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INTRODUCTION

In democracy “information” is power in the hands of the citizen.

The right to information is fundamental to the exercise of freedom and choice which are hallmarks of democratic governance. The movement for making Indian democracy more transparent, inclusive and participative led to the enactment of The Right to Information Act, 2005 by Parliament.

This Act is designed to set out a practical regime of right to information for citizens to secure access to information under the control of public authorities in order to promote transparency and accountability in the working of every public authority. The Act recognizes the need to have an informed citizenry with access to information as vital to the functioning of democracy and also to contain corruption and to hold the Governments and their instrumentalities accountable to the governed. The Act accordingly grants all citizens the right to information which is held by or under the control of any public authority and includes the right to inspection of work, documents and records. All public authorities are covered under the Act which includes bodies owned, controlled or substantially financed by Government as well as non-Government organisations substantially financed by Government.

Under the Right to Information Act, a Central Information Commission and State Information Commissions have been set up to receive and inquire into complaints relating to access to information under the control of public authorities and to decide on appeals preferred against the decision of the designated appellate authority. The Commissions are also vested with the powers to impose penalty on Public Information Officers found guilty under the provisions of the Act and to recommend disciplinary action against them and to require public authorities to compensate complainants for any loss or other detriment suffered. The Commissions can also require public authorities to take appropriate steps to secure compliance with the provisions of the Act.

CHAPTER – 1

WEST BENGAL INFORMATION COMMISSION

The Government of West Bengal constituted the West Bengal Information Commission vide Notification No. 747–PAR(AR) dated 12.12.2005 which was published in The Kolkata Gazette. The Commission was reconstituted vide Notification No.

Shri Arun Kumar Bhattacharya, who retired on superannuation as the Additional Chief Secretary, Govt. of West Bengal was appointed as the State Chief Information Commissioner and was administered oath of office by His Excellency, the Governor of West Bengal on the 27th December, 2005.

Shri Sujit Kumar Sarkar, who retired on superannuation as the Director General of Police of West Bengal was appointed as the State Information Commissioner and was administered oath of office by His Excellency, the Governor of West Bengal on the 3rd December, 2009.

Shri Sujit Kumar Sarkar was appointed as the State Chief Information Commissioner, West Bengal who was administered oath of office by His Excellency, the Governor of West Bengal on the 1st December, 2010.

Shri K. John Koshy who retired on superannuation as the Director, Administrative Training Institute was appointed as the State Information Commissioner and was administered oath of office by His Excellency, the Governor of West Bengal on the 1st December, 2010.

***Suo Motu* Information u/s 4(1) (b)**

The Right to Information Act has envisaged that all the Public Authorities shall make a constant endeavour to take steps in accordance with the requirements of this Act to publish all relevant information for the knowledge of citizens at large and update the same at regular intervals.

The Act enjoins that all the records of the Public Authority should be duly catalogued and indexed in a manner and in the form which facilitates the right to information of citizens. For this purpose, the records are needed to be computerized within a reasonable time and connected through a network all over the country so that access to such records is facilitated.

Section 4(1)(b) has given a list of seventeen such vital information pertaining to each Public Authority which are to be published suo motu so that the public have minimum resort to the use of this Act to obtain information.

The relevant information under Section 4(1)(b) in respect of the West Bengal Information Commission for the period under report is given below.

Particulars of the organization, functions and duties of the Commission:

Name of the Office – **West Bengal Information Commission**

Address – Bhabani Bhaban (2nd Floor), Alipore, Kolkata-700 027

Contact Details— Telefax (033)2479-1966

Website : www.wbic.gov.in

E-mail : scic-wb@nic.in

The Information Commissioners –

The West Bengal Information Commission consists of the following members :

State Chief Information Commissioner: **Shri Arun Kumar Bhattacharya**
from 22.12.2005 to 05.08.2010

Shri Sujit Kumar Sarkar
From 01.12.2010

State Information Commissioner: **Shri Sujit Kumar Sarkar**
from 04.12.2009 to 30.11.2010

Shri K. John Koshy
from 01.12.2010

Functions: West Bengal Information Commission has been constituted under sub-section (1) and sub-section (7) of section 15 of the Right to Information (RTI) Act, 2005 vide a gazette notification No.747-PAR(AR) dated 12.12.2005 and published in the Gazette on 03.01.2006. The Commission's mandate is to exercise the powers conferred on, and to perform the functions assigned to it under the Act.

The general superintendence, direction and management of the affairs of the State Information Commission vests in the State Chief Information Commissioner who shall be assisted by the State Information Commissioner and shall exercise all such powers and do all such acts and things which may be exercised or done by the Information Commission autonomously without being subjected to directions by any other authority under the RTI Act.

The Act enjoins upon the State Government to provide the State Chief Information Commissioner and the State Information Commissioner with such officers and employees as may be necessary for the efficient performance of their functions under this Act, and the salaries and allowances payable to and the terms and conditions of service of the officers and other employees appointed for the purpose of this Act shall be such as may be prescribed. So far thirty (30) posts of different categories have been sanctioned by the Government. A list of posts filled is as under:-

Sl. No.	Designation of the Officers/Employees	No. of posts sanctioned	No. of posts filled	Remarks
1	Secretary & Acting Registrar	1	1	
2.	Deputy Secretary & Additional Registrar	1	1	
3.	Law Officer	1	Vacant	
4.	Finance Officer	1	1	
5.	P. S. Gr-I	1	1	One P.A. and one stenographer have been posted on ad-hoc basis
6.	P. S. Gr-II	1	Vacant	
7.	Accountant	1	1	
8.	Head Assistant	1	1	
9.	Judicial Peshkar	1	1	
10.	U.D. Assistant	7	6	
11.	L.D. Assistant	2	1	
12.	Cashier	1	Vacant	
13	System Administrator	1	Vacant	
14	System Supervisor	1	Vacant	
15	P.A.	1	Vacant	
16	Section Officer	1	Vacant	
17	Data Entry Operator	2	Vacant	
18	Typist (working knowledge of Computer)	2	Vacant	
19	Record Supplier	1	Vacant	
20	Peon	2	Vacant	Three Gr. D staff have been posted on ad-hoc basis

NOTE I: One post of Technically Skilled Manpower on contract basis has been sanctioned by P & AR Department.

NOTE II: Service of one P.A. was placed in this Commission from P & A. R. Department

NOTE III: In addition, two typists are engaged on daily wage basis from time to time to cope with the typing work.

NOTE IV: One Gr. D staff is also engaged on daily wage basis to cope up with the work of the Commission.

Nodal Government Department– The budget for the Commission is published in the budget book pertaining to Personnel and Administrative Reforms Department of the Govt. of West Bengal.

Jurisdiction – The Commission has jurisdiction over all public authorities established or constituted by any law made by State Legislature, by any notification issued or order made by the State Government

and includes anybody owned, controlled or substantially financed including NGOs substantially financed directly or indirectly by the funds provided by the State Government.

Mission – Ensure the citizens their Right to Information from public authorities in accordance with provisions of the Right to Information Act, 2005.

Vision – Transparent functioning of public authorities to enable in achieving the goals envisaged in the Constitution of India for every Indian citizen.

Objectives – Fulfilling the mandate assigned in the RTI Act, 2005.

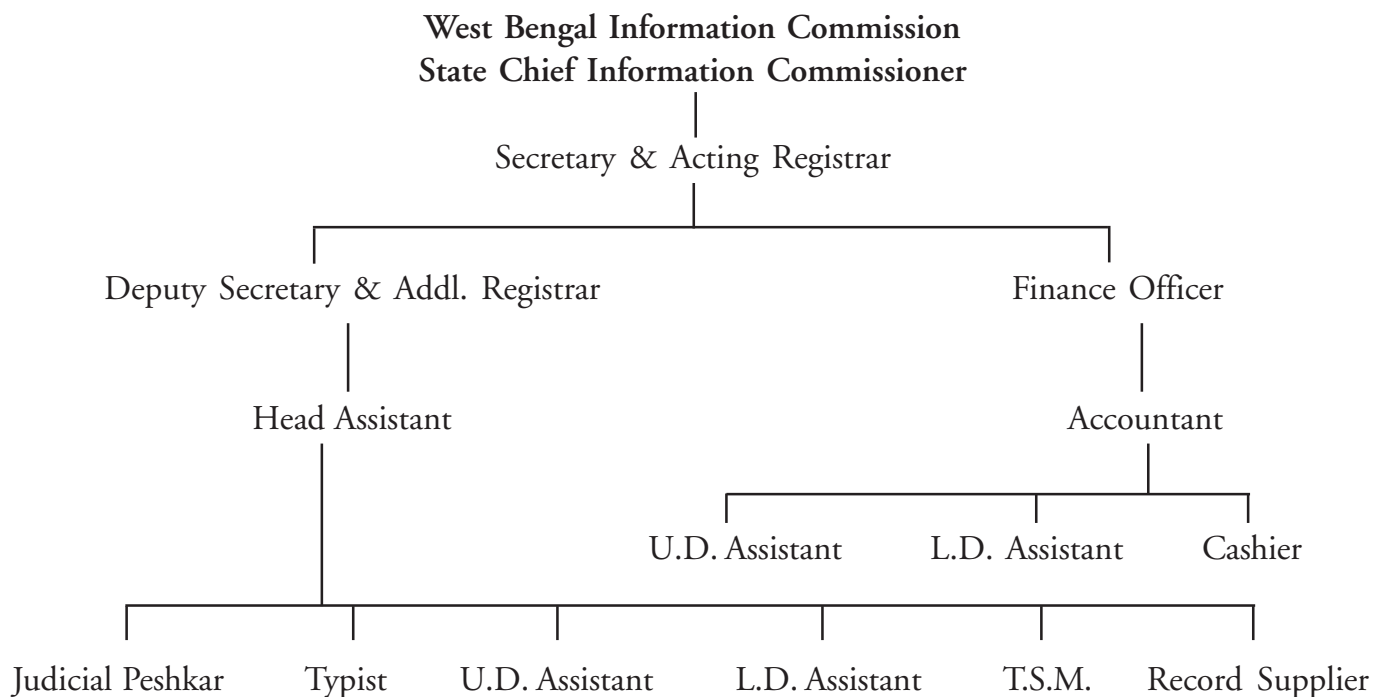
Details of Services provided/Duties – As per the RTI Act, 2005 the Commission has been assigned the task of receiving complaints and appeals, for providing suitable relief to the appellants as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

Physical Assets – Office space is provided by the State Government.

Powers and duties of Officers and employees:

Sl. No.	Designation	Powers and Duties
1.	State Chief Information Commissioner	General superintendence, direction and management of affairs of the Commission which receives appeals and complaints under the RTI Act. Hearing of complaints / appeals as per provision of RTI Act.
2.	State Information Commissioner	General superintendence, direction and management of affairs of the Commission which receives appeals and complaints under the RTI Act. Hearing of complaints / appeals as per provision of RTI Act.
3.	Secretary & Acting Registrar	Overall supervision of all administrative work, liaising with State Government and Government of India on behalf of the Commission. Registrar to the Commission and discharging duties of the First Appellate Authority of the Commission.
4.	Deputy Secretary & Additional Registrar	Administrative work, supervision and monitoring of work in dealing with complaints and appeals including compliance of the decision of the Commission.

Sl. No.	Designation	Powers and Duties
5.	Finance Officer	Financial Head, Drawing and Disbursing Officer, discharging duties of State Public Information Officer of the Commission.
6.	P.S. Gr. I	Usual works as and when directed by the State Chief Information Commissioner.
7.	P.S. Gr. II	i) Usual works as and when directed by the State Chief Information Commissioner. ii) Typing work as may be allotted. iii) Taking dictation as and when necessary.
8.	P.A.	
9.	Accountant	i) Usual work as Accountant. ii) Dealing RTI files.
10.	Head Assistant	Dealing RTI files.
11.	Judicial Peshkar	i) Usual work as Judicial Peshkar. ii) All establishment works. iii) Payment of salaries & other bills and related works. iv) Dealing RTI files as and when be necessary and be allotted.
12.	U.D. Assistant	Dealing RTI files and other work of establishment as assigned by the Commission.
13.	L.D. Assistant	Reference work – Receiving of letters / Diaries / Name Index / Opening new files / Dispatch of letters.
14.	Technical Skilled Manpower	i) Website management and maintenance. ii) LAN Troubleshooting iii) System management and maintenance.
15.	Casual Typist	Typing Works
16.	Peon	Usual Works of a Gr. D employee.



Procedure followed in deciding on Appeals and Complaints under the RTI Act, 2005:

The Commission receives Complaints under Section 18 of the RTI Act and Appeals under the Section 19 of the RTI Act. These Complaints and Appeals are disposed as per provisions of the Act as well as the West Bengal Right to Information Rules, 2006.

The process followed for processing the cases is indicated below:

Sl. No.	Details of Activity in the Commission	Decision making process	Authority Responsible for the activity
1	Complaints under sec 18	Stage 1: Comments of SPIO and Appellate Authority sought if necessary. Stage 2: Further Inquiry or Hearing as per the directions of SCIC/SIC Stage 3: Final Order	Secretary and Registrar as per directions of SCIC/SIC
2.	Appeals under Section 19	Stage 1: Comments of SPIO and Appellate Authority sought if necessary.	Secretary and Registrar as per directions of SCIC/SIC

Sl. No.	Details of Activity in the Commission	Decision making process	Authority Responsible for the activity
		Stage 2: Further inquiry or Hearing as per the directions of SCIC/SIC Stage 3: Final Order	
3.	Annual Report	Annual Report is prepared based on information obtained from all Departments as well as Commission's own work. The Report as approved by the Commission is sent to Government for placing in the Assembly	Secretary and Registrar under directions of the Commission
4.	Procuring Goods and Services for the Commission	As per Financial Rules and Delegation of Financial Powers Rules	Secretary of the Commission under general supervision of SCIC
5.	General Administration of the Commission	As per general direction of the State Chief Information Commissioner	Secretary of the Commission under general supervision of SCIC

Norms set for discharge of functions in WBIC:

Appeals and Complaints are disposed off by the Commission as per provisions of the RTI Act and the Rules framed thereunder. The cases are taken up for consideration on chronological basis as far as practicable, subject to receiving all reports and clarifications as may be required.

In office administration and financial matters, the Commission follows rules and procedures applicable in Government subject to Section 15(4) of the RTI Act.

Rules, regulations, instructions, manuals and records used by WBIC for discharging its functions:

1. The Right to Information Act (RTI) 2005
2. West Bengal Right to Information Rules, 2006 and its amendments
3. Reports/Orders of the Central Information Commission and various State Information Commissions
4. Indian Evidence Act
5. The Code of Civil Procedure
6. Indian Constitutional Law by Shri D. D. Basu
7. Black's Law Dictionary.
8. Other Relevant Acts and Rules

Categories of documents held by WBIC :

Sl. No.	Subject	Type of Document-file /muster/register/voucher etc.	Particulars Heading/type in the document	Periodicity of preservation
1.	Appeals	Files	Section 19 of RTI Act	Not yet decided
2.	Complaints	Files	Section 18 of RTI Act	Not yet decided
3.	General/ Miscellaneous	Files	General matter related to RTI or Miscellaneous non-RTI matters	Not yet decided
4.	Administration	Files	Files related to administration	Not yet decided
5.	Annual Report	Files	Materials furnished by Department for Annual Report	Not yet decided

Arrangement for consultation with, or representation by, the members of the public in relation to the formulation of its policy or implementation thereof:

There is no prescribed mechanism for consultation under the RTI Act. The Commission functions under the various provisions of the Act and Rules made thereunder. Consultations and meetings are held from time to time with public authorities and other concerned organizations as required.

Boards, councils, committees and other bodies constituted: None

Directory of the Officers and Employees of WBIC:

Under Section 4 (1)(b)(ix) a directory of the State Chief Information Commissioner, State Information Commissioner and the officers & employees & their monthly remuneration in West Bengal Information Commission is given below:

Sl. No	Name & Designation	Telephone Number	E-mail ID	Remarks
1	Shri Arun Kumar Bhattacharyay State Chief Information Commissioner, West Bengal	(033) 2479-1966	scic-wb@nic.in	From 22.12.2005 to 05.08.2010

Sl. No	Name & Designation	Telephone Number	E-mail ID	Remarks
2	Shri Sujit Kumar Sarkar, State Information Commissioner, West Bengal	(033) 2479-1966	scic-wb@nic.in	From 04.12.2009 to 30.11.2010 & joined this Commission as SCIC on 01.12.2010
3	Shri K. John Koshy, State Information Commissioner, West Bengal	(033) 2479-1966	scic-wb@nic.in	From 01.12.2010
4	Shri Nandan Roy, Secretary, West Bengal Information Commission	Do	scic-wb@nic.in	From 02.07.2006 to 10.05.2010
5	Shri Debajyoti Paul, Finance Officer, West Bengal Information Commission	Do		
6	Sri Purnendu Tantri, Dy. Secretary, West Bengal Information Commission	Do		Secy-in-Charge from 11.05.2010
7	Shri Tanmoy Kr. Jana, P.S. to SCIC, W.B.	Do		
8	Shri Goutam Majhi Sr. P.A.	Do		
9	Shri Billwa Kr. Kundu, P.A.	Do		Service was placed from P & A.R. Deptt.
10	Shri Debasish Dasgupta, S.O. cum Accountant			Released on 30.04.2010
11	Smt. Nabanita Mukherjee, H.A.	Do		
12	Shri Partha Pratim Mondal, Judicial Peshkar	Do		Released on 12.07.2010
13	Shri Debasis Mahapatra, U.D. Asstt.	Do		
14	Smt. Susmita Ghosal, U.D. Asstt.	Do		
15	Shri Bidyut Kumar Guha, U.D. Asstt.	Do		

Sl. No	Name & Designation	Telephone Number	E-mail ID	Remarks
16	Shri Debasis Sen, U.D. Asstt.	Do		Joined on 31.12.2010
17	Shri Pradip Sardar, U.D. Asstt.	Do		Released on 12.07.2010
18	Shri Shyamal Chakraborty, Gr. D (Peon)	Do		
19	Smt. Soma Goswami, Gr. D	Do		
20	Shri Ashim Bhattacharjee, Gr. D	Do		
21	Smt. Sutapa Basu, Technically Skilled Manpower	Do		
22	Shri Partha Mondal, Typist (Casual)	Do		
23	Shri Asit Patra, Typist (Casual)	Do		
24	Shri Dhirendranath Sar, Gr. D (Casual)	Do		

Details of remuneration of officers and employees:

According to the provisions of section 16 (5) the RTI Act, 2005 the salaries and allowances payable to and other terms and conditions of services of—

- The State Chief Information Commissioner shall be the same as that of the Election Commissioner ;
- The State Information Commissioner shall be the same as that of the Chief Secretary of the State Government :

Provided that if the State Chief Information Commissioner or an Information Commissioner, at the time of his appointment is, in receipt of a pension, other than a disability or wound pension, in respect of any previous service under the Government of India or under the Government of State, his salary in respect of the service as the Chief Information Commissioner or an Information Commissioner shall be reduced by the amount of that pension including any portion of pension which was commuted and pension equivalent of other forms of retirement benefit excluding pension equivalent of retirement gratuity:

Provided further that if the State Chief Information Commissioner or an Information Commissioner if, at the time of his appointment is, in receipt of retirement benefits in respect of any previous service rendered in a Corporation established by or under any Central Act or State Act or a Government

company owned or controlled by the Central Government or the State Government, his salary in respect of the service as the Chief Information Commissioner or an Information Commissioner shall be reduced by the amount of pension equivalent to retirement benefits:

Provided also that the salaries, allowances and other conditions of service of the State Chief Information Commissioner and the Information Commissioners shall not be varied to their advantage after their appointment.

