

**RESEARCH, REFERENCE
AND TRAINING DIVISION
Ministry of Information & Broadcasting**

**Information Handbook
Under
Right to Information Act, 2005**

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Chapter 1

Introduction

1.1 This handbook has been prepared with the purpose of operationalising the Right to Information Act by setting out a practical regime for people to secure access to information under the control of public authorities in consistence with public interest in order to promote openness, transparency and accountability and in relation to matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

The "Right to Information" means the right to access information held by, legally accessible by or under the control of any public authority.

This "information" may be any material in any form, accessible under prescribed rules made under this Act by the appropriate Government or the competent authority, as the case may be.

The "Public authority" could be any authority or body established or constituted under the Constitution; by any law made by the appropriate Government, and includes any other body owned or controlled by the appropriate Government.

1.2 In order to fulfill the objectives of the Act, viz.

(i) Give effect to the Fundamental Right to Information, which will contribute to strengthening democracy, improving governance, increasing public participation, promoting transparency and accountability and reducing corruption

(ii) Establish voluntary and mandatory mechanisms or procedures to give effect to right to information in a manner, which enables persons to obtain access to records of public authorities in a swift, effective, inexpensive and reasonable manner.

(iii) Promote transparency, accountability and effective governance of all public authorities including but not limited to, empowering and educating all persons to:

- Understand their rights in terms of this Act in order to exercise their rights in relation to public authorities;
- Understand the functions and operation of public authorities and effectively participating in decision making by public authorities that affects their rights.

1.3 Any person desirous of obtaining information shall make a request in writing or through electronic means in English or in the official language, in which the application is being submitted, to the Public Information Officers.

1.4 Definitions of terms used in the Handbook – NIL

1.5 Contact person in case somebody wants to get more information on topics covered:
Sh. L.R. Vishwanth, Director (Admn), Phone/Fax: 24364844
Sh. H.M. Sharma, Chief Documentation Officer, Phone: 24369041

1.6 Procedure and Fee Structure for getting information not available in the handbook.
As per guidelines of CIC.

Chapter 2 (Manual-1)

Particulars of Organization, Functions and Duties

2.1 Objective/purpose of the public authority:

- To serve as information bank as well as an information feeder service to the media units to help their programming and publicity campaigns.
- To study media trend and maintain a reference and documentation service on Mass Communication.
- To look into the training aspect of the Indian Information Service (IIS) officers in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC) and some other institutions like IIMs, SRFTI and NAAA, etc. **(For the time being this has been deferred)**

2.2 Mission/Vision Statement of the Public Authority – None.

2.3 Brief history of the Public Authority and context of its formation.

In November 1941, while Information and Broadcasting Department was established, it was felt necessary to set up a separate Division, namely, Research and Reference Division mainly to supply the necessary guidance and background materials about day-to-day events to all the publicity media of the Department. This organisation was abolished in 1946 consequent on adverse vote of the Legislative Assembly, but it was revived with the concurrence of the new Legislature in 1947. The Division got its new name, the Research, Reference and Training Division in 1994 on the recommendations of the Narendra Committee, which entrusted the Division with the task of imparting training to in-service Indian Information Service (IIS) officers.

2.4 to 2.6 Duties / Activities/ Functions and services being provided by the Public Authority.

The Division is divided into two parts functionally – the Reference Unit and Administration, and National Documentation Centre on Mass Communication including Library. The Reference Unit apart from its regular service maintains the Diary of Events, every fortnight, also compiles India-Reference Annual, an authentic work of reference on India. The India Reference Annual is simultaneously released in Hindi language under the title – Bharat. The Division while collecting the base material for the Annual from different Central Ministries/Departments and State/UT governments/PSUs/Autonomous bodies updates and edits it as per the requirement of its publication in a book shape. Its sister concern, Publications Division publishes the book in English and Hindi. The collection of advertisement and marketing of the Annual is also the responsibility of the Publications Division. The Division also prepares a monthly ‘Screening Report of Specialty Magazines’ for the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting after monitoring the contents of such publications. The Division as a practice also helps in preparation of draft speeches, messages for the Minister for Information and Broadcasting and Secretary (I&B). It also edits the Annual Report of the Ministry of I&B as and when it is asked to do so.

