisheries, Tourism, Culture, Sports & Youth Services, Mines & Geology, Education and Housing on the implementation of the RTI Act, 2005	Eluru, West Godavari	17.02.2007
9.	Addressed the participants in the "Workshop on Applications on Social Accountability, Mechanism in Community Driven Development and Decentralization Programme in South Asia"	Hyderabad	13.03.2007 and 14.03.2007
10.	High Level Committee on coordinated implementation of the RTI Act in the chambers of Chief Secretary	Secretariat, Hyderabad	30.03.2007
11.	Addressed the participants in the workshop on RTI Act at A.P. Police Academy, Himayatsagar, Hyderabad	Hyderabad	12.04.2007
12.	Addressed on Management Skills and RTI Act at Taj Krishna, Hyderabad	Hyderabad	13.04.2007
13.	Addressed the participants in the Valedictory session for the 7 <sup>th</sup> batch of CIOs at Dr.MCR HRD Institute, Hyderabad	Hyderabad	21.04.2007

14.	Review Meeting with Spl.Chief Secretaries, Prl. Secretaries and Secretaries along with Chief Secretary	Secretariat, Hyderabad	09.05.2007
15.	Addressed the participants in the Workshop on Right To Information at NIRD, Rajendra Nagar, Hyderabad.	Hyderabad	15.05.2007
16	Review Meeting with the District Officers of Chittoor District on the implementation of the RTI Act, 2005	Chittoor	01.06.2007
17.	Inaugural address at National Police Academy on the theme “Right to Information Act – Significance and Modalities of the implementation”	Hyderabad	06.06.2007
18.	Review Meeting with the Public Authorities/District Officers of Visakhapatnam District on the implementation of the RTI Act, 2005.	Visakhapatnam	08.07.2007
19.	Meeting with Director General, Dr.MCR HRD Institute; Director General, CGG on conducting of awareness campaigns	A.P.I.C., Hyderabad	27.07.2007
20.	High Level Committee Meeting on exemptions of Information relating to Departments under section.24.	Secretariat, Hyderabad	30.07.2007
21.	Review Meeting with the Public Authorities/District Officers of Nellore District on the implementation of the RTI Act, 2005	Gudur	09.08.2007
22.	“A Talk on the RTI Act, 2005” at Karnataka Sahitya Mandir, Lingampally, Kachiguda, Hyderabad	Hyderabad	25.08.2007
23.	Review Meeting with the Public Authorities/District Officers of Guntur District on the implementation of the RTI Act, 2005.	Guntur	14.09.2007
24.	Review meeting of the designated Officers under the RTI Act in the Education Department with the following Officers at SRR and CVR Government College, Vijayawada on the implementation of RTI Act, 2005:- i) District Educational Officers from Srikakulam to Nellore Districts (9 Districts) ii) Regional Joint Directors of Collegiate Education, Rajahmundry and Guntur; iii) Regional Joint Directors of School Education, Kakinada and Guntur; iv) Regional Joint Directors of Intermediate Education, Rajahmundry and Guntur; v) Registrars, Nagarjuna University, Guntur; NTR University of Health Sciences, Vijayawada; Andhra University, Visakhapatnam; Adikavi Nannaya University, Rajahmundry	Vijayawada	17.09.07