It has also been laid down under section 16(6) of the RTI Act, 2005 that the state Government shall provide the State Chief Information Commissioner and the State Information Commissioner with such officers and employees as may be necessary for the efficient performance of their functions under this Act, and the salaries and allowances payable to and the terms and conditions of service of the officers and other employees appointed for the purpose of this Act shall be such as may be prescribed.

The scale of pay of the State Chief Information Commissioner, State Information Commissioner and the officers and employees of West Bengal Information Commission are as under:-

Sl. No.	Designation of the posts	Pay scale of the post
1.	State Chief Information Commissioner	Rs. 90,000/- (Consolidated)
2.	State Information Commissioner	Rs. 80,000/- (Consolidated)
3.	Secretary & Registrar	Rs. 37,400–60,000/- + G.P. Rs. 8,700/-
4.	Finance Officer	Rs. 28,000–52,000/- + G.P. Rs.7,600/-
5.	Deputy Secretary & Additional Registrar	Rs. 15,600–42,000/- + G.P. Rs. 6,600/-
6.	Law Officer & Joint Registrar	Rs. 15,600–42,000/- + G.P. Rs. 5,400/-
6..	Accountant	Rs. 7,100–37,600/- + G.P. Rs. 4220/- + Deputation Allowance
7.	Head Assistant	Rs. 7,100–37,600/- + G.P. Rs. 3600/- + Deputation Allowance
8.	Judicial Peshkar	Rs. 7,100–37,600/- + G.P. Rs. 3600 + Deputation Allowance
9.	U.D. Assistant	Rs. 7,100–37,600/- + G.P. Rs. 3,600/-

Sl. No.	Designation of the posts	Pay scale of the post
10.	P.S. to SCIC	Rs. 9,000/- –40,500/-+G.P. Rs. 5400/-
11.	P.A.	
12.	L.D. Assistant	Rs. 5,400/- –25,200/- + G.P. Rs. 2,600/-
13	Cashier	Rs. 5,400/- –25,200/- + G.P. Rs. 2,600/-
14	System Administrator	Rs. 9000/- –40500/- + G.P. Rs. 5400/-
15	System Supervisor	Rs. 9000/- –40500/- + G.P. Rs. 5400/-
16	P.A.	Rs. 7,100/- –37,600/- + G.P. Rs. 3,600/-
17	Section Officer	Rs. 9000/- –40500/- + G.P. Rs. 4400/-
18	Data Entry Operator	Rs. 5,400/- –25,200/- + G.P. Rs. 2,600/-
19	Typist (working knowledge of computer)	Rs. 5,400/- –25,200/- + G.P. Rs. 2,600/-
20	Record Supplier	Rs. 5,400/- –25,200/- + G.P. Rs. 1,900/-
21	Gr. D	Rs. 4,900/- –16,200/- + G.P. Rs. 1,800/-

Budget Allocation, Expenditures and Disbursements:

Under Section 4(1)(b)(xi) the Commission has to provide details of allocation of budget and disbursement made during financial year 10-11. These are placed on the website giving details of budget and its utilization.

Net Grant Statement for the Financial Year 2010-2011
Department of West Bengal Information Commission
Demand No. 41

Head of Accounts	Original Grant in Budget	Supplementary grant (Re-appropriation)	Total Grant Allotment received	Total expenditure	Excess Expenditure	Savings
2052-Sectt.-Genl. Services-00-090-Sectt.-NP-Non Plan-028-West Bengal Information Commission-[HR]-V						
01-Salaries	6035000.00		6035000.00	5270731.00		764269.00
02-Wages	330000.00		330000.00	300534.00		29466.00
07-Medical Reimbursement	12000.00	19000.00	29800.00	23053.00		6747.00
11-Travel Expenses	150000.00		135000.00	74022.00		60978.00
12-Medical Reimbursement under WBHS 2008	16000.00		14400.00	85348.00	(-)70948.00	
13-Office expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
01-Electricity	53000.00	—	47700.00	9955.00		37745.00
02-Telephone	400000.00		360000.00	130328.00		229672.00
03-Maintenance / POL for office vehicles	683000.00	120000.00	734700.00	664463.00		70237.00
04-O.O.E.	700000.00	—	630000.00	292387.00		337613.00
27-Minor Works / Maintenance	210000.00	47000.00	236000.00	97021.00		138979.00
28-Payment of Professional & Spl. Services	—	—	—	—	—	—
01-Captation fees for IMPs	—	—	—	—		—
02-Other Charges	600000.00	(-)186000.00	354000.00	220800.00		133200.00
50-Other Charges	200000.00	-	180000.00			180000.00
51-Motor Vehicles	150000.00	-	135000.00	131976.00		3024.00
Total	9539000.00	0.00	9221600.00	7300618.00	(-)70948.00	1991930.00

The budget provision for the financial year 2011-12 is also given hereunder:-

Statement showing detail regarding Reappropriation of fund(deficit fund) & Corresponding Head of Account (surplus Head) for the financial year 2011-12

Description of the Head of Account (1)	Actual for 2010-11	Budget Estimate 11-12 (2)	Remarks
01-Salaries	5270731.00	7,358,000.00	
01-Pay	2749172.00	3471000.00	
14-Grade Pay	564546.00	989000.00	

Description of the Head of Account (1)	Actual for 2010-11	Budget Estimate 11-12 (2)	Remarks
02-D.A.	1102134.00	1784000.00	
03-H.R.A.	641349.00	624000.00	
04-Adhoc Bonus	10000.00	45000.00	
07-Other Allowances	181030.00	400000.00	
12-Medical Allowances	22500.00	45000.00	
07-Medical Reimbursement	23053.00	12000.00	
12-M.R. Under W.B.H.S.,2008	85348.00	16000.00	
13-Office Expenses	—	—	
02-Telephone	130328.00	400000.00	
03-Maintenance/P.O.L. for Office Vehicles	664463.00	683000.00	
50-Other Charges		200000.00	
51-Motor Vehicles	131976.00	150000.00	
	7300618.00	10895000.00	

Execution of subsidy programmes:

The Commission does not implement any subsidy programme.

Recipients of concessions, permits or authorizations granted: None

Information available in electronic form:

Important information related with the RTI Act, 2005 are uploaded in the Commission's website www.wbic.gov.in and are updated regularly.

A list of such information uploaded in the website is given below:

Sl.No.	Type of Document	In which electronic format it is kept	Mode of retrieval
1.	The Right to Information Act, 2005		
2.	The West Bengal Right to Information Rules, 2006 and its amendments	On Website	Internet
3.	Relevant Notifications issued by the Government	Do	Do
4.	List of SPIOs as provided by the Public Authorities	Do	Do
4.	Decisions of the WBIC	Do	Do

Sl.No.	Type of Document	In which electronic format it is kept	Mode of retrieval
5.	Show Cause Notices	Do	Do
6.	Hearing Dates	Do	Do
7.	Appeal / Complaint format	Do	Do
8.	Important Circulars / Notifications	Do	Do
9.	Frequently Asked Questions about the RTI Act, 2005	Do	Do
10.	Annual Report of the Commission	Do	Do
11.	Important letters of the Commission explaining different provisions of the Act	Do	Do

Facilities available to citizens for obtaining information:

Officers of the Commission are available on phone and personally from 10.30 A.M. – 5.30 P.M. on all working days. The Commission's website www.wbic.gov.in provides relevant information for the public and is updated regularly. The Commission does not have a library or reading room.

The names, designation and other particulars of the Public Information Officers of the Commission:

WEST BENGAL INFORMATION COMMISSION			
1.	Shri Nandan Roy,WBCS (Exe.) Secretary & Registrar	WEST BENGAL INFORMATION COMMISSION Bhawani Bhaban(2 nd floor), Alipore, Kolkata-27. Phone-2448-0224 Email- scic-wb@nic.in Website- www.wbic.gov.in	Appellate Authority From 22.08.2007 to 10.05.2010
2.	Shri Purnendu Tantri, Secretary-in-Charge	WEST BENGAL INFORMATION COMMISSION Bhawani Bhaban(2 nd floor), Alipore, Kolkata-27. Phone-2448-0224 Email- scic-wb@nic.in Website- www.wbic.gov.in	Appellate Authority From 14.06.2010
3.	Shri Debajyoti Paul, Finance Officer	Do	SPIO

Other information:

In order to facilitate easy and quick disposal of the large number of complaints and appeals from the information-seekers, the Commission vide its Circular No. 2964-WBIC/RTI/14/08 dated 18.11.2009 has prescribed a **format** for submission of the complaints and appeals which has to be submitted in quadruplicate alongwith all enclosures. The circular came into effect from 01.12.2009. The relevant circular and the appeal / complaint format have been uploaded in the Commission's website.

Schedule for hearings and other important information are given in the office Notice Board. All relevant information including decisions of the Commission is published on the Commission's website.

CHAPTER – 2

ANNUAL REPORT 2010

Section 25(1) of the RTI Act enjoins that the State Information Commission shall, as soon as practicable after the end of each year, prepare a report on the implementation of the provisions of the Act during that year and forward a copy to the State Government.

Section 25(2) of the RTI Act, 2005 stipulates that each department shall, in relation to the Public Authorities within their jurisdiction, collect and provide such information to the State Information Commission as is required to prepare the report under this section and comply with the requirements concerning the furnishing of that information and keeping of records for the purposes of this section.

Section 25(3) stipulates that the report shall provide the following information:

- (a) the number of requests made to each public authority;
- (b) the number of decisions where applicants were not entitled to access to the documents pursuant to the requests, the provisions of this Act under which these decisions were made and the number of times such provisions were invoked;
- (c) the number of appeals referred to the Central Information Commission or State Information Commission, as the case may be, for review, the nature of the appeals and the outcome of the appeals;
- (d) particulars of any disciplinary action taken against any officer in respect of the administration of this Act;
- (e) the amount of charges collected by each public authority under this Act;
- (f) any facts which indicate and effort by the public authorities to administer and implement the spirit and intention of this Act;
- (g) recommendations for reform, including recommendations in respect of the particular public authorities, for the development, improvement, modernization, reform or amendment to this Act or other legislation or common law or any other matter relevant for operationalising the right to access information.

DISPOSAL OF RTI APPLICATIONS BY PUBLIC AUTHORITIES IN WEST BENGAL DURING THE PERIOD

West Bengal Information Commission issued instructions to all the Nodal Departments and District Magistrates of the state of West Bengal, vide letter No. 2662(101)–WBIC/1R–2/08 dated 04.11.2011,

to collect information in terms of Section 25(2) of RTI Act from the Public Authorities and furnish the same to the Commission by 30.12.2011.

The Commission received report from the following public authorities in West Bengal:–

1	Agriculture Department
2	Department of Agricultural Marketing
3	Animal Resources Development Department
4	Backward Classes Welfare Department
5	Bureau of Investigation
6	Civil Defence Department
7	Consumer Affairs Department
8	Commerce & Industries Department
9	Co-operation Department
10	Development & Planning Department
11	Office of Distict Magistrate, Darjeeling
12	Disaster Management Department
13	DM, Dakshin Dinajpur
14	DM, South 24 Parganas
15	DM, Jalpaiguri
16	DM, Murshidabad
17	DM, North 24 Parganas
18	DM, Hooghly
19	DM, Bankura
20	DM, Birbhum
21	DM, Burdwan
22	DM, Coochbehar
23	DM, Howrah
24	DM, Malda
25	DM, Nadia
26	DM, Purulia
27	DM, Uttar Dinajpur
28	DM, Purba Medinipur
29	Environment Dept
30	Finance Department

31	Fire & Emergency Services Department
32	Forest Department
33	Food Processing Industries & Horticulture
34	Food & Supplies Department
35	Governor's Secretariat
36	Health & Family Welfare Department
37	Higher Education Department
38	Hill Affairs Department
39	Home Department
40	Home (C & E) Department
41	Housing Department
42	Irrigation & Waterways Department
43	Industrial Reconstruction Department
44	Information Technology Department
45	Department of Correctional Administration
46	Judicial Department
47	Kolkata Municipal Corporation
48	Kolkata Police
49	Land & Land Reforms Department
50	Labour Department
51	Law Department
52	Micro & Small Scale Enterprises & Textiles Department
53	Municipal Affairs Department
54	Personnel & Administrative Reforms Department
55	Panchayat & Rural Development Department
56	Parliamentary Affairs Department
57	Paschim Banga Sarva Shiksha Mission
58	Public Health Engineering Department
59	Power & NES Dept
60	Public Service Commission, West Bengal
61	PW (Roads) Dept.
62	Refugee, Relief & Rehabilitation Department
63	School Education Department
64	Sub Divisional Officer, Bongaon, North 24 Parganas

65	SDO, Barrackpore, North 24 Parganas
66	SDO, Basirhat, North 24 Parganas
67	Science & Tech. Dept
68	Tourism Department
69	Technical Education & Training Department
70	Urban Development Department
71	Women & Child Development & Social Welfare Department
72	West Bengal Police Directorate
73	West Bengal Small Industries Development Corpn. Ltd.
74	West Bengal Administrative Tribunal
75	West Bengal Information Commission
76	West Bengal Human Rights Commission
77	West Bengal Legislative Assembly Secretariat
78	Water Resources Investigation and Development Department
79	Youth Services Department

Unfortunately like the previous year a large number of Departments failed to collect information from all the Public Authorities under their jurisdiction, compile the same and send it to the Commission. As a result, a complete and true picture about the number of requests received by the Public Authorities and disposed during the year is not available. It would be reasonable to conclude that the actual number of requests for information is much higher than what has been reported. A compilation of the information as obtained along with graphical representation on the performance of the Public Authorities is given in the following pages.

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Sl. No.	Name of the Deptt.	Name of the Public Authority (under the jurisdiction)	Total No. of Register ed (including those pending at the time of filing)	No. of cases where access granted		Total No. of Refusal U/s 7(2)	Cases Rejected											No. of cases where 1 st Appeal has been made u/s 19(1)		Amount of charges collected	Any facts which indicate the effort of the Public Authority to administer and implement the spirit and intention of the Act.									
				Within 30 days	After 30 days		Under Section 8											Access granted	Denied			Total								
							8(1)(a)	8(1)(b)	8(1)(c)	8(1)(d)	8(1)(e)	8(1)(f)	8(1)(g)	8(1)(h)	8(1)(i)	8(1)(j)	U/s 9						U/s 11	U/s 24	Other	Total				
1	Agriculture Department	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27			
1	Agriculture Department	Agriculture Department	43	24	16	40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	NIL	3	NIL				
2	Department of Agricultural Marketing	Directorate of Agricultural Marketing	7	4	3	7	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	7 (86%)	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL				
3	Animal Resources Development Department	Dir. Of AR & AH	15	15	NIL	15	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	All u/s 15 Note.	NIL	15	Rs. 150/-	NIL			
		Dir. Of Dairy Dev.	3	3	NIL	3	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	3	NIL	NIL	NIL				
		WB Unit of Art & F. Sc.	10	9	NIL	9	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	1	2	NIL	2	Rs. 40/-	NIL			
		WBEL Stock Dev. Corp'n. Ltd.	3	3	NIL	3	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	2	NIL				
4	Backward Classes Welfare Department	P.E.G., Sampad B.I. Soc. Secy.	1	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL				
		WB Vety. Council	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL				
		Sri Sanat Kumar Ghosh, State Public Information Officer	76	70	6	76	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	2	NIL	2	Rs. 700/-	The fact that there are no cases reported U/s 9 & U/s 11 and no cases reported under made by this Department to disburse information to applicants. Acquiring of information from district and other offices has caused delay in processing of the cases. The information applies in all pending cases. Replies in all pending cases have been sent to applicants pending receipt of final reports from the concerned authorities.			
5	Bureau of Investigation	Special Officer & Addl. Commissioner, Bureau of Investigation	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL				
6	Civil Defence Department	Civil Defence Department	9	2	3	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	1	-	1	NIL	-			
		Controller of C.D., Kolkata	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
		DG & CG, HG	5	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	1	1	-	-			
		Commandant, BWHG	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
		State Commandant W.B. NYP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
7	Consumer Affairs Department	Ashim K. Chatterjee	21	16	5	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
8	Commerce & Industries Department	Principal Secy.	56	22	12	34	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	2	4	6	NIL				
9	Co-operation Department	Assistant Secy. & SPIO, Co-operation Dept.	71	45	25	70	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	14	1	15	Rs. 710/- (71*10 Court fees as per notification fee).	All cases have been given utmost attention with a view to speedy disposal of.			