The **National Documentation Centre on Mass Communication (NDCMC)** brings out services like ‘*Current Awareness Service*’, an annotated index of select articles on mass media published in newspapers and journals being subscribed by the Centre; ‘*Bulletin on Films*’, an abstract of various developments in the film industry in India; ‘*Reference*

Information Service, the background papers on subjects of topical interests in the field of mass media; *Who's Who in Mass Media*, the biographies of various media personalities in lime light; *Honours Conferred on Mass Communicators*, the highlights of various awards announced during the year to mass communicators including the national and international film awards; **Bibliography**, an annotated subject index of articles on mass media published during past one year in newspapers and journals being subscribed by the Centre; *Media Update* which brings, to focus major National and international media events for record and reference and *Press Clippings* - Press clippings on mass media subjects published in various newspapers and magazines being subscribed by the Centre are marked, classified, cut and pasted, and arranged in classified/chronological order and kept in bound volumes for future reference; *Queries* - The Centre attends, in person, to queries of the officials of the Ministry, its media units and accredited press correspondents. The NDCMC also compiles and edits the reference annual, **Mass Media in India**.

The Library of the RR&TD is presently a central reference Library. It caters to the need of the Ministry of I&B and its media units, press correspondents accredited to Government of India, eminent media persons, institutes imparting training in journalism. It serves as a base for undertaking Reference/Documentation services brought out by the NDCMC, RR&TD. The collection of the Library has accordingly been planned and built up for their needs. It functions as an integral part of the NDCMC.

Training is provided to the Indian Information Service (IIS) officers. (For the time being, it has been deferred)

2.7 Organisational Structure of RR&TD

The Division is headed by an Indian Information Service (IIS) Officer of the rank of Additional Director General and assisted by two IIS officers of the rank of Junior Administrative Grade/Non Functional Selection Grade, an IIS officer of Deputy Director rank, chief Documentation Officer, Research Officer, Documentation Officer and Administrative Officer and other supporting staff.

2.8 Expectation of the public authority from the public for enhancing its effectiveness and efficiency.

The RR&TD expects the public to give their opinions and suggestions for qualitative improvement of its publications India and Mass Media in India printed and marketed by Publications Division.

2.9 Arrangements and methods made for seeking public participation/contribution.

At present, consultation facilities are given to accredited journalists and bona fide scholars, in addition to the personnel in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

2.10 Mechanism available for monitoring the service delivery and public grievance resolution.

Monitoring of service delivery is being done by the Director (Administration/Reference) and public grievance redressal also being done by him.

2.11 Address of the main office and other offices at different levels. The Research, Reference and Training Division, which is a subordinate office of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has no branch/field offices anywhere.

The Address of RR&TD's only office is, Room No.445, C Block, Phase-IV, Soochana Bhawan, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003.

2.12 Morning hours of the office: 09:30 AM
Closing hours of the office: 06:00 PM

Chapter – 3 (Manual – 2)

Powers and Duties of Officers and Employees

- 3.1 The Officers and Employees of the Division enjoy and execute powers and duties as mandated to them by the Government of India from time to time. These include financial and administrative powers to run the office smoothly.

The RR&TD is headed by the Additional Director General, who is overall responsible for the functioning of the Division as per the mandate given to it from time to time by the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting. He has a team of two Directors, One Deputy Director, one Assistant Director, one Research Officers and 3 Research Assistants. While one Director assists the Addl Director General in Administration and Training related work, the other helps in the work related to Reference and Documentation Section. Besides, the NDCMC has one Chief Documentation Officer, a Documentation Officer and 3 Documentation Assistants to help Director (Reference) in his work.

The Chief Documentation Officer (CDO) is responsible for planning and developing the Centre. He/She guides, supervises and coordinates various activities of the NDCMC and maintains liaison with the Mass Communication agencies. Documentation Officer does the work of information processing and Documentation and Information Services. Documentation Assistants process information and initiate services.

The Administrative Wing of the Division has one Administrative Officer. He/She is assisted and supported by an Accountant, Upper Division Clerks, Lower Division Clerks, Cashier, Hindi Translator (Junior), Daftry and other Class four employees.

The Division also has a total number of 4 Stenographers (of various Grades) to assist Officers as Personal Assistants.

