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Third Party Transparency Audit under the RTI Act, 2005 Directorate of Economics and Statistics Government of Puducherry – 2023-2024

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.

We appreciate the sincere efforts of the Directorate of Economics and Statistics, Government of Puducherry as a Public Authority for sharing requested information on the website to maintain transparency.

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.
- ❖ The information required to be proactively disclosed under the Act and guidelines should be disclosed completely and entirely in quality and quantity to enhance transparency and openness.
- ❖ Update Rules/ orders under which powers and duty of its officers and employees are derived [Section 4(1) (b)(ii)]
- ❖ Update all the Acts, Rules, regulations, orders, which specify the norms for discharge of functions have been disclosed, but they are to be categorized properly. Further these should be presented in simple and easy manner and linked to decision-making process. [Section 4(1)(b)(v)].
- ❖ Transfer Policies & Orders for different grades/cadres of employees serving in Public Authority should be proactively disclosed. RTI FAQ is required to be uploaded on the website.
- ❖ Information pertaining to Citizen's Charter, Result Framework Document (RFD), Six monthly reports on the Performance against the benchmarks set in the Citizen's Charter should be upload in the website.

- ❖ Update Earlier CPIO & FAAs from 1.1.2015. Appointment of Nodal Officers not below the rank of Joint Secretary/ Additional HoD - (a) Date of appointment , (b) Name & Designation of the officers
- ❖ The department should obtain STQC certification and upload the certificate on the Website.
- ❖ To maintain the reliability of information, timely updating of the information is must. Therefore, it is required that a system is created for automatic updation of information, based on key word outputs. The date of last and next updation should be displayed on the front and last page of the RTI Manual in the website.

It is suggested that the Public Authority Directorate of Economics and Statistics, Government of Puducherry, may take necessary action to disclose the above discussed information on the website as per the Section 4 of the RTI Act.

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