Jurisdiction		Register of those pending at the time of	Under Section 8										U/s 9		U/s 24		Total	Access granted	Denied	Total	collected	Authority to administer and implement the spirit and intention of the Act.			
1	2	Within 30 days	After 30 days	Total	Deemed Refusal U/s 7(2)	8(1)(a)	8(1)(b)	8(1)(c)	8(1)(d)	8(1)(e)	8(1)(f)	8(1)(g)	8(1)(h)	8(1)(i)	8(1)(j)	U/s 9							U/s 24		
1	Registrar of Co-operative Society	159	48	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
		82		130	8														21	159	35	8	43	Rs. 1,607/-	
	Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Dist. Purba Medinipur-I range, Tumbak	21																							
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				Within 30 days	After 30 days	Total		8(1)(a)	8(1)(b)	8(1)(c)	8(1)(d)	8(1)(e)	8(1)(f)	8(1)(g)	8(1)(h)	8(1)(i)	8(1)(j)	U/s 9	U/s 11	Other	Total	Access granted	Denied	Total	Appeal		
1		D.P.O., Birkham	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
		D.M., Bankura	2	2	NIL	2	NIL	Does not arise	NIL	Does not arise	Does not arise	Does not arise	Does not arise	Does not arise	Does not arise	Does not arise	Does not arise	Does not arise	Does not arise	Does not arise	Does not arise	Does not arise	Does not arise	Does not arise	Does not arise	Charge collection till due to RPL Card	NIL
		D.P.O., Dakshin Dinajpur	1	1	NIL	1	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	Not applicable	NIL
		S/ District Magistrate, Uttar Dinajpur	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
		D.P.O., Purulia	2	2	X	2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
		7/Office of the District Magistrate, Paschim Medinipur	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
		D.M., Howrah	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
		9/ District Planning Officer, Purba Medinipur	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
		District Planning Officer & SPO, Hooghly	4	2	-	2	NIL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
11	Office of District Magistrate, Durgajding		10	6	3	9	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
		D.P.O.	3	2	1	3	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
		NREGS	3	2	1	3	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
		NREGS, Chokona	2	-	1	1	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
		Plantation	3	3	-	3	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
		S.P., Durgajding	3	2	1	3	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
		Dy. Dist. Food & Supply	4	-	2	2	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
		Revenue Murshidkhan	1	1	-	1	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
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		Dy. Dist. Of tourism, Calcutta	1	1	-	1	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
		Die. Of Hotel Management	1	1	-	1	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
		Principal Secretary, DGH	3	-	2	2	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
		D.P.O.	3	3	-	3	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
		Spl. LAO	1	1	-	1	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
		S.D.O., Midnapur	4	1	2	3	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
		Education Deptt. DGH	1	1	-	1	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
		BDO, Garoohian	1	1	-	1	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
		BDO, Bhabar	1	1	-	1	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
		BDO, Subangul	2	2	-	2	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
		SDO, Larko, Siliguri	1	1	-	1	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
		SDO, Sadar	1	1	-	1	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
		Ex. Engineer, Engg. Div. DGH	1	1	-	1	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
12	Disaster Management Department		12	12	0	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Die. Of Disaster Management																									
13	D.M., Dakshin Dinajpur		170	170	-	170	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		D.M., Dakshin Dinajpur	170	170	-	170	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		D.M., Dakshin Dinajpur	170	170	-	170	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		D.M., Dakshin Dinajpur	170	170	-	170	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		D.M., Dakshin Dinajpur	170	170	-	170	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		D.M., Dakshin Dinajpur	170	170	-	170	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		D.M., Dakshin Dinajpur	170	170	-	170	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		D.M., Dakshin Dinajpur	170	170	-	170	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		D.M., Dakshin Dinajpur	170	170	-	170	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		D.M., Dakshin Dinajpur	170	170	-	170	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		D.M., Dakshin Dinajpur	170	170	-	170	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		D.M., Dakshin Dinajpur	170	170	-	170	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		D.M., Dakshin Dinajpur	170	170	-	170	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		D.M., Dakshin Dinajpur	170	170	-	170	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		D.M., Dakshin Dinajpur	170	170	-	170	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		D.M., Dakshin Dinajpur	170	170	-	170	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		D.M., Dakshin Dinajpur	170	170	-	170	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		D.M., Dakshin Dinajpur	170	170	-	170	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		D.M., Dakshin Dinajpur	170	170	-	170	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		D.M., Dakshin Dinajpur	170	170	-	170	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		D.M., Dakshin Dinajpur	170	170	-	170	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		D.M., Dakshin Dinajpur	170	170	-	170	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		D.M., Dakshin Dinajpur	170	170	-	170	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		D.M., Dakshin Dinajpur	170	170	-	170	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		D.M., Dakshin Dinajpur	170	170	-	170	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		D.M., Dakshin Dinajpur	170	170	-	170	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		D.M., Dakshin Dinajpur	170	170	-	170	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		D.M., Dakshin Dinajpur	170	170	-	170	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		D.M., Dakshin Dinajpur	170	170	-	170	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		D.M., Dakshin Dinajpur	170	170	-	170	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		D.M., Dakshin Dinajpur	170	170	-	170	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		D.M., Dakshin Dinajpur	170	170	-	170	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		D.M., Dakshin Dinajpur	170	170	-	170	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		D.M., Dakshin Dinajpur	170	170	-	170	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		D.M., Dakshin Dinajpur	170	170	-	170	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		D.M., Dakshin Dinajpur	170	170	-	170	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		D.M., Dakshin Dinajpur	170	170	-	170	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		D.M., Dakshin Dinajpur	170	170	-	170	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		D.M., Dakshin Dinajpur	170	170	-	170	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		D.M., Dakshin Dinajpur	170	170	-	170</																					

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14	DM, South 24 Parganas	2 Development & Planning Department	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
15	DM, Jalpaiguri	District Information Officer	110	110	NIL	110	NIL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	Rs. 102/-	-	
16	DM, Murshidabad	SPIO, Murshidabad	159	159	X	159	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	2	1	3	Rs. 1400/-	NIL	
17	DM, North 24 Parganas	SPIO, EN SPIO, Barrackpore DMA Section SPIO, North 24 Parganas Municipal Affairs, North 24 Parganas	581	221	360	581	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	NIL	16	Rs. 5390/-	NIL	
18	DM, Hooghly	RR & R Deptt	3	1	2	3	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	-	-	-	-	-	
		Establishment	10	7	3	10	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	
		Motor Vehicles	12	12	0	12	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	
		Disaster Management	2	1	1	2	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	
		Industries & Industrial Dev	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	
		Excise	3	3	NIL	3	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	
		Nuzareth	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	
		NREGA	7	7	NIL	7	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	
		Passport	2	2	NIL	2	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	
		Backward Classes Welfare	3	3	NIL	3	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
		Loans	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	
		Citizenship	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	
		Heart Res. & Dev.	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	
		Housing	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	
		Hooghly Zilla Parishad	23	23	NIL	23	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
		Revenue Murshidabad	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
		Licence	4	2	2	4	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
		Judicial Murshidabad	2	2	NIL	2	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Census	1	NIL	1	1	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL		
Education	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL		
Certificate	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL		
Civil Defence Department	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL		
DM, Bandura	65	65	NIL	65	NIL	65	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	2	NIL	2	Rs. 101/-	NIL		
DM, Barham	422	422	-	422	-	422	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	422	99	-	99	Rs. 3985/- (Court fee) Rs. 110/- (T.R. Challan) for supplying information. Rs. 411/-	NIL		
19	DM, Bandura	Sr. Dy. Collector, Bandura	65	65	NIL	65	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	2	NIL	2	Rs. 101/-	NIL		
20	DM, Barham	Barham Collectorate, Suri, Barham	422	422	-	422	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	99	-	99	Rs. 3985/- (Court fee) Rs. 110/- (T.R. Challan) for supplying information. Rs. 411/-	NIL		
		SPIO's Office, B-agar, Barham	12	12	NIL	12	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	N.A.	N.A.	
		No such cases received by the SPIO and Jt. EDO, Md. Bazar, Barham, for the period from 01.01.2010 to 31.12.2010																										

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				Within 30 days	After 30 days		8(1)(a)	8(1)(b)	8(1)(c)	8(1)(d)	8(1)(e)	8(1)(f)	8(1)(g)	8(1)(h)	8(1)(j)	U/s 9	U/s 24	Other	Total	Access granted			Denied	Total							
1		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27				
21	DM, Burdwan	SDO, Rampurhat, Birbhum	82	61	21	82	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	5	NIL	5	Rs. 575/-					
22	DM, Coochbehar	RTI Cell, General Section, Burdwan	324																							NIL					
		D.M., Coochbehar	85	85	NIL	85	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	-	1) As per instruction of ATJ, Kolkata, Govt. of West Bengal, a workshop on RTI Act, 2005 had been organized at the district level. SDOs, EDOs & other line Departments of the district participated in the said workshop. 2) As per instruction of W.B. Information Commission, a meeting with all SDOs, EDOs and Office Representatives of various departments and district had been organized. State Chief Information Commissioner, West Bengal was present in the said meeting and he had made a special/ speech in the meeting in furthering the objectives of the RTI Act, 2005.				
23	DM, Howrah	District Magistrate & Collector, Howrah	131	130	1	131	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	1	NIL	1	Rs. 1310/-	NIL	Average meeting on RTI Act, 2005 with different line departments are held at the District level				
24	DM, Midna	BDO, Kuliachak - I	2	2	NIL	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Rs. 65/-				
25	DM, Nadia	DP & RDO	13	11	2	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Rs. 340/-			
		DISWO	1	1	NIL	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Rs. 340/-			
		DL & L&O	31	31	NIL	31	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Rs. 930/-		
		D.D. Agriculture (Admin.)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Rs. 849/-		
		D.I. (Secondary)	29	29	NIL	29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Rs. 4183/-		
		D.I. (Secondary)	13	13	NIL	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Rs. 247/-		
		DL & L&O	82	82	-	82	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	NIL		
		DP&DO (Under Panchayat)	102	95	4	99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	NIL		
		DP&DO (Under Gram Panchayat)	97	93	2	95	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	NIL		
		Rev. Municipalities	3	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	NIL	
		DWO, B&CW	8	8	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	NIL	
		SW. Section	3	1	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	NIL	
		E&H. Section	3	1	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	NIL	
		UDS, Nadia	2	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	NIL	
		Election Department	6	6	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	NIL	
Chunna Section	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	NIL			
DMO, Nadia	6	6	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	NIL			
DP&DO	16	14	2	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	NIL			
26	DM, Purulia	District Magistrate, Purulia	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	-	-	NIL			
		Superintendent of Police, Purulia	19	18	NIL	18	1	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	18	1	19	Rs. 206/-	No Comment				
		A.D.M.G., Purulia	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL		
		A.D.M.D., Purulia	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	
		SIO, Raghunathpur	5	5	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	NIL	
		SIO, Sadar (West), Purulia	5	1	4	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	NIL	
		GM, DDC, Purulia	1	1	-	1	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	
		Sr. Deputy Collector, Purulia	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	
		Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Purulia	8	8	NIL	8	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
		Spl. L&O, Purulia	6	4	NIL	4	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL										

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1		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
		DFO (CDS), Purulia	10	7	3	10	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	Rs. 166/-	
		Exe Engineer, Purulia (Mech) Division, PHE Die																									
		RRDC, Purulia	4	4	NIL	4	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	1	NIL	NIL	Rs. 80/-	
		DP & RDO, Purulia	12	12	NIL	12	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	12	NIL	NIL	Rs. 20/-	
		OCC, Certificate, Purulia	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	nil	
		OCC, Forms & Stationary, Purulia	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	nil	
		Dy. Director, Small Savings, Purulia	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	nil	
		A.L.C. Salar (West), Purulia	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	nil	
		Sales Tax Officer, Purulia	2	2	NIL	2	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	1	NIL	NIL	Rs. 32/-	
		DICO, Purulia	4	4	NIL	4	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	Rs. 40/-	
		OCC, R.M., Purulia	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	nil	
		A.D., Bureau of AE & S, Purulia	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	nil	
		Mining Officer, Purulia Zone	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	nil	
		Exe. Engineer, Purulia, Agri-Mech. Division	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	nil	
		OCC, Loans, Purulia	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	nil	
		Treasury Officer, Purulia	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	nil	
		DICO, Purulia	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	nil	
		Supdt. Of Excise, Purulia	1	1	NIL	1	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	nil	
		DI of Schools, P.E., Purulia	21	20	1	21	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	1	NIL	NIL	Rs. 20/-	
		OCC, DUDA, Purulia	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	nil	
		Dy. Director, AKD & P.O., Purulia	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	nil	
		District Library Officer, Purulia	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	nil	
		OCC, J.M., Purulia	7	7	NIL	7	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	Rs. 30/-	
		OCC, Election Deptt., Purulia	2	2	NIL	2	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	nil	
		Dist. Controller, Food and Supplies, Purulia	33	33	-	33	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Rs. 120/-	NO
27	DW. Utar Dinajpur	Chairman, Rajnail Municipality	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-	-	10/-	
		Project Officer, D.S.W.O.	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	-	-	20/-	
		D.I. (SE), UD	7	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	-	-	70/-	

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1		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
28	DM, Porsha Medinipur	BMOH, Kallaganj	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1			10/-		
		NDC, UD, Collectorate	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1			10/-		
		EMRGE, Kaganj	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1			10/-		
		DM, NTPC, Kallaganj	282	282	NIL	282	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL				247/-	
29	Environment Dept	1) WBPCB 2) JESWM 3) WREB 4) EKVMA	22	22	NIL	22	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	3	0	3	Rs. 2550/-	RTI Training on 30.10.2010, 01.11.2010, 06.12.2010 & 07.12.2010 for the officers who deal with the RTI matters with the Co-operation from the ATT, Salt Lake, Kolkata	
West Bengal Pollution Control Board		99	24*	71	95	4	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	6	13	0	13	NIL			
East Kolkata Wetlands Management Authority		6	1	1	2	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL		Rs. 10/-	The authority has strived to make every information possible available on the website. Any new Order, Notification or Amendment is made available on the website along with all the details of the monozar falling within the East Kolkata Wetlands boundary	
West Bengal Biodiversity Board		1	1	NA	1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1	1	NA	1	Rs. 10/-	NA
30	Finance Department	Institute of Environmental Studies and Wetland Management	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL		NIL		
RTI Cell		283	239	44	283	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	21	NIL	21	Rs. 2530/-		
AFS Branch		8	0	8	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	21	NIL	Rs. 90/-	YES
Kolkata Pay & Accounts Office - I		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
		Commissioner, Agricultural Income Tax, W.E. & Commissioner, Multi-crore Rtg. Tax & Urban Land Taxes, W.E.	5	5	NIL	5	5	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL		Rs. 50/-	Directorate of Agricultural Income Tax publishes Annual Administrative Report regularly to provide the information about the concerned members of the public. Basic information are also furnished to the Finance Department and also to the Income Tax Department in the Govt. website viz. www.banglamarbha.com and www.wbfinco.in	
		West Bengal Financial Corporation	22	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	19	0	14	14	Rs. 170/-	The first Appellate Authority is always accommodative and often changes data of hearing so suite the convenience of the appellant and in one or two cases the appellant was not paid even if the fees were not paid.
		Director, Of Entry Taxes & Director Of Revenue Intelligence	1	1		1	NIL																NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	Regular awareness among the staff	
		D.D. Small Savings, Mitragore																									NIL	
		Director, Of Entry Taxes & Director Of Revenue Intelligence	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL		NIL	
		D.D. Small Savings, Mitragore																									NIL	
		Director, Of Entry Taxes & Director Of Revenue Intelligence	3	3	NIL	3	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	3		3	Rs. 30/-	NIL
		West Bengal Infrastructure Dev. Finance Corp. Ltd.	2	2	NIL	2	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	1	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL		NIL	Rs. 30/-	None
		W.E. Commercial Taxes Appellate & Revisional Board	NIL	N.A.																								
		Bureau of Investigation																										
		Directorate of Pension, Provident Fund and Gr. Insurance.	38	38	NIL	38	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL		NIL		

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48	Kolkata Police	1. Shri Srujal Ghosh, IPS, Spl. CP, Kol & Appellate Authority, K.P 2. Shri Rajeev Ghosh, IPS, Spl. CP, Kol & Appellate Authority, K.P 3. Shri Murali Dhar, IPS, DC(II), DD, K.P	617	384	233	617	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	13 including 10 partially rejected	NIL	NIL	14 including 01 partially rejected	16 including 04 partially rejected	17 including 04 partially rejected	NIL	NIL	NIL	10 including 10 partially rejected	40	59	NIL	24	25	26	27																																																																																																																																																							
49	Land & Land Reforms Department	Deputy Secretary & SPIO, L & LR Department	736	15	21	36	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	1	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	1	1	NIL	NIL	NIL	24	27	71	1	70	63 nos. of applications are disposed of by the Deptt. Out of 736 nos. of applications balance nos. of applications have been disposed of by the authority under sec 6(3) of RTI Act. All possible efforts have been made so far to implement the RTI Act, 2005	63 nos. of applications are disposed of by the Deptt. Out of 736 nos. of applications balance nos. of applications have been disposed of by the authority under sec 6(3) of RTI Act. All possible efforts have been made so far to implement the RTI Act, 2005	63 nos. of applications are disposed of by the Deptt. Out of 736 nos. of applications balance nos. of applications have been disposed of by the authority under sec 6(3) of RTI Act. All possible efforts have been made so far to implement the RTI Act, 2005	63 nos. of applications are disposed of by the Deptt. 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				Within 30 days	After 30 days	Total		Deemed Refusal U/s 7(2)	Under Section 8																	Total	Access granted	Total	
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53	Municipal Affairs Department	Municipal Affairs Department	163	163	0	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	Unstated efforts are taken by this department to dispose of all the cases within the time prescribed in the RTI Act, 2005. We are putting forth our best energy to provide information under the RTI Act, 2005 to the entire satisfaction of the information seekers.		
		West Bengal Valuation Board	12	12	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Rs. 300/-		
		Directorate of Local Bodies WB	25	25	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NIL	
		State Urban Development Agency	12	12	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Rs. 600/- (court fee)		
		Agarwal Municipal Corporation	51	39	12	51	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Rs. 1200/-		
		Chandrasekhar Municipal Corporation	129	119	10	129	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	129 x 10 = 1290 + 10.56 = 2326		
		Kawa Municipal Corporation	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	Rs. 2100/-		
		North 24 Parganas Municipal Corporation	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	Rs. 40/-		
		Birgaon Municipal Corporation	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL		
		Rajpur Sonarpur Municipal Corporation	10	7	3	10	1	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL		
		Baranagar Municipal Corporation	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	NIL		
		Gariahat Municipal Corporation	8	6	2	8	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL		
		Chakdaha Municipal Corporation	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL		
		Ribera Municipal Corporation	18	12	4	16	2	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL		
		Barasat Municipal Corporation	12	12	NIL	12	NIL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Every attempt were made to implement the spirit and intention of the Act. In some cases, the applicant's information putting some hypothetical question. In such cases the applicant is requested to meet the public authority to discuss the actual information asked for. This has proved very fruitful. The applicants, of their own, in a few cases have provided their application and the public authority required and public authority disposed the same within We helped to complete 7 day & 15 Day online certification course on RTI that indicates our effort to administer and implement the spirit and intention of the Act.		
		Joydipor Municipal Corporation	21	18	3	21	NIL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4480/-		
		Mudpur Municipal Corporation	36	36	-	36	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1790		
		Ranaghat Municipal Corporation	15	15	15	15	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL		
		Jaugrur Municipal Corporation	15	15	15	15	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL		
		Chittrina Municipal Corporation	8	8	8	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8 NIL		
		Bachchanpur Municipal Corporation	8	8	8	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8 NIL		
		Cooch Behar Municipal Corporation	8	7	1	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Postal Order worth Rs. 50.00		
		Bajpur Municipal Corporation	22	22	22	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Rs. 480/- excepting court fees		
		Santipur Municipal Corporation	26	23	2	26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Rs. 1000/-		
		Bally Municipal Corporation	34	26	6	34	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Rs. 1200/-		