The Additional Director General, RR&TD gives overall directions regarding policies and administrative matters of the Division. He/She is the final authority on all decisions, where the Ministry's clearance is not required.

Chapter – 4 (Manual-3)

Rules, Regulations, Instructions, Manual and Records, for Discharging Functions

- 4.1 The Division follows norms for the discharge of its functions as mandated by the Ministry of I&B, Government of India from time to time. It cannot deviate from the Government mandate on its own.

Chapter – 5 (Manual-4)

Particulars of any arrangement that exists for consultation with, or representation by, the members of the public in relation to the formulation of its policy or implementation thereof

- 5.1-5.2 The Division at present has no such particulars of any arrangement that exists for consultation with, or representation by, the members of the public in relation to the formulation of its policy or implementation thereof.

Chapter – 6 (Manual-5)

A statement of the categories of documents that are held by it or under its control

- 6.1 The Division has the following categories of documents:
- (a) Files/records regarding administrative work of the Division.
 - (b) Files/records regarding publication of India- Reference Annual.
 - (c) Files/records regarding publication of Mass Media in India.
 - (d) Files/records regarding training programmes for in-service IIS Officers. ?
 - (e) Files/records regarding books and maintenance of Library.
 - (f) Files/records regarding Services released by Reference Division and NDCMC.

Chapter – 7 (Manual-6)

A statement of Boards, Council, Committees and other bodies constituted as its part

- 7.1 The Division also has no such provision of the boards, councils, committees and other bodies as its part or for the purpose of its advice.

Chapter – 8 (Manual-7)

The names, designations and other particulars of the Transparency Officer/Public Information Officer/Assistant Public Information Officer

- 8.1 (i) Sh. L.R. Vishwanath, Director (Admn.)/Transparency Officer,
Room No.448, Phase-IV, Block C, Soochana Bhawan, CGO Complex,
New Delhi-110003,
Phone/Fax: 011-24364844
- (ii) Sh. H.M. Sharma, Chief Documentation Officer/Public Information Officer,
Room No.441, Phase-IV, Block B, Soochana Bhawan, CGO Complex,
New Delhi-110003.
Phone: 011-24369041
- (iii) Sh. Simmi Kumar, Research Officer/Assistant Public Information Officer
Room No.453, Phase-IV, Block B, Soochana Bhawan, CGO Complex,
New Delhi-110003.
Phone: 011-24365729.

Chapter – 9 (Manual-8)

Procedure followed in Decision Making Process

- 9.1 The Additional Director General, RR&TD gives overall directions regarding policies and administrative matters of the Division. He/She is the final authority on all decision making process, where the Ministry's clearance is not required. While he is an overall authority, he has delegated certain powers to both the Directors in their respective fields for the smooth functioning of the Office. The Directors exercise these delegated powers under the supervision and consultation of the Additional Director General. The process of decision-making in policy matters lies with Directors and Additional Director General. However, small matters for day-to-day functioning may be settled at the Administrative Officer, Deputy Director and Chief Documentation Officer level.
- 9.2 The Division follows all rules and regulations, instructions, manuals and records as issued by the Government of India from time to time.
- 9.3 There is no arrangement to communicate the decisions to the public.
- 9.4 Directors, Deputy Director, Chief Documentation Officer and Research Officer are the officers whose opinions are sought by the Director in the decision making process.
- 9.5 The Additional Director General is the final authority who takes the decision normally.
- 9.6 On important matters pertaining to the Division, the Additional Director General and Directors take the guidance and directions of the concerned Joint Secretary and Secretary, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting.

Chapter – 10 (Manual-9)