25.	Participated in "All India Workshop-the Role of Small & Medium Daily Newspapers " at P.Venkataramireddy Hall, Ramakrishna Math, Hyderabad on RTI	Hyderabad	7.10.2007
26.	Review on implementation of RTI Act with the Commissioner of Labour, Labour Department, Hyderabad	Hyderabad	8.10.2007
27.	Review Meeting with the Public Authorities/District Officers of Warangal District on the implementation of the RTI Act, 2005.	Warangal	10.10.2007
28.	Review Meeting with the Public Authorities/District Officers of Visakhapatnam District on the implementation of the RTI Act	Visakhapatnam	11.10.2007
29.	Participated in a State Level RTI Convention organized by United Forum for RTI Campaign-A.P. at Press Club, Basheerbagh, Hyderabad	Hyderabad	12.10.2007
30.	Participated in National Interactive Session on RTI at India International Centre, New Delhi	New Delhi	17.10.2007
31.	Review on implementation of the RTI Act with the District Collectors of Visakhapatnam, Srikakulam and Vizianagaram	Visakhapatnam	6.11.2007 and 7.11.2007
32.	Review on implementation of the RTI Act with the District Collectors of Guntur and Prakasam	Guntur	12.11.2007
33.	Review on implementation of the RTI Act with the District Collectors of East Godavari, West Godavari and Krishna	Vijayawada	13.11.2007
34.	Review on implementation of the RTI Act with the Officials of TTD. Review on implementation of the RTI Act with the District Collectors of Chittoor, Kadapa, Anantapur and Nellore	Tirumala and Tirupati	14.11.2007 and 15.11.2007
35.	Secretaries Meeting on Awareness Campaigns	Secretariat, Hyderabad	19.11.2007
36.	Addressed the Rotarians on the subject of "RTI Act" , organized by Rotary Club of Secunderabad at Kamat Lingapu Hotel, Begumpet, Hyderabad	Hyderabad	22.11.2007
37.	Addressed the Seminar on Assessment on the eve of completion of two years of implementation of RTI Act, 2005 at Press Club, Basheerbagh, Hyderabad	Hyderabad	23.11.2007

<b>38.</b>	Review Meeting on the implementation of the RTI Act in the Office of the E.O., Simhachalam Temple. Review meeting on the implementation of the RTI Act with the officials of Andhra University. Review meeting on the implementation of the RTI Act Dy.Commissioners, Asst. Commissioners of Srikakulam, Vizianagaram and Visakhapatnam Districts and Review Meeting with the Executive Officers of the temples under the control of Asst. Commissioner (Endowments), Visakhapatnam in the office of the Asst.Commissioner, Endowments, Visakhapatnam.	Visakhapatnam	03.12.2007
<b>39.</b>	Review on implementation of the RTI Act with the District Collectors of Rangareddy, Hyderabad, Mahabubnagar, Medak, Nalgonda, Nizamabad, Kurnool and Adilabad.	District Collector, Rangareddy	04.12.2007
<b>40.</b>	Meeting with the Prl. Secretaries of Education Department on submission of progress reports.	A.P.I.C., Hyderabad	18.12.2007
<b>41.</b>	Meeting with the Prl. Secretaries of Home Department on submission of progress reports	A.P.I.C., Hyderabad	19.12.2007.
<b>42.</b>	Review Meeting with the Executive Officer of Sri Seetharamachandra Devasthanam, Bhadrachalam on the implementation of the RTI Act, 2005 Review with the Dy.Commissioners, Assistant Commissioner, Endowments Department, Khammam, Warangal, Karimnagar on the implementation of the RTI Act, 2005 with regard to the temples under his control. And local visits to offices of other Public Authorities. Review Meeting with the Dist. Revenue Officer(Nodal Officer), Khammam on the implementation of RTI Act with regard to other Departments.	Bhadrachalam Khammam	23.12.2007