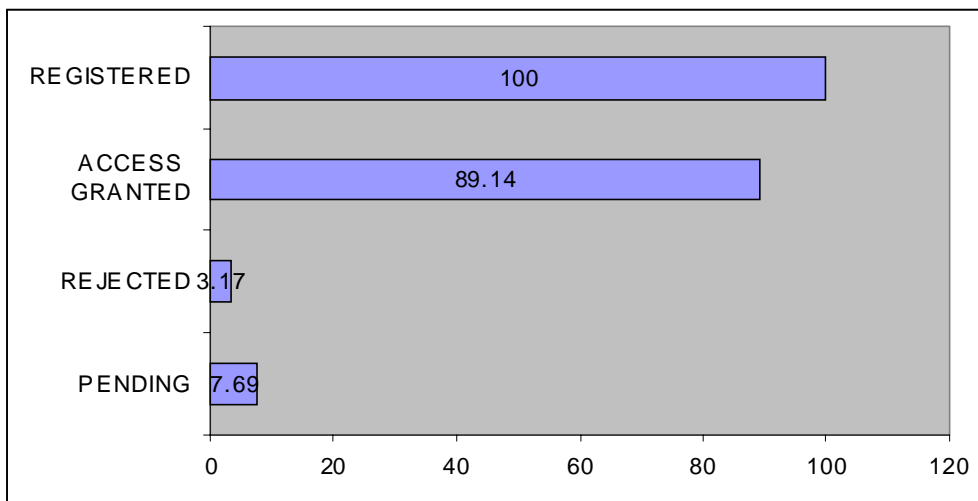
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Sl. No.	Name of the Deptt.	Name of the Public Authority/(under the jurisdiction)	Total No. of Register ed (including those pending at the time of receipt)	No. of cases where access granted			Total No. of	Cases Rejected												Amount of charges collected	Any facts which indicate the effort of the Public Authority to administer and implement the spirit and intention of the Act.
				No. of cases where access granted				Total	Access granted	Denied	Total	U/s 9	U/s 11	U/s 24	Other	Total					
				Within 30 days	After 30 days	Total															
59	Power & NES Dept	Power & NES Dept.	3 28	4 27	5 1	6 28	7 1	Deemed Refusal U/s 7(2)	8(1)(a)	8(1)(b)	8(1)(c)	8(1)(d)	8(1)(e)	8(1)(f)	8(1)(g)	8(1)(h)	8(1)(i)	8(1)(j)	26 1	27 1	
		Directorate of Electricity	7	7	-	7	7	NA	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	All cases were properly dealt & 1 case of Rs. 10/- each & 1 case of Rs. 20/- by Court fee stamp (No fees paid for 1 case) (1 each case was referred by Department & WESSEDCL for each of these cases as no fees was received by this office.	
		WEREDA The West Bengal Power Development Corporation Ltd.	5 35	3 19	2 16	5 35	5 35	NIL NIL	NIL NIL	NIL NIL	NIL NIL	NIL 1	NIL NIL	NIL NIL	NIL NIL	NIL NIL	NIL NIL	NIL NIL	NIL NIL	Rs. 40/- through IPO, Rs. 130/- through 80/- through demand draft and Rs. 20/- through court charges (Court fees were affixed as the application fees in 12 numbers of cases, in 7 cases the application were transferred to us by PIO of other organisation. Application Fees in 3 nos. cases were returned to the applicant as the same was not in terms of the Act and in one case application fee was returned as the reply to the same had already been made earlier.	
		WEREDCL	4 12	3 12	1 12	4 12	4 12	N.A. N.A.	N.A. N.A.	N.A. N.A.	N.A. N.A.	N.A. N.A.	N.A. N.A.	N.A. N.A.	N.A. N.A.	N.A. N.A.	N.A. N.A.	N.A. N.A.	NIL NIL	NIL NIL	
		WEREDCL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	
		WEREDCL	321	166	34	200	49		1			4			1		8			NIL	
60	Public Service Commission, West Bengal	RTI Cell	121	78	1	79	0		0	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	8		Rs. 338/-	
61	PW (Roads) Dept.	PW (Roads) Dept.	25	25	0	25	NIL												2	NIL	
		Superintending Engineer, State Highway, Circle No. VII, Midala	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL		NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	
62	Refugee, Relief & Rehabilitation Department	Refugee, Relief & Rehabilitation Department	17	13	2	15	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	93	

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						Under Section 8																				
			Within 30 days	After 30 days		Total	8(1)(a)	8(1)(b)	8(1)(c)	8(1)(d)	8(1)(e)	8(1)(f)	8(1)(g)	8(1)(h)	8(1)(i)	8(1)(j)	U/s 9	U/s 11	U/s 24	Other	Total			Access granted	Denied	Total
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	DI of Schools (SE), Barrackpore, North, 24	72	10	62	72	NIL																15	NIL	15	NIL	NIL

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65	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
	SDO, Easthat, North 24 Parganas	Stamp Return Section	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	
		Executive Magistrate	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	
		Relief Section	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	
		Rev. Section	1	1	1	1	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	1	NIL	1	Rs. 10/- vide Chaitan dt. 20.12.2011	Nothing on record	
		RR & R Officer, Basirhat	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	
67	Science & Tech. Dept	Department of Science & Technology Govt. of West Bengal	3	3	NIL	3	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	
68	Tourism Department	Director & Ex-officio Joint Secretary	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	
69	Technical Education & Training Department	Falia Industrial Training Institute, Nadia	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	
		ITI, Durgapur, Burdwan.	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	
		ITI, Garhatal	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	
		Principal, Durgajeeving Polytechnic	66	66	-	66	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	14	-	14	Rs. 792/-	NIL	
70	Urban Development Department	Department of Urban Development M.D. Branch	119	32	37	69	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	14	NIL	14	Rs. 44/-	NIL	
		Asanol-Durgapur Dev. Authority	62	55	7	62	DOES NOT ARISE	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	3	NIL	3	Rs. 442/-	NIL	NIL	
71	Women & Child Development & Social Welfare Department	Office of the Estate Manager, Kalyani, Nadia	86	82	4	86	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	8	x	8	Rs. 60/-	NIL	Nothing significant to record	
72	West Bengal Police Directorate	West Bengal Police Directorate.	866	554	275	829															37	37	113	7	129	Rs. 4913/-		
73	West Bengal Small Industries Development Corp. Ltd.	Govt. of West Bengal	8	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
74	West Bengal Administrative Tribunal	Registrar	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	
75	West Bengal Information Commission	West Bengal Information Commission	129	120	4	124	0											0	1	0		3	5	0	5	525/-	NIL	
76	West Bengal Human Rights Commission	Shri N.C. Sarkar, SPIO	61	48	13	61	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	3	NIL	3	Rs. 540/-	Meeting & Discussion held.		
77	West Bengal Legislative Assembly Secretariat	WBLSA Secretariat	31	29	NIL	29	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	1	Rs. 1590/-	No Comments		
78	Water Resources Investigation and Development Department	WRI & D Deptl. Geologist, Barisham	9	9	NIL	9	X																				Does not arise	
79	Youth Services Department	Youth Services Department	6	6	NIL	6	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	
		Youth Services Directorate	2	2	NIL	2	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	

Status of RTI Applications filed in the State :-

- a) Total No. of registered cases
(including those pending at the time of reporting) : 15,470
- b) Total No. of cases where access granted : 13,790 (89.14%)
- c) Total No. of cases rejected : 490 (3.17%)
- d) Total No. of cases pending at the time of reporting : 1190 (7.69 %)



Status of Disposal of RTI Applications filed in the State

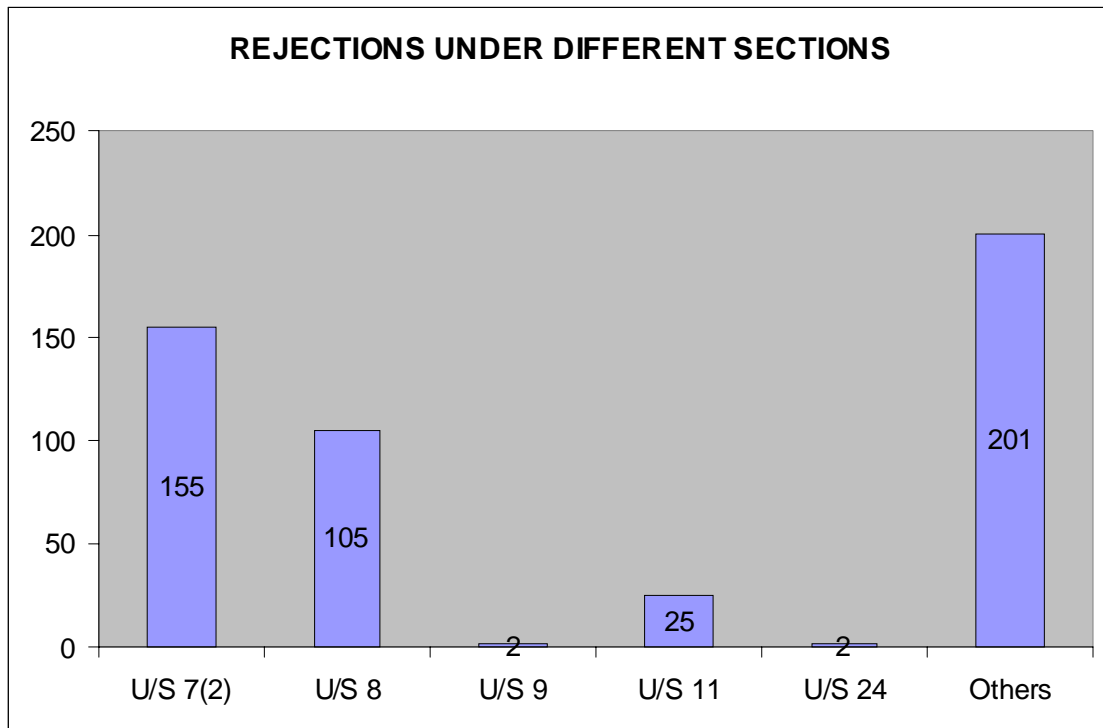
- (a) Total No. of cases where access was granted : 13,790
- (b) Access granted within 30 days : 11,867 (86.06%)
- (c) Access granted beyond 30 days : 1,923 (13.94%)



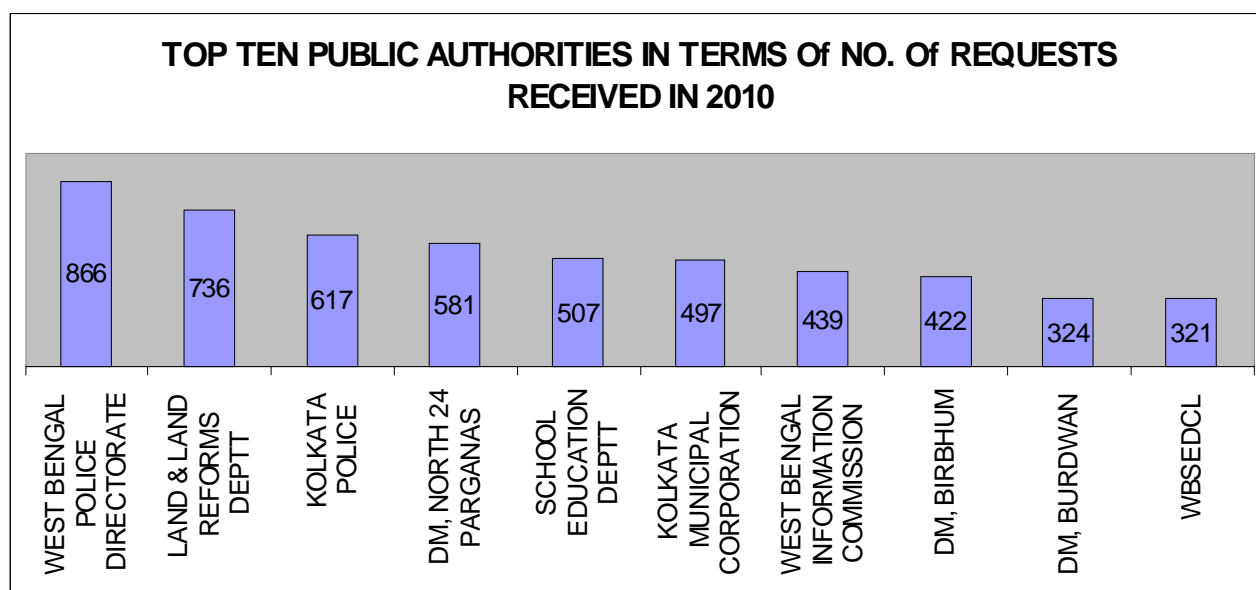
Status of Rejection of RTI Applications filed in the State

The number of RTI applications rejected invoking the various provisions of the RTI Act are shown below :

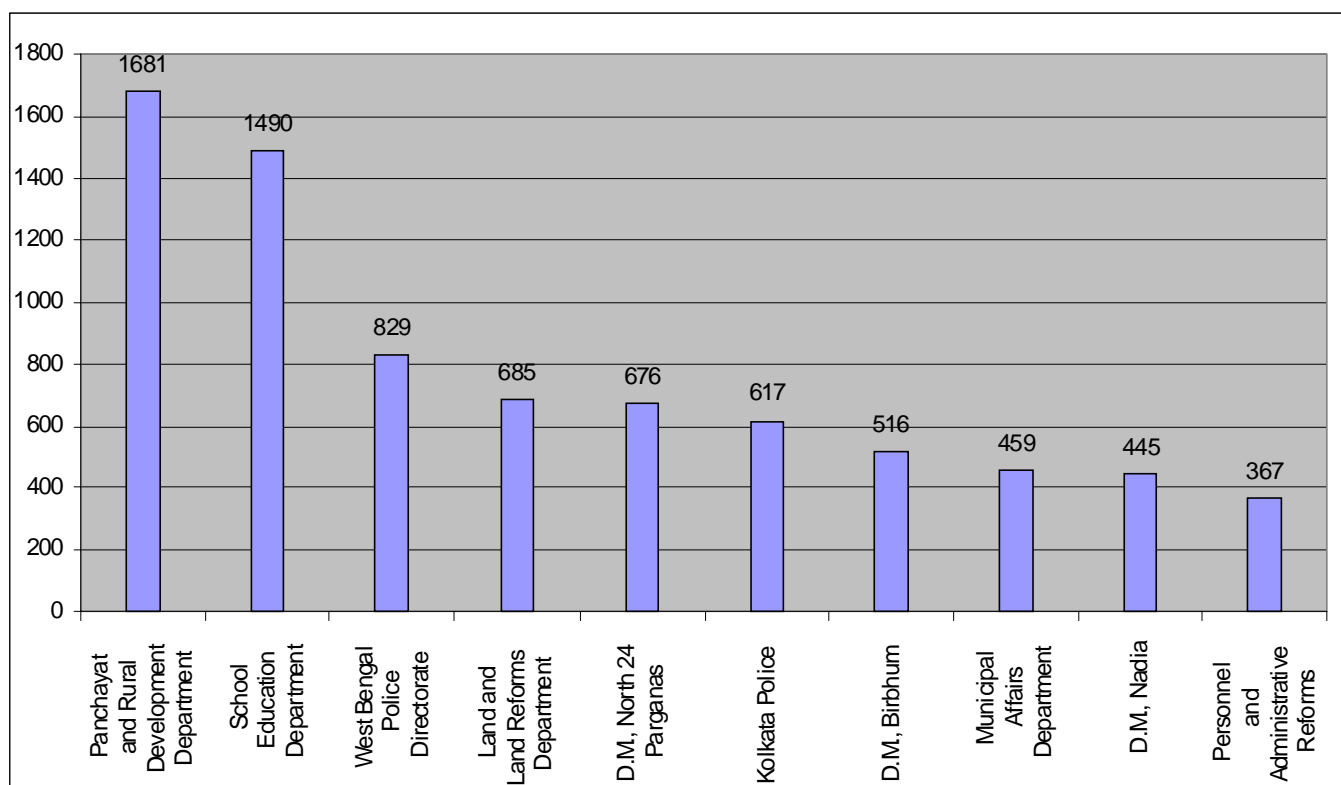
Deemed refusal Under Section 7(2)	:	155
Under Section 8(1)(a).....	:	2
Under Section 8(1)(b).....	:	4
Under Section 8(1)(c).....	:	00
Under Section 8(1)(d).....	:	12
Under Section 8(1)(e).....	:	25
Under Section 8(1)(f).....	:	00
Under Section 8(1)(g).....	:	00
Under Section 8(1)(h).....	:	19
Under Section 8(1)(i).....	:	9
Under Section 8(1)(j).....	:	34
Under Section 9	:	2
Under Section 11	:	25
Under Section 24.....	:	2
Others.....	:	201
Total.....	:	490



