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PUDUCHERRY REGIONAL BRANCH, PUDUCHERRY

Third Party Transparency Audit under the RTI Act, 2005

Economics and Statistics

Government of Puducherry - 2024-2025

Summary Report

All the public authorities should proactively disclose the information under the Right to Information Act. Section 4, which will help bring transparency in the administration.

Economics and Statistics, Government of Puducherry, is duly acknowledged for its commendable efforts in ensuring transparency by proactively disseminating relevant information on its official website, in alignment with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005

During Auditing it is observed that the information related to few areas have to be shared on the website:

- ✦ The information required under Section 4(1)(b) of the RTI Act and guidelines by the organization is satisfactory. Website is being used as an effective medium for Dissemination of information.
- ✦ Conduct regular RTI Third party Transparency – RTI Act 2005 capacity-building training programmes for departmental officials, including designated CPIOs and APIOs, to strengthen their understanding of RTI provisions, procedures, and recent developments.
- ✦ Update the Six monthly reports on the performance against the benchmarks set in the Citizen's Charter, A Consultancy Committee of key stakeholders should be constituted to advice on enhancing Suo-motu disclosures.
- ✦ Economics and Statistics should obtain STQC certification from the Directorate of STQC and upload the certificate on the Website.
- ✦ To ensure transparency and reliability, set up an automated system that updates proactive disclosure information regularly. Use keyword-based triggers for accuracy. Clearly display the last update date and the next scheduled update on the first and last pages of the RTI Manual on the official website.
- ✦ IIPA Puducherry extend our sincere congratulations to the Office of the Directorate of Economics and Statistics, for achieving an audit score of 87% in the RTI Third Party Audit for the year 2024–25, reflecting an 15% improvement over last year's performance. This notable progress demonstrates the Public Authority's continued commitment to transparency, proactive disclosure, and compliance with the provision of RTI Act, 2005.

It is recommended that the Public Authority of the Economics and Statistics, Government of Puducherry initiate appropriate measures to ensure the disclosure of therefore mentioned information on its official website, in strict compliance with the provisions of Section 4 of the RTI Act, 2005.

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