Directory of Officers and Employees

10.1 Reference & Administration

No.	Name	Address	Tel.No.
1.	Shri. S.M. Khan, Additional Director General	D-I/122, Bharati Nagar, New Delhi-110003	24363564 24368424 (Fax)
2.	Shri Jaideep Bhatnagar, Director	68-D/Pocket –I, Mayur Vihar (Phase-I) Delhi-110091	24363904
3.	Shri. L.R. Vishwanath, Director	29H, CGH Complex, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi-110057.	24364844
4.	Shri A..K. Srivastava, Deputy Director	House No.10, Jagat Puri, Block A, Lane 4, Delhi-110051.	24363903
5.	Shri Simmi Kumar, Research Officer	58-D, DDA, Flat, Ashok Vihar, Phase-III, Delhi-110052	24363903
6.	Shri Ombir Singh, Steno	15/944, Vasundhara, Ghaziabad, U.P.	26717336
7.	Smt. Usha Gulati, Steno	H-41, Mansarovar Park, Shahdara, Delhi- 110032	24369042
8.	Shri R.K. Jain, Hindi Translator	WB-33, Shakarpur Ext. Delhi-92	24366014
9	Shri Ghamandi Lal, Accountant	Qtr. No. 108, Block No.12, Dev Nagar, Karol Bagh, New Delhi-11005	24366014
10.	Smt. Neelam Manocha, UDC	GG-I, 83 B, Vikas Puri, New Delhi-110018	-do-
11	Shri B.S. Rawat, UDC	C/III-308, Lodhi Colony, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003.	-do-
12.	Shri Anjoy Kumar, LDC	Qtr. No. 478, Type-II, N.H.IV, Faridabad, Haryana – 121001.	-do-
13.	Shri Harsh Sharma, LDC	Qr. No.1593, Laxmibai Nagar, New Delhi- 110001.	-do-
14.	Shri Rajinder Prasad, Peon	515, Kasturba Nagar, Type-I Qtr., New Delhi	-do-
15.	Shri Jagpal Singh, Peon	5/389, Tirlok Puri, Delhi-91	24364844
16.	Shri Chaman Lal, Peon	D-4, 24, Netaji Nagar, New.Delhi-23.	24363564
17.	Smt. Satya Devi, Peon	H. No. 737, Kashmiri Gate, Chhota Bazar, Delhi-6	24366014
18	Shri Rajbir Singh, Peon	Village & Post office Purkhas, Distt. Sonapat, Haryana	24369042
19.	Shri Kiran Kishore, Farash	Qtr. No.501 M. B. Road, Pushap Vihar, Sec-3, New Delhi	24366014

National Documentation Centre on Mass Communication (NDCMC)

No.	Name	Address	Tel. No.
1.	Shri H.M. Sharma, Chief Documentation Officer	94, Soochna Apptt., Vasundhara Enclave, Delhi-96	24369042 24369041 (Fax)
2.	Smt. Alka Mathur, Documentation Officer	D-1/1319, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi-70	-do-
3.	Ms. Sushma Gautam, Documentation Assistant	630/S, Shivaji Nagar, Gurgaon-122001, Haryana	-do-
4.	Shri Vasdev Nagwani, Documentation Assistant	58 F/F, Vinobha Puri, Lajpat Nagar-II, New Delhi- 24.	-do-
5.	Shri B.M. Pant, LDC	S-IV/K 142, Pushpa Vihar, M.B. Raod, New Delhi.	-do-
6	Shri Roop Kumar, Peon	J-898, Kalibari Marg, Gole Market New.Delhi-1	24366014

Chapter – 11 (Manual-10)

The Monthly Remuneration Received by each of its Officers and Employees, including the system of compensation as provided in Regulations

11.1 The employees of the Division get their salaries as per the pay scales shown against their name in the chart given below. All employees receive allowances admissible to them as per their pay scales as fixed by the Government of India from time to time.

Reference & Administration

No.	Name	Pay-Scale	Grade Pay
1.	Shri S.M. Khan, Additional Director General	37,400-67,000	10, 000
2.	Shri Jaideep Bhatnagar, Director	37,400-67,000	8, 700
3.	Shri L.R. Vishwanath, Director	37,400-67,000	8, 700
4.	Shri A.K. Srivastava, Deputy Director	15,600-39,100	6,600
5.	Shri Simmi Kumar, Research Officer	9,300-34,800	4,600
6.	Shri Ombir Singh, Steno-II	9,300-34,800	4,600
7.	Smt. Usha Gulati, Sento	9, 300-34,800	4,800
8.	Shri R.K. Jain, Hindi Translator	9,300-34,800	4,600
9.	Shri Ghamandi Lal, UDC	5,200-20,200	4,200
10.	Smt. Neelam Manocha, UDC	5,200-20,200	4,200
11.	Shri B.S. Rawat, UDC	5,200-20,200	2,400
12.	Shri Anjoy Kumar, LDC	5,200-20,200	2,000
13.	Shri Harsh Sharma, LDC	5,200-20,200	1,900
14.	Shri Rajinder Prasad, Peon	5,200-20,200	1,900
15.	Shri Jagpal Singh, Peon	5,200-20,200	1,900
16.	Shri Chaman Lal, Peon	5,200-20,200	1,900
17.	Smt. Satya Devi, Peon	5,200-20,200	1,900
18.	Shri Rajbir Singh, Peon	5,200-20,200	1,800
19.	Shri Kiran Kishore, Farash	5,200-20,200	1,900