Top Ten Public Authorities in terms of No. of requests received in 2010 :



Top ten Public Authorities as per Disposal
as on 01.01.2010 – 31.12.2010



DISPOSAL OF COMPLAINTS AND APPEALS BY WEST BENGAL INFORMATION COMMISSION DURING THE PERIOD

The appeals and complaints received by the Commission and the details of their disposal along with graphical representation is given below:

Appeals received during 2010	:	830
Appeals disposed during 2010	:	201
Appeals pending during 2010	:	629
Complaints received during 2010	:	875
Complaints disposed during 2010	:	254
Complaints pending during 2010	:	621

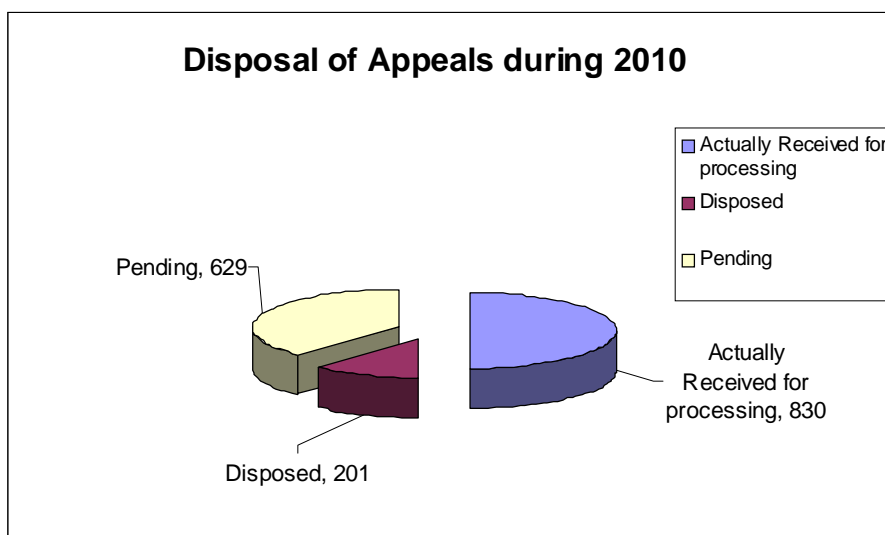
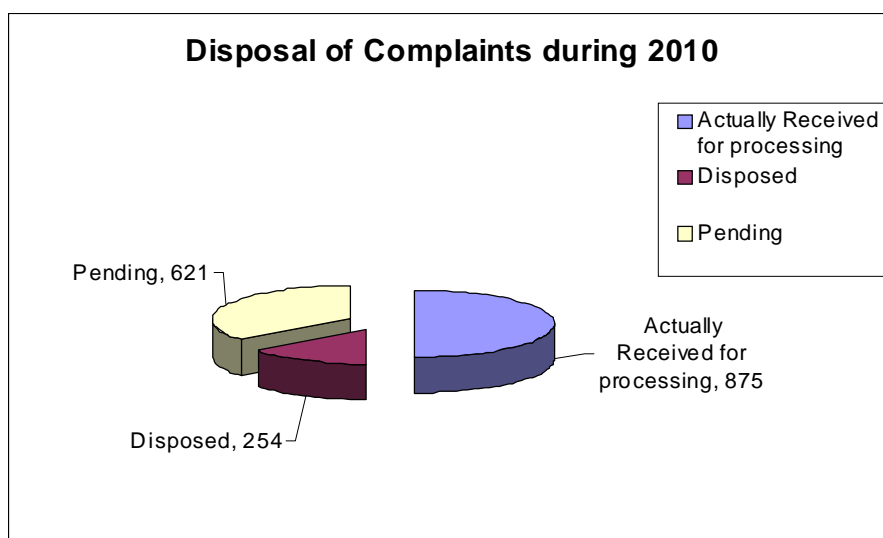


Fig. 1

Fig. 2

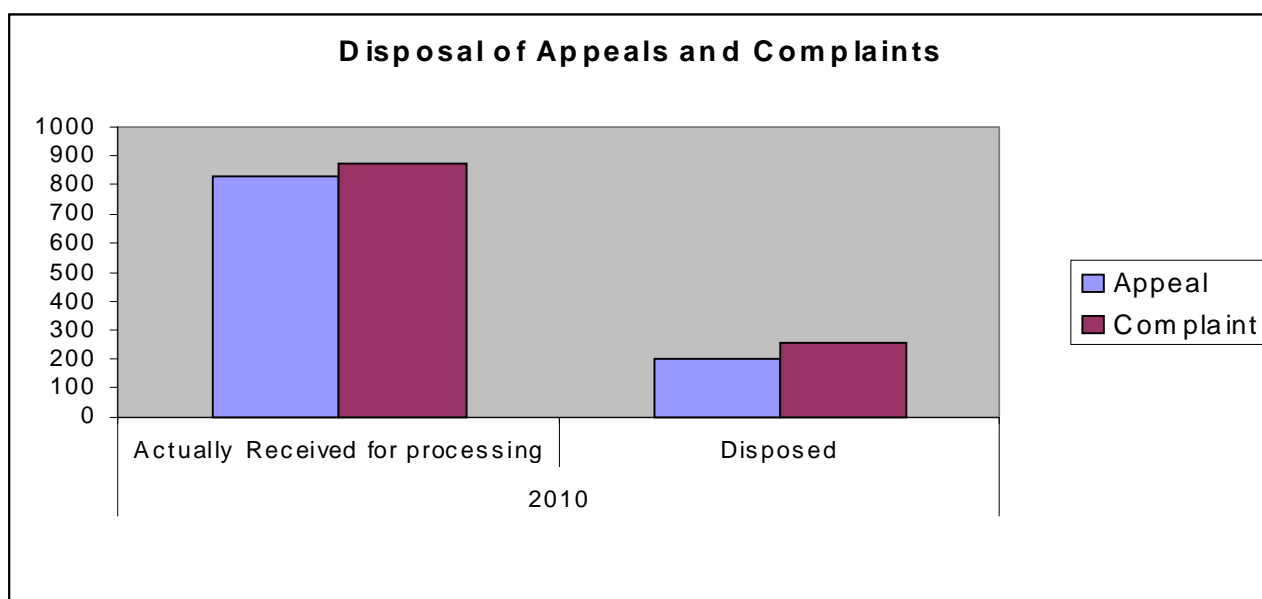


Disposal of appeals and complaints

Year	2010	
	Actually Received for processing	Disposed
Appeal	830	201
Complaint	875	254
Total	1705	455
Pending	1250	

Table 1

Table 1 shows the figures of appeals and complaints received, disposed and pending during the year 2010.



Cases Rejected :

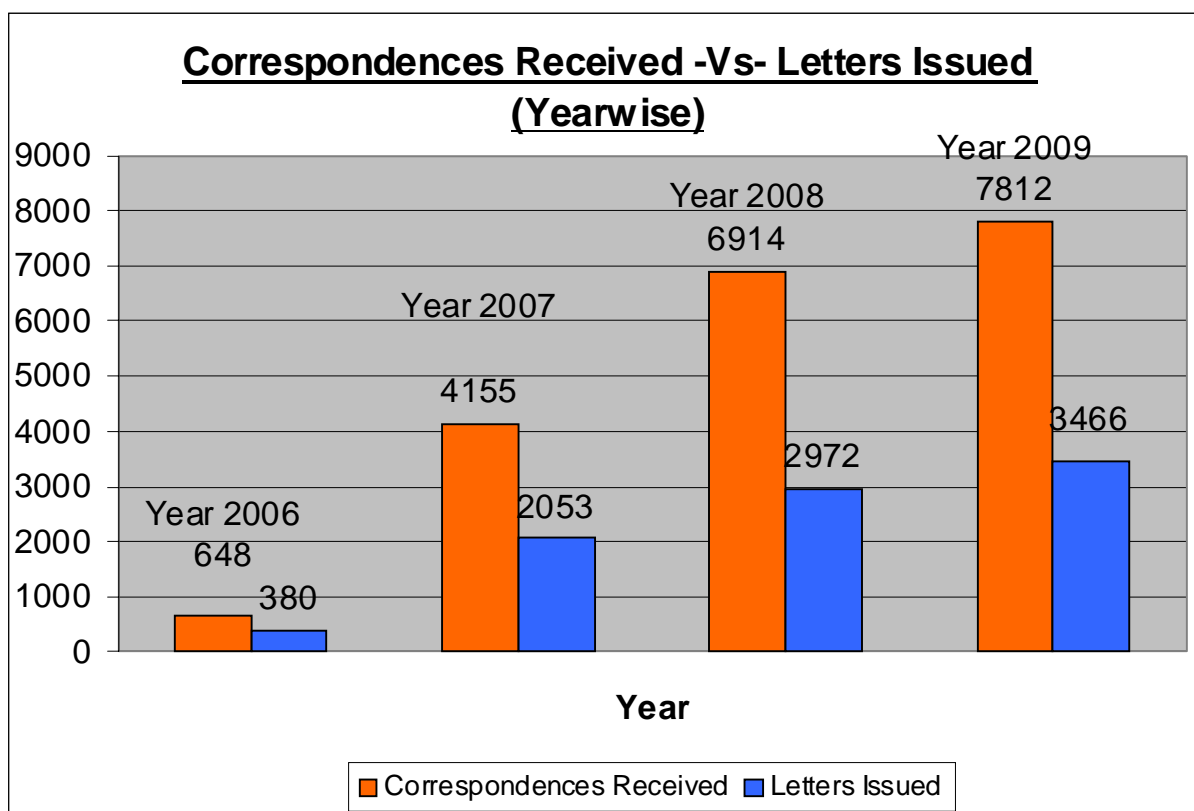
Year	2010
No. of Appeals rejected	5
No. of Complaints Rejected	3
Total no. of Rejected Cases	8

Fig. 3

Correspondences received and letters issued by the Commission:

During the years the receipt and correspondences also increased exponentially. The figures and graphical representation in this regard are given below.

Year	2010
Correspondences Received	648
Letter issued	380



COMPENSATION, PENALTY AND DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act which provides for imposition of penalties is reproduced below:

20. (1) Where the Central Information Commission or the State Information Commission, as the case may be, at the time of deciding any complaint or appeal is of the opinion that the Central Public Information Officer or the State Public Information Officer, as the case may be, 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 Central Public Information Officer or the State Public Information Officer, as the case may be, 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 Central Public Information Officer or the State Public Information Officer, as the case may be.

Section 20(2) of the RTI Act which provides for recommending disciplinary action is reproduced below;

20(2). Where the Central Information Commission or the State Information Commission, as the case may be, at the time of deciding any complaint or appeal is of the opinion that the Central Public Information Officer or the State Public Information Officer, as the case may be, 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 recommended for disciplinary action against the Central Public Information Officer or State Public Information Officer, as the case may be, under the service rules applicable to him.

Section 19(8)(b) of the RTI Act which provides for compensation is reproduced below:

19(8) In its decision, the Central Information Commission or State Information Commission, as the case may be, has the power to-

(b) require the public authority to compensate the complainant for any loss or other detriment suffered;

The West Bengal Information Commission in exercise of its powers conferred under the above-mentioned sections of the RTI Act issued show cause notices, imposed penalties and recommended disciplinary action upon the State Public Information Officers and ordered compensation to the complainants in certain cases, the details of which are given below:

Show Cause Notices:

The number of cases where show cause notices are issued by the Commission have been given below:

Year	2010
Number of Show Cause Notices	11

Penalty imposed:

SPIO	Date	Amount of Penalty	Applicant Name	Nature of Case
Executive Assistant, Tanua Gram Panchayat	04/01/2010	Rs.12,500.00	Upendranath Sahoo	complaint
Secretary, Tanua Gram Panchayat	04/01/2010	Rs.12,500.00	Upendranath Sahoo	complaint
Assistant Director of Fisheries, Hooghly	14/06/2010	Rs.25,000.00	Himanshu Bhushan Dey	complaint
CEO, Fish Farmers' Development Agency, Hooghly.	14/06/2010	Rs.25,000.00	Himanshu Bhushan Dey	Complaint
RTO, South 24 Parganas	31/05/2010	Rs.25,000.00	Pravat Sen Eshore	complaint
S.I. of Police, M.V. Section Howrah	03/08/2010	Rs.25,000.00	Subhra Banerjee	complaint

Compensation awarded:

Public Authority	Date	Amount of Compensation	Applicant Name	Nature of Case
Kulti Municipality	22/03/2010	Rs.5,000.00	Tapan Misra	complaint
Kulti Municipality	22/03/2010	Rs.5,000.00	Amar Maji	complaint
Kulti Municipality	22/03/2010	Rs.5,000.00	Jhamant Kumar Bharati	complaint
Nalhati Municipality	09/04/2010	Rs.2,000.00	Ranajoy Sinha	complaint
Rajbalhat – II Gram Panchayat	28/04/2010	Rs.5,000.00	Mangala Jhumuri	Appeal

Disciplinary action recommended:

SPIO	Date	Applicant Name	Nature of Case
ADM (General), South 24 Parganas	03/08/2010	Samar Ketan Ghosh	Complaint

AWARENESS PROGRAMME

The RTI Act under Section 26 envisages that the Governments would develop and organize awareness programmes to advance the understanding of the public and encourage public authorities to undertake such activities. It is also expected that State Public Information Officers of public authorities would be trained and relevant training materials would be produced for their use.

Under the Central Sector Scheme on “Improving Transparency and Accountability in government

through effective implementation of Right to Information Act”, West Bengal Information Commission received Rs. 2.5 lakh for organizing seminars and workshops and producing publicity materials on RTI in December 2010. The programme was implemented in the following year.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Information about the State Public Information Officers and Appellate Authorities appointed by the public authorities is not easily available to the general public. In some cases no appointments were made for long periods. As a result, information seekers were often unable to apply to the appropriate authority for information. Government is requested to take steps to notify the particulars of the concerned SPIO and Appellate Authority in the notice board of all offices under each public authority for the benefit of information seekers.

2. Disposal of requests for information under the RTI Act by public authorities within the prescribed time limit is an exception rather than the norm. In a large number of cases, action is initiated only after a notice is received from the Commission and in many cases the applications are lost or misplaced. This indicates the poor state of record keeping and lack of proper monitoring and accounting of RTI cases. Change of SPIO due to transfer, retirement, new appointment etc. make the situation worse. Efforts are required to streamline the record keeping and monitoring of RTI cases by public authorities.

3. It is observed in many cases that the SPIOs and Appellate Authorities are not fully conversant with the provisions of the Act and cases are not dealt with in accordance with these provisions. As SPIOs and Appellate Authorities who are responsible for providing information are the bedrock of the RTI Act, their training in RTI Act and Rules calls for priority attention. Administrative Training Institute has been conducting training programmes on RTI matters. Government is requested to arrange training for all SPIOs and Appellate Authorities in a time bound manner.

4. It is generally observed that the Appellate Authorities do not play an effective role as envisaged in the RTI Act. Often no action is taken on the First Appeals filed against the decision or inaction of the SPIOs and in many cases, the Appellate Authority simply forwards the appeal to the SPIO himself or some other official without taking a judicious decision on the appeal or taking any effective steps to provide information. If the Appellate Authority being a senior officer within the public authority plays an effective role most complaints and further appeals can be avoided. There is an urgent need to strengthen this important level of the RTI set up by training and sensitizing the concerned functionaries.

5. Section 4(1) (b) of the RTI Act enjoins every public authority to publish important information in respect of 17 specified items within 120 days from the enactment of the Act and to constantly endeavour to provide as much of such information *suo motu* to the public at regular intervals through various means of communication, including internet, so that the public have to make minimum resort to the Act to obtain information. Though many public authorities have published information in this regard through their websites, in many cases the information appears to be sketchy and often outdated. There are many

public authorities who are yet to fully implement this provision of the Act. Government is requested to take steps to ensure that all public authorities under their control publish the information as envisaged in the Act and update the same every year.

6. The Commission depends on Government for staff, infrastructure and funds. The present staff set up and infrastructure of the Commission is woefully inadequate to satisfactorily discharge its functions. Government has been requested from time to time to make good these deficiencies. Appropriate steps may be taken by Government in this regard to enable the Commission to function optimally and provide relief to information seekers within a reasonable time period.

ANNEXURE 1

SIGNIFICANT ORDERS OF WEST BENGAL INFORMATION COMMISSION

WEST BENGAL INFORMATION COMMISSION

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Kolkata – 700 027

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Website : www.wbic.gov.in

E-mail : scic-wb@nic.in

Facts on records:

Shri Upendranath Sahoo submitted one RTI application to the BDO, Mohanpur Development Block on 01.05.2008 which, after a number of correspondences, reached the Executive Assistant of Tanua Gram Panchayat. When the Executive Assistant was asked to inform the Commission about the actions taken in regard to the queries made by Shri Sahoo, the Executive Assistant vide his Memo No. 353 dated 10.09.2008 informed the Commission that the Secretary of the Gram Panchayat had already submitted the information to the applicant vide Secretary's letter No. 256 dated 08.07.2008.

Shri Sahoo later complained to the Commission that the information so supplied was false. The Commission vide its letter No. 2367-WBIC/RTI/378/08 dated 17.10.2008 asked for opinion of the Executive Assistant who, in turn, by his letter No. 405 dated 29.10.2008 asserted that the information furnished to Shri Sahoo was true.

Thus, it was seen that both the Secretary and the Executive Assistant of Tanua Gram Panchayat are involved in furnishing information and asserting the same to be true.

The Commission was, however, not satisfied with such assertion and smelt rat in the whole episode because the appellant was fervently and passionately insisting over telephone and also in writing that the information furnished was false. The Commission therefore decided to engage the SDO, Kharagpur Sub Division to cause an enquiry and furnish a report to the Commission. Since the SDO remained silent for a long period, the Commission issued an order vide No. 3151(2)(Order)-WBIC/RTI/378/08 dated 01.12.2009 directing the SDO, Kharagpur Sub Division to show cause for his act of omission in sending the report.