## FIELD VISITS OF THE COMMISSION DURING THE YEAR 2007

S.No.	Place	Date	Details
1.	Vijayawada	08.1.2007	Visit local Offices of Public Authorities under RTI Act, 2005
2.	Visakhapatnam	04.02.2007 to 06.02.2007	Visit of Offices of Public Authorities in the headquarters of Visakhapatnam
3.	Eluru	17.2.2007	Visit Office of the Superintendent of Police, West Godavari, Eluru
4.	Guntur	23.02.2007 to 25.02.2007	Visit of Offices of Public Authorities in the headquarters of Guntur
5.	Mahabubnagar	27.02.2007	Visit of Offices of Public Authorities in the headquarters of Mahabubnagar
6.	Khammam	28.02.2007 to 01.03.2007	Visit of Offices of Public Authorities in the headquarters of Khammam
7.	Khammam	04.03.2007	Visit of Offices of Public Authorities in the headquarters of Khammam
8.	Medak	08.03.2007	Visit of Offices of Public Authorities in the headquarters of Medak
9.	Ananthapur	24.03.2007	Visit of Offices of Public Authorities in the headquarters of Ananthapur
10.	Vijayawada	26.3.2007	Visit local Offices of Public Authorities under RTI Act,2005
11.	Kurnool	28.04.2007 to 29.04.2007	Visit of Offices of Public Authorities in the headquarters of Khammam
12.	Kadapa	05.05.2007 to 07.05.2007	Visit of Offices of Public Authorities in the headquarters of Kadapa
13.	Mahaubunagar	14.05.2007	Visit of Offices of Public Authorities in the headquarters of Mahabubnagar
14.	Chittoor	30.05.2007 to 01.06.2007	Visit of Offices of Public Authorities in the headquarters of Chittoor
15.	Guntur	07.06.2007	Visit of Offices of Public Authorities in the headquarters of Guntur
16.	Vijayawada	17.6.2007	Visit Office of Commissioner of Police, Vijayawada to review on the implementation of the RTI Act.
17.	Vijayawada	18.6.2007	Visit local Offices to review on the implementation of RTI Act, 2005.
18.	Sangareddy	18.06.2007	Visit of Offices of Public Authorities in the headquarters of Sangareddy
19.	Vijayawada	4.7.2007	Visit of local Offices of public authorities In Vijayawada to review on the implementation of RTI Act, 2005
20.	Visakhapatnam	05.07.2007 to 08.07.2007	Visit of Offices of Public Authorities in the headquarters of Visakhapatnam
21.	Medak	15.07.2007	Visit of Offices of Public Authorities in the headquarters of Medak

22.	Khammam	23.12.2007	Local visits to Offices of Public Authorities
23.	Vikarabad	24.07.2007	Visit of Offices of Public Authorities in the headquarters of Vikarabad
24.	Nellore	08.08.2007 to 10.08.2007	Visit of Offices of Public Authorities in the headquarters of Nellore
25..	Medak	11.08.2007 to 12.08.2007	Visit of Offices of Public Authorities in the headquarters of Medak
26.	Tirupathi	18.08.2007 to 20.08.2007	Visit of Offices of Public Authorities in the headquarters of Tirupathi
27.	Shadnagar	25.08.2007	Visit local Offices of Public Authorities in Shadnagar
28.	Guntur	14.09.2007 to 15.09.2007	Visit of Offices of Public Authorities in the headquarters of Guntur
29.	Bhongir, Nalgonda	06.10.2007	Visit of Offices of Public Authorities in the Hqrs. of Bhongir and Nalgonda
30.	Warangal	10.10.2007	Visit of Offices of Public Authorities in the headquarters of Warangal
31.	Visakhapatnam	11.10.2007 to 14.10.2007	Visit of Offices of Public Authorities in the headquarters of Visakhapatnam
32.	Guntur	05.11.2007 to 06.11.2007	Visit of Offices of Public Authorities in the headquarters of Guntur
33.	Khammam	07.11.2007 to 08.11.2007	Visit of Offices of Public Authorities in the headquarters of Khammam
34.	Kurnool	24.11.2007 to 25.11.2007	Visit of Offices of Public Authorities in the headquarters of Kurnool
35.	Kadapa	05.12.2007 to 07.12.2007	Visit of Offices of Public Authorities in the headquarters of Kadapa
36.	Vizianagaram, Srikakulam and Visakhapatnam	10.12.2007 to 12.12.2007	Visit of Offices of Public Authorities in the headquarters of Vizianagaram, Srikakulam and Visakhapatnam