National Documentation Centre on Mass Communication (NDCMC)

No.	Name	Pay-Scale	After ACP Pay-Scale
1.	Shri H.M. Sharma, Chief Documentation Officer	15,600 - 39,100	6,600
2.	Smt. Alka Mathur, Documentation Officer	15,600 - 39,100	6,600
3.	Ms. Sushma Gautam, Documentation Assistant	15,600 - 39,100	6,600
4.	Shri Vasdev Nagwani, Documentation Assistant	9,300 - 34,800	4,600
5.	Shri B.M. Pant, LDC	5,200 - 20,200	2,400
6.	Shri Roop Kumar, Peon	5,200- 20,200	1,800

Chapter – 12 (Manual-11)

The Budget Allocated to each Agency (Particulars of all plans, proposed expenditures and reports on disbursement made)

12.1 Budget 2011-2012

NON-PLAN

(Rs. in thousands)

S. No.	Head	Budget (Rs.)	Expenditure up to April, 2011
1.	Salaries	17500	-
2.	OTA	40	-
3.	Medical Exp.	450	-
4.	Travel Expdt.	150	-
5.	Office Expdt.	2800	-
6.	Other Administrative Expenses	-	-
6.	I.T. (OE)	7600	.-
7.	Banking	-	-
	Total	21700	-

PLAN*

(Rs. In thousands)

1.	Other Administrative Expenses	2500	NIL
	Total:	2500	NIL

*The Plan Budget is for "Research, Reference and Media Awards".

Chapter – 13

The Manner of Execution of Subsidy Programmes

- 13.1 The manner of execution of subsidy programmes, including the amounts allocated and the details of beneficiaries of such programmes: NIL

Chapter – 14 (Manual – 13)

Particulars of Recipients of Concessions, permits or authorization granted by it

14.1 Particulars of recipients of concessions, permits or authorisations granted by it: Nil

Chapter – 15 (Manual – 14)

Norms set by it for the discharge of its functions

- 15.1 There are no particulars/details of the norms/standards set by the department for execution of various activities/programmes.

Chapter – 16 (Manual – 15)

Information available in an electronic form

16.1 The web site of the Division has all the essential information.

Chapter – 17 (Manual – 16)

Particulars of the facilities available to citizens for obtaining Information

17.1 Means, methods or facilitation available to the public which are adopted by the department for dissemination of information.

Office Library: Membership only for the officials of the I&B Ministry and its various Media Units, Journalists of the Media, and research scholars working on media related issues. Situated at the Fifth Floor, Soochana Bhawan, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003. The Library is open between 9:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. (Monday to Friday except on gazetted holidays)

Dramas and Shows: None

Through Newspaper: None

Exhibition: None

Notice Board: None

Inspection of records in the Office: Not in place, being worked out

System of issuing of Copies of documents: Photo/Scanned copy on payment

Printed Manual Available: Yes, computer print outs can be made available as per rule on payment

Website of the Public Authority : rrtd.gov.in

Other means of Advertising : None

Chapter – 18 (Manual – 17)

Other Useful Information

- 18.1 There aren't any frequently asked questions by the public to this Division.
- 18.2 Procedure for seeking information – Phone/Written Communication/E-mail etc.
- 18.3 With relation to training imparted to public by Public Authority - None.
- 18.4 With relation to Certificate, No Objection Certificate, etc., issued by the Public Authority not included in Manual-13. – N.A.
- 18.5 With relation to registration process - N.A.
- 18.6 With relation to collection of tax by Public Authority - N.A.
- 18.7 With relation to issuing new connection electricity/water supply, temporary and permanent disconnections, etc. - N.A.
- 18.8 Details of any other public services provided by the Public Authority – None⁹⁹

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ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