The SDO, Kharagpur Sub Division has since submitted a report to this effect based on on-the-spot enquiry by two Deputy Magistrates and other officials of the Public Authorities involved and supported by relevant documents in this regard.

Based on this enquiry report which had been ordered by the Commission in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 18 of the Act, the Commission has decided to pass a further order to bring the matter to its logical end.

Order:

It has been already observed by the Commission that the Public Authority of Tanua Gram Panchayat, in general, and both the Secretary and the Executive Assistant of that Gram Panchayat, in particular, are responsible in furnishing the information and asserting the same to be true. But the in-depth enquiry report, now in possession of the Commission, clearly indicates that out of eight items of information sought by the appellant, true and correct information has been furnished only in two cases. In four items, the information furnished is either partial

or the information provider has avoided the query. In one of the cases a part of information provided is also false. In two cases, the information provided is entirely false.

Thanks to the enquiry report the Commission could arrive at such precise decision.

Providing misleading information is an offence as per the Act. In addition, the mala fide intent of both the Secretary and the Executive Assistant is evident in the enquiry report. The Commission therefore does not hesitate to impose penalty on both the delinquent officials of Tanua Gram Panchayat which would be maximum in the instant case as more than 100 days have passed in between the date of information furnished and the date on which the enquiry was conducted.

The Commission therefore orders that both the Executive Assistant and the Secretary of Tanua Gram Panchayat, who were holding the office at the relevant time, shall pay a penalty of Rs. 12,500/- (Rupees twelve thousand five hundred) only each totaling to **Rs. 25,000/-** (Rupees twenty five thousand) only in four equal monthly installments of Rs. 3,125/- (Rupees three thousand one hundred twenty five) only each. The said amount shall be deposited in the Treasury through TR Form No. 7 against head of account "0070-Other Administrative Services-60-Other Services-800-Other Receipts including Census-021-Collection of Fees from Information Seeker for the purpose of servicing Information-27-Other Receipts" within 7th day of the month following the month in which the order is received by them. If they fail to deposit the amount within the specified date, the BDO, Mohanpur Development Block shall arrange for deduction of the entire balance amount from their monthly salary due to them in the successive month and deposit the same to the Treasury in the above manner. Copies of TR Form No. 7 shall be sent to the Commission as a proof of compliance of the order of the Commission immediately after such deposits are made.

Since it is not clear to the Commission from the available records whether or not the BDO, Mohanpur Development Block had initially refused to accept the RTI application from Shri Sahoo, the Commission refrains from admonishing the BDO in this regard.

The Commission also records its appreciation to the SDO, Kharagpur Sub Division and the officials who conducted the enquiry in the field and collected documents in support of the irrefutable conclusions they reached.

Date: 04.01.2010

Sd/-
Arun Kumar Bhattacharya
State Chief Information Commissioner, W.B.

No. 30(6)(Order)-WBIC/RTI/378/08

DATE: 06.01.2010

Authenticated true copy forwarded to:-

1. The Sub Divisional Officer, Kharagpur Sub Division, office of the SDO, Kharagpur, Dist.- Paschim Medinipur.
2. The Block Development Officer, Mohanpur Development Block, office of the BDO, Mohanpur, Dist.- Paschim Medinipur.
3. The Pradhan & Appellate Authority, Tanua Gram Panchayat, Vill. - Begunia, Mohanpur, Dist.- Paschim Medinipur.
4. The Executive Assistant & State Public Information Officer, Tanua Gram Panchayat, Vill.- Begunia, Mohanpur, Dist.- Paschim Medinipur.
5. The Secretary, Tanua Gram Panchayat, Vill.- Begunia, Mohanpur, Dist.- Paschim Medinipur.
6. Shri Upendra Nath Sahoo, Vill. + P.O.- Tanua, Block + P.S.- Mohanpur, Dist.- Paschim Medinipur, PIN- 721 436.

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Hearing Notice No. 226(7)-WBIC/RTI/691/08-751/08-375/09

Date of Hearing: 25.02.2010

1. Shri Amar Maji
2. Shri Tapan Misra
3. Shri Jhamant Kr. Bharati

-Vs-

Kulti Municipality

Present:

1. Shri Bidyut Kumar Sadhu, Executive Officer, Kulti Municipality
2. Shri Soumen Patra, Finance Officer, Kulti Municipality
3. Shri Pradip Kumar Chakraborty, Accounts Officer, Kulti Municipality
4. Shri Amar Maji, Complainant
5. Shri Tapan Misra, Complainant
6. Shri Malay Hazra, Assisting Tapan Misra
7. Shri Jhamant Kr. Bharati, Complainant
8. Shri Raja Chatterji, Assisting Jhamant Kr. Bharati

Order:

Consequent upon a hearing conducted by this Commission on 27.8.2009, an order was issued and communicated vide Commission's Memo No. 1885(4) (Order)-WBIC/RTI/375/09-691/08-751/08 dated 07.09.2009. In the said order the Commission explained at length the obligation of the Public Authority to furnish information to the information seekers and the penal provisions as envisaged in the Act. Concluding the said hearing the Commission ordered that:

- (i) All the information as requested for by the above three applicants shall be furnished to them within 15 days from the date of this hearing i.e. 27.08.2009.
- (ii) The Chairman shall within 7 days from the receipt of this order, designate officers as SPIO and Appellate Authority as provided in Section 5(1) and Section 19(1) of the Act.
- (iii) The Chairman shall, within 7 days from the date of receipt of this order, show cause as to why the Municipality shall not be compelled to compensate the three applicants for the detriment, harassment and loss suffered by them due to delay in furnishing information.

2. Subsequently, it has been reported to the Commission that information was provided to Shri Amar Maji and Shri Tapan Misra who have alleged that information so received were confusing, incomplete and perfunctory.

They demanded full, complete and correct information. Shri Jhamant Kr. Bharati on the other hand has complained that he has received no information at all.

3. Peeved at the manner by which the public authority dealt with RTI applications and the quality of the information which was ultimately furnished to two out of the three applicants, the Commission decided to hear again all the parties concerned on 25.02.2010. It may worthwhile to mention that one of the RTI applications is pending since February, 2008 and the other two since the latter part of 2008.

4. The Commission initially attempted to empathize with the difficulties faced by a far-flung Municipality of Kulti but such generosity of the Commission was perhaps considered as its weakness by the Public Authority. Moreover, the internal squabble of the Public Authority was brought to the table of the Commission which the Commission considered very unfortunate and not desirable. In the process, the information seekers suffered a lot for the simple sin they have committed in seeking information.

5. The Commission which in its earlier order mentioned above also forewarned the public authority that the Commission might order to pay compensation to the information seekers for the harassment meted out towards them.

6. The Executive Officer, Finance Officer, Accounts Officer and other officers are present on behalf of the respondent. The Public Authority appeared nonchalant blissfully ignorant about the provisions of the Act. They seem to know nothing about the functions of the Municipality though they are the executive arms of the functioning of a Municipality. It gave an impression that the Municipality is run exclusively by the elected office bearers who have little regards for the RTI Act. It may be reported that the Commission in its four years tenure has not come across any other local self-governing body which is more inept and more defiant other than the Public Authority of the Kulti Municipality as much as it relates to furnishing information under RTI Act. Whether a public authority who is such unenthusiastic in furnishing information can function properly for the welfare of the local residents is a matter of doubt.

7. The Commission brings the plight of the Public Authority to the notice of the highest authority i.e. the Principal Secretary, Municipal Affairs Department with the request to take remedial action in this regard.

8. Coming to the content of information the Commission has found that none of the information appears to be recorded in the proper manner. As for example list of old age pension or widow pension or list of receiver of loans under different Government Schemes which are disbursed through the Municipality are either not available or if available are incomplete. Formation of Ward Committee is another such example. While the Chairman asserted that one Shri Arun Bhandary was selected /elected / nominated as the Secretary of the Ward Committee of Ward No. 24, while the said Shri Bhandary in writing refused any knowledge of his being selected / elected / nominated as the Secretary of the said ward committee. The information seekers sought information about formation and meeting of Ward Committee he was supplied copy of resolutions of meeting which discussed. Shri Amar Maji and Shri Tapan Misra were a bit lucky to receive the perfunctory information. Shri Jhamant Kr. Bharati did not receive anything at all on the ground that the information he sought (2004-2005) was too old. Though more than one and a half months passed since he submitted his application, a further period of 20 days is now being again sought to furnish the information. The Commission has grave doubt that when the Public Authority could not gather five years old information in more than five hundred days how they could be able to furnish the same in another 20 days.

9. From what has been stated it is clear that all the three information seekers suffered a lot by constant visiting the office of the Public Authority and even taking pain of coming to Kolkata twice to attend the hearing to assert their right.

10. The Commission is of the view that it is a fit case for award of compensation u/s 19(8) (b) of the Act to all these three information seekers by the Public Authority of Kulti Municipality.

11. The Commission therefore orders that Shri Amar Maji, Shri Tapan Misra and Shri Jhamant Kr. Bharati shall be paid Rs. 5,000/- (Rupees five thousand) each as compensation for the detriment and harassment they suffered by the Public Authority of Kulti Municipality within a period of one month from the date of passing of this order. The compensation of Rs. 5,000/- (Rupees five thousand) each shall be paid to the above three persons in the form of banker cheque / bank draft drawn in their names.

12. A report of compliance be sent to the Commission immediately thereafter.

Sd/-

(Arun Kumar Bhattacharya)

State Chief Information Commissioner

Date: 22.03.2010

No.882 (8) (Order)-WBIC/RTI/691/08-751/08-375/09

Date: 24.03.2010

Authenticated true copy forwarded to:

1. The Principal Secretary, Municipal Affairs Department, Writers' Buildings, Kolkata-700 001.
2. The Chairman, Kulti Municipality, P.O. Sitarampur, Dist. Burdwan, PIN-713 359.
3. The Executive Officer, Kulti Municipality, P.O. Sitarampur, Dist. Burdwan, PIN-713 359.
4. The Finance Officer, Kulti Municipality, P.O. Sitarampur, Dist. Burdwan, PIN-713 359.
5. The Accounts Officer, Kulti Municipality, P.O. Sitarampur, Dist. Burdwan, PIN-713 359.
6. Shri Tapan Misra, "Manasi", Works Road, Dist. Burdwan, PIN-713343.
7. Shri Amar Maji, S/o Late Haripada Maji, Vill. + P.O. Baradhemo, Dist. Burdwan, PIN-713367.
8. Shri Jhamant Kr. Bharati, Radhanagar Cinema Hall, P.O. Sunderchak, Dist. Burdwan, PIN-713360.

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ORDER

Pursuant to the order of this Commission communicated vide No. 209(2)(Order)–WBIC/RTI/1059/09–973/09 dated 27.01.2010, a few developments have taken place which need to be looked into and addressed:

- 1) The original RTI applications of Shri Ranajoy Sinha dated 12.11.2009 and 29.11.2009 addressed to the SPIO of Nalhati Municipality were stated to have been refused by the Public Authority. These sealed covers were submitted to the Commission by Shri Sinha for taking necessary action. The Commission forwarded those covers as those were received in the Commission to the Chairman, Nalhati Municipality. The covers were brought by the representative of the Public Authority in the hearing held on 22.01.2010. The Commission in the above stated order observed that:

“It is amazing to note that the Municipal Authorities have received both the sealed envelopes containing RTI applications of Shri Sinha as sent by the Commission to them but they did not bother to open those sealed envelopes. No excuse is sufficient enough to justify such action. If they would have opened those envelopes, they could have disposed those RTI applications and occasion of conducting of this hearing today might not have arisen.

As regards furnishing of information on the two applications of Shri Sinha, the Commission directs the Executive Officer and SPIO of the Nalhati Municipality to dispose of the two RTI applications of Shri Sinha within a fortnight from the date of receipt of this order and communicate to Shri Sinha suitable in this regard. A copy of the said letter addressed to Shri Sinha be endorsed to the Commission as a mark of compliance of the above order.”

It is now found with amazement that those covers containing the stated RTI applications could not be traced by the SPIO as evident from his letter No. 363/Nal/Muni dated 05.04.2010. The Executive Officer has stated that he took the charge of SPIO on 08.02.2010. The SPIO may not be fully responsible for such callous handling of RTI applications but the Public Authority as a whole cannot shirk off its responsibility in this regard.

The question of imposition of individual penalty – according to the Commission – does not therefore arise in the instant case. In order to cover up this callousness Shri Sinha was asked to appear before the Public Authority on a scheduled date only for the purpose of obtaining copies of those RTI applications from him. This is evident from the incidents unfolded subsequently. Shri Sinha has therefore had to take the trouble to travel all the way to Nalhati for no fault of his and thus suffered detriment and harassment. The Commission therefore orders that the Public Authority of Nalhati Municipality shall compensate Shri Ranajoy Sinha a sum of Rs. 2,000 (Rupees two thousand) only u/s 19(8)(b) of RTI Act, 2005 for the detriment and harassment caused to him. This amount shall be paid to him in the form of a Bank Draft for the said amount issued in his favour within one month from the date of this order.

2) (a) As regards furnishing of information against his two RTI applications dated 12.11.2009 and 29.11.2009, the Commission considered letter Nos. 306/Nal/Muni dated 17.03.2010 and 370/Nal/Muni dated 07.04.2010 of the SPIO. In his RTI application dated 12.11.2009 wherein Shri Sinha asked for the names, assessee Nos. and L.R. Plot No. of certain assesseees in respect of certain R.S. Plots. The SPIO has stated that the inspection book of assessment does not contain such identifications. This what the recorded information is.

(b) By his RTI application dated 29.11.2009, Shri Sinha wanted to know the progress report and action taken etc. on his complaint to the Chairman, Nalhati Municipality dated 18.10.2009. While the SPIO vide his letter No. 370/Nal/Muni dated 07.04.2010 provided as much information as was available on record. This may not satisfy Shri Sinha what the Commission considers it adequate as far as record goes and as far as the procedures practised in the Municipalities.

Thus complaints of Shri Sinha dated 26.11.2009, 14.12.2009, 04.01.2010, 06.01.2010, 05.03.2010, 15.03.2010 and 19.03.2010 are disposed of.

Date: 09.04.2010

Sd/-
Sujit Kr. Sarkar
State Information Commissioner, W.B.

No. 1041(3)(Order)–WBIC/RTI/1059/09–973/09

Date: 09.04.2010

Authenticated true copy forwarded to:–

1. Shri Ranajoy Sinha, Mani Villa–5C (Opp. Mani Towers), 40/34, Diamond Harbour Road, Kolkata – 700 038.
2. The Executive Officer & SPIO, Nalhati Municipality, P.O.– Nalhati (T.S.), Dist.– Birbhum, PIN– 731 243.
3. The Chairman, Nalhati Municipality, P.O. – Nalhati (T.S.), Dist. – Birbhum, PIN – 731 243.

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Right to Information Act, 2005

Hearing Notice No. 955-WBIC/RTI/648/09 dated 31.03.2010

Date of Hearing: 23.04.2010

Smt. Mangala Jhamuri

Vs

The Executive Assistant, Rajbalhat – II Gram Panchayat.

Present:–

1. Shri Bhim Chandra Ghosh, Executive Assistant, Rajbalhat – II Gram Panchayat
2. Shri Sukanta Mukherjee, PDO, Jangipara Block
3. Shri Jaladhar Dutta, Data Entry Operator, Rajbalhat – II Gram Panchayat
4. Smt. Mangala Jhamuri, Complainant
5. Shri Jaladhar Jhamuri, Assisting the complainant
6. Smt. Amrita De, Advocate representing the complainant

Facts on Record:–

1. Smt. Mangala Jhamuri vide her application dated 23.03.2009 wanted to know six point information regarding payments under NREG Scheme from the SPIO, office of the BDO, Jangipara, Dist. – Hooghly.
2. The Joint BDO, Jangipara vide his Memo No. 865 dated 13.04.2009 transferred the RTI application to the Executive Assistant, Rajbalhat – II Gram Panchayat.
3. The Pradhan, Rajbalhat – II Gram Panchayat vide his letter dated 21.04.2009 invited Smt. Jhamuri to his office on 24.04.2009 for a discussion.
4. Smt. Jhamuri did not turn up. Rather, she preferred an appeal before the A.D.M. (Development), Hooghly on 03.06.2009.
5. Being aggrieved, Smt. Jhamuri preferred appeal dated NIL before the Commission since received in the Commission on 12.08.2009.
6. The Commission vide its letter No. 1784/1(1)–WBIC/RTI/648/09 dated 25.08.2009 requested the Executive Assistant & SPIO, Rajbalhat – II Gram Panchayat to furnish information to Smt. Jhamuri.
7. Smt. Jhamuri vide her letter dated NIL since received in the Commission on 14.09.2009 complained before the Commission of the non furnishing of information.
8. The Commission vide its order No. 2085(2)(Order)–WBIC/RTI/648/09 dated 21.10.2009 ordered the Executive Assistant & SPIO, Rajbalhat – II Gram Panchayat to furnish point wise information to Smt. Jhamuri free of cost.
9. Executive Assistant & SPIO, Rajbalhat – II Gram Panchayat vide his memo No. RGP–II/41/09–10

- dated 16.10.2009 sent an explanation to the Commission without forwarding any copy of the above letter to Smt. Jhamuri.
10. Smt. Jhamuri vide her complaints dated 20.11.2009 and dated NIL since received in the Commission on 24.03.2010 prayed for compensation as well as penalty for the loss and detriment suffered by her in the process of seeking information through RTI Act.
 11. The Commission has therefore decided to hear both the parties on 23.04.2010.

Order:—

12. The Commission heard both the parties at length. The RTI application dated 23.03.2009 of Smt. Jhamuri was submitted to the office of the BDO, Jangipara. The BDO should have transferred the application within five days (i.e. by 28.03.2009) from the date of receipt of the application as per the provision u/s 6(3) of RTI Act, 2005. The Commission therefore orders the BDO, Jangipara to show cause within **seven days** for the delay in transferring the RTI application.
13. Though the application had ultimately been transferred to the Executive Assistant, Rajbalhat-II Gram Panchayat, who is the SPIO to furnish information, the Pradhan of the said Gram Panchayat unnecessarily poked his nose to have a discussion with the applicant on 24.04.2009. The Act stipulates for information to be furnished and does not require Public Authority to have discussion. Smt. Jhamuri rightly refused to attend the hearing with the Pradhan since she only asked for some point-wise information, not any discussion. This is not enough for the Pradhan. He once more requested Smt. Jhamuri to come to his office on 17.09.2009 for another discussion. Smt. Jhamuri again declined to the request of the Pradhan. If an iota of her application to the Secretary, Rajbalhat – II Gram Panchayat dated 24.06.2008 is true, she has every right to apprehend wrong doing on the part of the Public Authority once she attended the so called discussion. The Commission is amazed at the way in which the Public Authority of the Gram Panchayat has dealt with the RTI application. The Commission finds no logic in inviting the applicant for a discussion instead of furnishing information. The Commission condemns such careless act of the Pradhan. The Executive Assistant of the Gram Panchayat is the statutory officer to respond to RTI application. Role of Pradhan is only relevant when a first appeal is preferred before him. The extra zeal shown by the Pradhan to invite the applicant for discussion stinks of evil design.
14. The Commission vide its order No.2085(2)(Order)-WBIC/RTI/648/09 dated 21.10.2009 ordered the Executive Assistant and SPIO, Rajbalhat-II Gram Panchayat to furnish point-wise information to Smt. Jhamuri. Instead, the Executive Assistant replied to the Commission vide his memo No.RGP-II/41/09-10 dated 16.10.2009 keeping the applicant oblivious of the process violating the order of the Commission.
15. It has also been unfolded during the hearing that the present Executive Assistant, Shri Bhim Chandra Ghosh, has joined his duties on 01.03.2010. The Commission is of the view that Shri Ghosh, the Executive Assistant, is liable to be penalized for 54 days (i.e. 01.03.2010 to 23.04.2010) u/s 20(1) of the Act for malafidely denying the request for information.
16. The Commission is very disturbed with the sorry state of affairs in dealing with the instant RTI application. The Public Authority of the Gram Panchayat has killed over eleven months' time, that too without disposing the RTI application. They kept on harassing the applicant on some pretext or other for such a long period denying her legitimate right to information or employment as per RTI Act or NREG Act respectively.

17. Considering the above parameters, the Commission orders the Public Authority of Rajbalhat-II Gram Panchayat to compensate Smt. Jhamuri to the tune of **Rs. 5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand)** only as per the provision u/s 19(8)(b) of RTI Act within **one month** from the date of receipt of this order. A copy of report as a mark of compliance be sent to the Commission immediately thereafter. The amount shall be paid to her in the form of a Bank Draft for the said amount issued in her favour within one month from the date of this order.
18. The Commission further orders that the Executive Assistant and SPIO, Rajbalhat-II Gram Panchayat shall show cause within seven days from the date of receipt of this order as to why penalty u/s 20(1) of the Act shall not be imposed upon him for not furnishing information to the applicant and non compliance of the order of the Commission. The Commission also orders the Executive Assistant and SPIO, Rajbalhat-II Gram Panchayat to prove as per the second proviso below Section 20(1) of the Act that he has acted reasonably and diligently in disposing the RTI application.
19. Sensing the gravity of the matter, the Commission directs the BDO, Jangipara Development Block to look into the matter and make arrangement for granting unemployment allowance in favour of Smt. Jhamuri, if provision of NREG Act and Rules made thereunder so warrants.

Date: 28.04.2010

Sd/-
Sujit Kumar Sarkar
State Information Commissioner, W.B.

No. 1170(6)(Order)–WBIC/RTI/648/09

DATE: 29.04.2010

Authenticated true copy forwarded to:-

1. Smt. Mangala Jhamuri, W/O. Late Machiram Jhamuri, Vill. + P.O. – Rajbalhat, P.S. Jangipara, Dist. – Hooghly.
2. The Principal Secretary, P & RD Department, Jessop Buildings, 63, N.S. Road, Kolkata – 700 001 with the request to see that this compensation as ordered is paid to the appellant.
3. The District Magistrate, Hooghly, office of the District Magistrate, Chinsurah, Dist. Hooghly with the similar request.
4. The Block Development Officer, Jangipara Development Block, office of the Block Development Officer, Jangipara, Dist. – Hooghly.
5. The Pradhan, Rajbalhat – II Gram Panchayat, Rajbalhat, Dist. – Hooghly, PIN – 712 408.
6. The Executive Assistant & SPIO, Rajbalhat – II Gram Panchayat, Rajbalhat, Dist. – Hooghly, PIN – 712 408.

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Appeal/Complaint No.1172 -WBIC/RTI/958/09

Right to Information Act, 2005

Date of hearing 20.05.2010

Sri Pravat Sen Eshore

Vs.

RTO, South 24 Parganas, Alipore

Facts on record

1. Shri Pravat Sen Eshore submitted one RTI application on 29.09.09 seeking 6-point information to the Additional District Magistrate (G) & SPIO, 24 Parganas (South), Office of the District Magistrate, Alipore, Kolkata – 27. The Additional District Magistrate (G) requested RTO, South 24 Parganas, Alipore, Kolkata – 27 to furnish the required information as sought by Shri Pravat Sen Eshore vide his Memo No.352(En)/C dtd. 09.10.09. Without receiving any information, Shri Pravat Sen Eshore complained before this Commission on 18.11.09. This Commission requested the Additional District Magistrate (G) , 24 Parganas (South) to furnish a report on the action taken in the matter within 15 days from the date of receipt of the letter issued vide Memo No. 3135 dtd. 30.11.09. On receipt of the said letter of the Commission the Additional District Magistrate (G) , 24 Parganas (South) again requested RTO , South 24 Parganas , Alipore to furnish the required information under RTI Act within 18.12.09.
2. Being aggrieved of non receipt of required information Shri Pravat Sen Eshore again complained before the Commission on 12.02.10. Thereafter, the Commission issued a show cause notice to the Regional Transport Officer, South 24 Parganas, Alipore, Kolkata – 27 vide Memo No. 481-WBIC/RTI/958/09 dtd. 19.02.10 giving him a reasonable opportunity to show cause why penalty or other punitive measures should not be imposed upon him as per Section 20 of the RTI Act for violation of the provisions of the Act as well as the order of the Additional District Magistrate (G) , 24 Parganas (South). He was also requested to prove that he acted diligently and reasonably in furnishing information to Shri Pravat Sen Eshore within a fortnight from the date of receipt of the said notice. But RTO, South 24 Parganas did bother neither to furnish information nor to furnish a reply to the show cause notice. The Commission in order to give a final opportunity to the RTO summoned him as well as the complainant to appear before the Commission for a hearing on 20.05.10.

Order

3. The Commission is taken aback at the sheer contempt shown by the RTO, South 24 Parganas, by absenting himself from attending the hearing in spite of the clear instruction to appear in person before

the Commission. Nor he showed the minimum regard to the Commission to take leave if he was prevented from appearing for duties more urgent in nature.

4. The RTO forgot the authority the Commission enjoys by powers conferred upon it u/s 18 of the Act which provides the Commission with the powers of a Civil Court to summon and enforce attendance of any person before the Commission.
5. The Additional District Magistrate (G) acted as a meek spectator of the audacity shown by the RTO in not complying with his orders directing the RTO to furnish information. The ADM (G) should have exerted his authority and should have taken administrative action against the said RTO for his insubordination. If such truant officer goes scot-free in disobeying his superior and also disobeying the statutory provisions of the RTI Act, the fate of the Act will be doomed for ever. The Commission should not be expected to polish on every such officer who is not obeying the provisions of the Act. The ADM (G) being the second most superior officer in a district should have acted more authoritatively in this regard. The RTO is guilty of three counts. Firstly, he did not furnish the information in spite of ADM (G) requesting him twice even by specifying a date. This request from ADM (G) is to be construed as seeking assistance u/s 5 (4) of the Act. Since the RTO contravened such request and thus contravening the provisions of the Act also he is to be treated as the deemed SPIO u/s 5 (5) of the Act, secondly the RTO did not even care to reply to the show cause notice issued by the Commission and thirdly he also did not care to appear before the hearing and explain his predicament, if any, before the Commission for consideration. Thus he has left the Commission with no other alternative but to impose penalty upon him for his utter disobedience to the law of the land.
6. It is seen that the first request of ADM (G) went to the RTO on 09.10.09. The second request asked him to furnish information by 18.12.09. Thus more than six months are already over and therefore the Commission orders that a maximum penalty of **Rs. 25,000/-** (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand) only is hereby imposed upon the RTO, South 24 Parganas who shall pay this amount in five equal instalments of Rs. 5,000/- each within 7th day of each month starting from the month of June, 2010. The amount shall have to be deposited in the Treasury through TR Form -7 in the Head of Account "0070 -Other Administrative Services -60- Other Services -800- Other Receipts -021- Collection of Fees from Information Seeker for the purpose of servicing Information -27- Other Receipts" A copy of such TR Form shall be sent each time to the Commission as a mark of compliance of this order.
7. If the said RTO fails to deposit the instalment within 7th of any month, the District Magistrate, South 24 Parganas is hereby ordered to deduct the balance amount from his salary in a single instalment and to deposit the same in the manner as stated above.
8. Such imposing of penalty does not at all absolve the RTO from furnishing information. He is hereby also directed to furnish all information as sought for by Shri Pravat Sen Eshore and as available in record within one month from the date of this order, failing which the Commission would invoke penalty u/s 20 (2) of the Act.

Date: 31.05.2010

Sd/-
(Sujit Kumar Sarkar)
State Information Commissioner

No. 1403-(4)-(Order)/WBIC/RTI/958/09 Date: 31 .05.2010

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2. The District Magistrate, Office of the District Magistrate, South 24 Parganas, P.O. Alipore, Kolkata – 700 027
3. The Additional District Magistrate (G) & SPIO, Office of the District Magistrate, South 24 Parganas, P.O. Alipore, Kolkata – 700 027
4. The Regional Transport Officer, South 24 Parganas, Alipore, Kolkata – 700 027

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Appeal / Complaint No. 520 (4)-WBIC/RTI/597/09-599/09-600/09

Right to Information Act, 2005

Date of hearing: 23.03.2010

Shri Himangshu Bhusan Dey

Vs.

1. Dy. Director of Fisheries, Kolkata Zone

2. Asstt. Director of Fisheries, Hooghly

3. Chief Executive Officer, FFDA, Hooghly

Present: 1. Shri Himangshu Bhusan Dey, Complainant

Facts on record:

1. Shri Himangshu Bhusan Dey submitted three RTI applications all on 13.4.2009 to the above named officers seeking information regarding affairs of the three public authorities. The Commission vide its letter No. 1594-WBIC/RTI/600 dated 3.8.2009, 1598-WBIC/RTI/597/09 dated 3.8.2009 and 3037-WBIC/RTI/599/09 dated 23.11.2009 directed the Assistant Director of Fisheries, Chief Executive Officer, F.F.D.A., Hooghly and the Deputy Director of Fisheries, Kolkata Zone respectively to furnish information to Shri Dey. This was done on receipt of the complaint from Shri Dey that none of the officers mentioned above furnished information within the stipulated time.
2. Acting on yet another complaint from Shri Dey the Commission issued show cause notices to Assistant Director of Fisheries, Hooghly and Chief Executive Officer, F.F.D.A., Hooghly vide No. 3031-WBIC/RTI/600/09 and 3032-WBIC/RTI/597/09 both dated 23.11.2009 respectively to show cause as to why penalty should not be imposed upon them u/s 20 of the Act. The said show cause notices were issued as per proviso below section 20(1) of the Act to give the officers of the public authorities a reasonable opportunity to prove that they had acted diligently and reasonable in furnishing information.
3. It is amazing to note that none of the officers of the public authority viz. Assistant Director of Fisheries, Hooghly, Chief Executive Officer, F.F.D.A., Hooghly, Deputy Director of Fisheries of Kolkata Zone and SPIO & Assistant Secretary, Fisheries Department did communicate either with the Commission or with the complainant.
4. The Commission decided to hear all the parties in a combined hearing on 23.3.2010.

Order:

6. The Commission is stunned by the fact that none of the respondents appeared today before the Commission though the hearing notice clearly directed the respondents to appear in person along with such other officers whose assistances were sought u/s 5(4) of the Act.
7. This clear disregard to comply with the provisions of the Act and to submit before the statutory authority of the West Bengal Information Commission show how disrespectful these officers are!

8. They have given to themselves no scope to escape penalty by presenting themselves before the Commission and explain their act of omission. The mala fide intention in denying the request for information is writ large on their every action.
10. Moreover, ten months have passed beyond the stipulated period of 30 days by which information should have been furnished. The Commission is thus left with no other option but to issue orders imposing maximum penalty.
11. The Commission therefore orders that both the Assistant Director of Fisheries, Hooghly and Chief Executive Officer, F.F.D.A., Hooghly shall pay a penalty of Rs. 25,000/- (Rupees twenty five thousand) each and deposit the same within one month from the date of receipt of this order. The said amount shall be deposited through Treasury Challan in the Head of Account "0070 – Other Administrative Services - 60 - Other Services – 800 – Other Receipts including census – 021 – Collection of Fees from Information Seeker for the purpose of servicing Information -27- Other Receipts" through TR Form No. 7 and a copy of the said challan be sent to this Commission as a mark of compliance.
 - (ii) Assistant Secretary & SPIO, Fisheries Department and Deputy Director of Fisheries, Kolkata Zone shall show cause within seven days from the date of receipt of this order why penalty shall not be imposed upon them also for non-compliance of the provisions of the Act. They are also required to prove they had acted diligently and reasonably in disposing of the instant RTI application.
 - (iii) In case Assistant Director, Hooghly and Chief Executive Officer, F.F.D.A., Hooghly fail to comply with this order within one month, Director of Fisheries shall arrange for deduction of the entire penalty amount from the salary of the said two officers by 7th of the succeeding month and deposit the said amount to Treasury in a similar manner. A copy of the Treasury Challan be sent to the Commission as a mark of compliance.
11. The Secretary, Fisheries Department shall look into such wanton disregard to the established provisions of the Act and to the authority created by the Act.

Date: 14.06.2010

Sd/-
(Arun Kumar Bhattacharya)
State Chief Information Commissioner

No. 1575(7) (Order)-WBIC/RTI/597/09-599/09-600/09

Date: 21.06.2010

Authenticated true copy forwarded to:

1. The Secretary to the Government of West Bengal, Fisheries Department, Writers' Buildings, Kolkata-700 001.
2. The Assistant Secretary & SPIO, Fisheries Department, Writers' Buildings, Kolkata-700 001.
3. The Director of Fisheries, West Bengal, 31, GN Block, Sector-V, Salt Lake, Kolkata- 91.
4. The Deputy Director of Fisheries, Kolkata Zone, 9A, Esplanade East, Kolkata-700069.
5. The Assistant Director of Fisheries, Hooghly, Meen Bhavan, Rabindranagar, Chinsurah, Dist. Hooghly.
6. The Chief Executive Officer, Fish Farmers' Development Agency, Hooghly, Meen Bhavan, Rabindranagar, Chinsurah, Dist. Hooghly.
7. Shri Himangshu Bhusan Dey, Vill. Pragatinagar, P.O. Chinsurah, R.S., Dist. Hooghly, PIN-712 102.

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Appeal / Complaint No.1267 (5)-WBIC/RTI/85/06(Pt.II)

Right to Information Act, 2005

Date of hearing: 14.07.2009

Subhra Banerjee

-Vs-

**State Public Information Officer,
West Bengal Police Directorate**

- Present:**
1. Shri Subhra BanerjeeComplainant
 2. Shri Chandan Chatterjee
 3. Shri J.K. Basu, IPS, Spl. IG & DIG (Mod & Cord) & SPIO, PD,WB
 4. Shri Adwaitya Kr. Maity, S.I. of Police, M.V. Section Howrah.
 5. Shri Samir Kumar Chattopadhyay, IC, Berhampore now posted as IC Belgharia.

Facts on record:

1. Shri Subhra Banerjee in response to memo. No. 92/F dated 03.01.2008 submitted a rejoinder to Superintendent of Police, Howrah on 24.03.2008 seeking further information as under:
Now, as a rejoinder to my Right to Information applications I would like to have the following information:
 - (i) Were these letters placed before the SP, Howrah?
 - (ii) If yes, were these letters forwarded to the I.O. of the case under reference?
 - (iii) If yes, were these documents considered in the process of investigation?
 - (iv) It appears that a FRMF report was submitted in the court on 31.12.2005 with respect to Howrah Police Station case No. 198/05. It further appears that Shri Chandan Chatterjee, an witness to the above case was summoned and appeared before the I.O. on 03.01.2006. Now the question is
 - (a) How could the FRMF report furnished on 31.12.2005 before examining the witness on 03.01.2006?
 - (v) What actions have been taken on the G.D. No. 2054 dated 21.07.2005, G.D. No. 2347 dated 22.07.2005 and GD No. 951 dated 11.08.2005 filed by Smt. Mausumi Banerjee (nee Bhattacharjee) to Howrah P.S.?
2. The S.P. vide his No. 8175-F dated 5.9.2008 furnished the information. In the said information it was stated that from the report of I.C., Howrah P.S. it revealed that the I.O. examined the witness Shri Chandan Chatterjee prior to the submission of FRMF. Shri Banerjee produced an affidavit from Chandan Chatterjee and also a copy of the radiogram which asked him to meet S.I., A.K. Maity of

Howrah P.S. in connection with Howrah P.S. case No.198/05 dated 7.9.2005. That Chandan Chatterjee attended and met Shri A.K. Maity. I.O. was recorded by the said S.I. putting his signature with date 03.01.2006. It appeared to the Commission that there might be prima-facie misleading information and therefore accordingly a showcause notice was issued both I.C., Howrah and Shri A.K. Maity, S.I. vide no. 2752(2)-WBIC/RTI.85/06 (Pt.-III) dated 03.12.2008 asking them to showcause as to why penalty should not be imposed upon them. Both the police officers submitted replies to the showcause which did not satisfy the Commission. The Commission therefore decided to hear both the parties on 14.7.2009 before taking a decision on imposition of penalty.

3. From the reply of the showcause notice it is revealed that Shri A.K. Maity has claimed to have sent a message to Shri Chandan Chatterjee asking to Shri Chatterjee to meet him on 30.12.2005. He produced a photocopy of the said message from I.C., Howrah to I.C., Berhampore which appeared to have been sent to D.I.G., Murshidabad from Howrah police on 27.12.2005 at 20.21 hrs. but no evidence of any sort has been produced to show that the said message was communicated to Shri Chandan Chatterjee and that he met Shri S.I., A.K. Maity on 30.12.2005. The complainant has challenged the veracity of such claim by producing the message received by Chandan Chatterjee which contained no mention of any specific date but for meeting Shri A.K. Maity and which also contained an endorsement signed by Shri A.K. Maity on 03.01.2006 as an acknowledgement of attendance by Shri Chandan Chatterjee.
4. On scrutiny of both the radiograms it is clear that IC Howrah did send a radiogram to IC Berhampur through DIG Murshidabad asking Shri Chandan Chatterjee to meet the I.O. on 30.12.05. But the DIG Murshidabad, for whatever be the reason, modified the said radiogram and transmitted it to IC Berhampur without mentioning the specific date of meeting with the I.O. of the case. Accordingly Shri Chandan Chatterjee met the I.O. on 3.1.06 which is evident from the fact that the said I.O. recorded his attendance by writing "Attended" and putting a dated signature. The claim of I.O. that two radiograms were sent and that he examined the witness Chandan Chatterjee on 30.12.06 before submitting the FRMF is a figment of imagination to say the least.
5. Moreover, Shri A.K. Maity has stated in his reply that he informed Shri Chandan Chatterjee about the purported message and date over telephone no. which he had collected from the complainant Smt. Mousumi Banerjee. He, however, being asked, could not specify the telephone no. of Shri Chandan Chatterjee to whom he claimed to have informed over phone. This has been categorically denied by Chandan Chatterjee by an affidavit. Shri Maity has only his words, not any proof of any sort, to counter the claim.
6. Further, the Commission has brought to his notice that Section 160 of Cr.Pc. clearly states that the Investigating Officer can require the attendance before himself of any person *only by order in writing*. This however, is not the point of contention.
7. It also appears from the FRMF report submitted before the Court of Ld. C.J.M. on 31.12.2005 that the result of investigation was being intimated to the complainant. If that be so, Shri Maity however, could not explain that with evidence why complainant and Shri Chandan Chatterjees should at all meet him on 03.01.2006 and why he endorsed their attendance by signing on 03.01.2006. Since the complainant Smt. Banerjee is a Government servant she might have required some sort of documents as token of her attending police station, but Shri Chandan Chatterjee being not in Government service or in any office did not require such certificate. From above it appears that Shri Maity could not prove his innocence about the allegation of furnishing misleading information. The whole story of Shri Maity carries the stinks of falsehood and glaringly testifies his mala fide intention in providing misleading

information. Therefore, he is liable to be awarded penalty.

8. Shri Samir Chattopadhyay, I.C. Belghoria who was at that time posted as I.C., Berhampore has submitted that he has only furnished information on the basis of the documents contained in the official records. The Commission considered that the allegation of misinformation against Shri Banerjee could not be proved beyond doubt and therefore penalty should not be imposed upon him but however he cannot absolve his responsibility as Officer-in-Charge of police station.
9. The reply was submitted by Shri A.K. Maity dated 14.12.2008. Therefore more than 100 days have already passed. Therefore maximum penalty of **Rs. 25,000/-** is hereby imposed upon Shri A.K. Maity, S.I. for furnishing misleading information u/s 20(1) of the Act. The said amount of penalty shall be deposited in 5 installments within 15th of every month from the month of August 2009 for five consecutive months through TR Form 7 under the Head of Account "0070 – Other Administrative Services - 60 - Other Services – 800 – Other Receipts – 021 – Collection of Fees from Information Seeker for the purpose of servicing Information -27- Other Receipts". A copy of the said challan shall be endorsed to the Commission immediately thereafter as token of proof of such deposit. In the event Shri Maity fails to deposit the installments of amount within 15th of every month the S.P., Howrah shall deduct the entire balance amount from the salary of Shri A.K. Maity and report to the Commission about such deduction. In case Shri A.K. Maity is transferred meanwhile, this order should be communicated to his present place of posting.

Date: 03.08.2010

Sd/-
Arun Kumar Bhattacharya
State Chief Information Commissioner

No. 1935(3)(Order)-WBIC/RTI/85/06(Pt.II)

Date: 06.08.2010

Authenticated true copy forwarded to:

1. Shri J.K. Basu, IPS, Special IG & DIG (Mod & Coord) & SPIO, West Bengal Police Directorate, Writers' Buildings, Kolkata – 700 001.
2. Shri Aditya Kumar Maity, C/o Superintendent of Police, Howrah, Sub-Inspector of Police, M.V. Section of the Superintendent of Police Howrah, P.O. + Dist. Howrah, PIN-711 101.
3. Shri Subhra Banerjee, C/o Late Dharendra Nath Bhattacharjee, Vill. Barodwari, P.O. Azimganj, Dist. Murshidabad, PIN-742 122.

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Shri Samar Ketan Ghosh

–Vs–

Additional District Magistrate (G), South 24 Parganas.

Facts on Record:

1. Shri Samar Ketan Ghosh, S/O. Shri Parshwanath Ghosh, Vill. + P.O. + P.S. – Falta, Dist. – South 24 Parganas, PIN – 743 504 submitted one RTI application to the Additional District Magistrate (G) & State Public Information Officer, South 24 Parganas on 03.09.2008 seeking 8-point information regarding the status of a complaint petition dated 10.03.2005 submitted to the District Panchayat and Rural Development Officer, South 24 Parganas, and about the misappropriation of government fund for illegal construction on a disputed land.
2. Without receiving any information from the SPIO Shri Ghosh put up the case before the District Magistrate, South 24 Parganas on 13.10.2008.
3. Not being furnished with any reply from the Public Authority and hence being aggrieved, Shri Ghosh preferred complaint before the Commission on 01.12.2008. Since Shri Ghosh has not enclosed the original complaint dated 10.03.2008 along with his appeal petition, the Commission is unable to come to a decision whether at all his queries fall within the definition of information u/s 2(f) of the Act.
4. However, the Commission vide its letter No. 2833–WBIC/RTI/850/08 dated 15.12.2008 requested the Additional District Magistrate (G) & State Public Information Officer, South 24 Parganas to dispose of the matter and send a report on the action taken within a fortnight.
5. No reply to the above letter was received either by the Commission or by the applicant. Hence Shri Ghosh lodged another complaint dated 04.03.2009 before the Commission.
6. The Commission vide its yet another letter No. 610–WBIC/RTI/850/08 dated 23.03.2009 further directed the Additional District Magistrate (G), South 24 Parganas to dispose of the matter and also to show cause why he had not complied with the earlier order of the Commission and why any penalty or other punitive measures should not be imposed upon him u/s 20 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 for such act of omission. He was also directed to prove that he had acted diligently and reasonably in disposing the instant RTI application. His reply should have reached the Commission within 15 days from the date of declaration of result of the 15th Parliamentary Election.
7. Shri Ghosh preferred another complaint dated 06.08.2009 before the Commission on account of non-furnishing of information by the SPIO.

Order:

8. From the documents it is more than evident that the Additional District Magistrate (G), South 24

Parganas has violated the orders of the Commission by not complying with the order of the Commission to submit action-taken report and reply to the show cause notice of the Commission.

9. It is now beyond any reasonable doubt that Shri Sanjay Bansal, Additional District Magistrate (G), South 24 Parganas at the relevant point of time has constantly flouted the provisions of RTI Act, 2005 and the Commission showed utmost restraint before imposition of penalty giving him ample opportunity to prove that he had acted diligently and reasonably in dealing with the instant RTI application. He has failed to do so and has persistently failed to furnish information.
10. The Commission is extremely displeased in the manner in which the then Additional District Magistrate (General), South 24 Parganas has shown utter disregard to the proviso of RTI Act and inspite of getting show cause notice from the Commission he failed to prove his sincerity which leads the Commission to believe that he malafidely denied the information. The Commission therefore recommend disciplinary action against Shri Sanjay Bansal, who is reportedly transferred from the post of Additional District Magistrate (General), South 24 Parganas. As cadre Controlling Authority, Personnel and Administrative Reforms department is hereby ordered to take necessary action in the matter.

Date: 03.08.2010

Sd/-

Arun Kumar Bhattacharya
State Chief Information Commissioner, W.B.

No. 1934(3)(Order)–WBIC/RTI/850/08

DATE: 06.08.2010

Authenticated true copy forwarded to:-

1. The Principal Secretary, P & AR Department, Govt. of West Bengal, Writers' Buildings, Kolkata – 700 001.c
2. The District Magistrate, South 24 Parganas, office of the District Magistrate, Alipore, Kolkata – 700 027.
3. Shri Samar Ketan Ghosh, S/O. Shri Parshwanath Ghosh, Vill. + P.O. + P.S. – Falta, Dist. – South 24 Parganas, PIN – 743 504

Deputy Secretary & Addl. Registrar
West Bengal Information Commission

ANNEXURE 2

WEST BENGAL RIGHT TO INFORMATION RULES

A) West Bengal Right to Information Rules, 2006

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PART I - Orders and Notifications by the Governor of West Bengal, the High Court, Government Treasury etc.

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

Personnel & Administrative Reforms Department
Administrative Reforms Cell.

NOTIFICATION

No. I 57-PAR (AR)- 10th March, 2006- In exercise of the power conferred by sub-section(1) read with sub-section (2) of Section 27 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (22 of 2005), the Governor is pleased hereby to make the following rules, namely :-

Rules

1. Short title and commencement:-

- (1) These rules may be called the West Bengal Right to Information Rules, 2006.
- (2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. Definitions:-

- (1) In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires, -
 - (a) “Act” means the Right to Information Act, 2005 (22 of 2005);
 - (b) “Commission” means the West Bengal Information Commission;
 - (c) “Registrar” means the Registrar of the Commission;
 - (d) “Section” means section of the Act;
 - (e) “State Government” means the Government of West Bengal.
- (2) Words and expressions used and not defined in these rules but defined in the Act, shall have the same meanings as respectively assigned to them in the Act.

3. Application fee -

An application containing a request in writing to the State Public Information Officer or the State Assistant Public Information Officer, as the case may be, made under sub-section (I) of Section 6 for obtaining information, shall be accompanied with a court-fee of rupees ten.

4. 'Fee for providing information -

Save as otherwise provided in the provision to sub-section (5) of Section '7, the State Public Information Officer or the State Assistant Public Information Officer, as the case may be, shall provide Information under sub-section (I), and sub-section (5), of Section 7 upon receipt or a request under Section 6, on payment of a fee of -

- (a) rupees two, for each page (in A-4 or A-3 size paper) created or copied; or
- (b) actual charge or cost price, for a copy in large size paper; or
- (c) actual cost price, for sample or model; or
- (d) rupees five for each fifteen minutes or fraction thereof, for inspection of records; or
- (e) rupees fifty per diskette or floppy, for information provided in the diskette or floppy; or
- (f) actual charge fixed for publication or rupees two per page of photocopy for extracts there from for information provided in printed form.

5. Contents of appeal to Commission under sub-Section (3) of Section 19 -

An appeal to the Commission under sub-section (3) of Section 19, shall contain the following information, namely:-

- (a) Name and address of the applicant;
- (b) Name and address of the State Public Information Officer or the State Assistant Public Information Officer, as the case may be, who passed the order;
- (c) Particulars of the order against which the appeal is made including its number and date;
- (d) Brief facts of the case;
- (e) Prayer or relief sought for by the appellant;
- (f) Grounds for such prayer relief; and
- (g) Verification by the appellant

6. Documents to accompany appeal to Commission under sub-section (3) of Section 19 –

Every appeal made to the Commission shall be accompanied by the following documents, namely:-

- (a) the attested true copy of the order against which the appeal is being preferred;
- (b) the copies of the documents relied upon by the appellant and referred to in the appeal; and
- (c) an index of the documents referred to in the appeal.

7. Procedure in deciding appeal to Commission under sub-section (3) of Section 19 –

1 In deciding the appeal to the commission, the commission shall :-

- (a) Hear, oral or written, evidence on oath or on affidavit from the concerned or interested person;
- (b) Peruse or inspect documents, public records or copies thereof.
- (c) Enquire through the authorized, officer for further details or facts;
- (d) Hear the State Public Information Officer or the State Assistant Public Information Officer

or such officer who decided the first appeal mentioned in sub-section (I) of Section 19, as the case may be;

- (e) Hear the third party if required; and
 - (f) Receive evidence on “affidavits from State Public information Officer or the State Assistant Public Information Officer or such officer who decided the first appeal mentioned in sub-section (I) of Section 19 or from the third party; if any
- (2) In deciding the appeal the Commission may ask the appellant to add any other information other than the information included in the contents of the second appeal under rule 5.

8. Service of notice by Commission-

The notice required to be issued under sub-section (9) of Section 19, by the Commission may be served in any of the following modes, namely:-

- (a) service by the p— itself;
- (b) service by hand delivery through the process server;
- (c) service by the registered post with acknowledgement due
- (d) service through the head of office or the Department;

9. Signing of order -

The order of the Commission pronounced in open proceedings shall be in writing and authenticated by the Registrar or any other officer authorized by the Commission in this behalf.

10. Terms and conditions of officers and other employees of Commission -

The officers and other employees of the Commission shall be placed on deputation from the State Government on the usual terms and conditions

By order of the Governor,
Sd/- Trilochon Singh,
Pr. Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal

B) Amendment in West Bengal Right to Information Rules, 2006

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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

Department of Personnel & Administrative Reforms

Administrative Reforms Cell

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NOTIFICATION

No. 724-PAR(AR)/0/3M-29/2005 Pt. VI-17th October, 2008. In exercise of the power conferred by sub-section (1), read with sub-section (2), of section 27 of the Right to Information Act, 2005, the Governor is pleased hereby to make the following amendments in the West Bengal Right to Information Rules, 2006 (hereinafter referred to as the said rules):-

Amendments

In the said rules,-

(1) rule 3 shall be renumbered as sub-rule (1) of rule 3,-

(a) in sub-rule (I) so renumbered, for the words “a court-fee of rupees ten,”, *substitute* the words, letters and brackets ‘a court-fee of rupees ten or a non-Judicial Stamp paper of rupees ten or by Demand Draft or Bankers Cheques or Indian Postal Order, payable in favour of “(name of the link bank) a/c Government of West Bengal, RTI ACT;’;

(b) after sub-rule (1), *insert* the following sub-rules:-

(2) An applicant while sending a request for information by e-mail shall deposit the application fee of rupees ten by Demand Draft or by Bankers Cheques or by Indian Postal Order, payable in favour of

“(name of the link bank) a/c Government of West Bengal. RTI ACT”, mentioning the particulars of such deposit to the Public Information Officer in such e-mail and on receipt of said information, the Public Information Officer shall process such request for providing such information:

Provided that such information as sought for shall not be delivered to the applicant unless the requisite amount of application fee has been received by the Public Information Officer by Demand Draft or Bankers Cheques or Indian Postal Order, as the case may be.

(3) The public Information Officer shall, after receiving Demand Draft or Bankers Cheques or Indian Postal Order under sub-rule (2), arrange to remit the fee to such authorised branches of the Public Bank linked with the Treasury as mentioned in Appendix 3 to the West Bengal Treasury Rules, 2005, by the next working day in T. R.

Form No. 7 under the Head of Account and Head Code mentioned in column (1) and column (2) against serial Nos, 1 and 2 respectively, of the Table below:-

Sl No	Particulars	Details
(1)	(2)	(3)
1	Head of Accounts	“0070-Other Administrative Services -60-Other-services-800 Other Receipts including ccnsus-021-Collection of Fee from information Seeker for the purpose of servicing information 27- Other Receipts.”
2	Head Code	‘00706080002127”

Provided that the applicant may deposit such application fee under the above head of accounts directly through the concerned bank linked with Treasury and shall produce the receipted challan to the Public Information Officer;

(2) rule 4 shall be renumbered as sub-rule (1) of rule 4. after sub-rule (I) so renumbered.insert the following sub-rules

(2) The fee as mentioned in clause (a) to clause (f) of sub-section (I) shall be deposited to the officer to be designated by the concerned Department of the State Government in this behalf, either by Demand Draft or Bankers Cheque or Indian Postal Order payable in favour of “(Name of the bank) a/c Government of West Bengal RTI ACT”

(3) The Public Information Officer shall, after receiving Demand Draft or Bankers Cheque or Indian Postal Order, as the case may be, as mentioned in sub rule (2), arrange to remit the fee to such authorised branches of the Public Bank linked with the Treasury as mentioned in Appendix 3 to the West Bengal Treasury Rules, 2005. by the next working day in T. R, form No, 7 under the Head of Accounts and Head Code mentioned in column (I) and column (2) against serial Nos. I and 2 respectively, of the Table below.-

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2	Head Code	‘00706080002127”

Provided that the applicant may deposit such fees under the above head of accounts directly through the concerned bank linked with the Treasury and shall produce the receipted challan to the Public Information Officer

(3) In rule 5:

(a) for clause (c), *substitute* the following clause:-

“(c) self-attested photocopy of the order of an officer to whom appeal has been preferred under sub section (I) of section 19 of the Act;”;

(b) for clause (d), *substitute* the following clause:-

“(d) gist of the information sought for;”;

(c) for clause (e) *substitute* the following clause :-

“(e) grounds for appeal and the relief sought for;”;

(d) *omit* clause (f);

(e) *omit* clause (g).

By order of the Governor,

(Sk. Nurul Haque)

Principal Secretary to the Government of West Bengal

C) The Calcutta High Court (Right to Information Rules, 2006)

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**HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
NOTIFICATION**

No. 133-G-9th January, 2007-In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 28 (1) of the Right to Information Act 2005 the Chief Justice of the Calcutta High Court (Competent Authority) is pleased to make the following rules to carry out the provisions of the 'Act' falling within the jurisdiction of this High Court:-

Rules

1. Short title and commencement:-

- * These rules may be called The Calcutta High Court (Right to Information) Rules, 2006
- * They shall come into force from the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. Definitions:-

1) In these Rules unless, the context otherwise requires,-

- * 'Act' means The Right to Information Act, 2005 (No, 22 of 2005);
- * 'Appellate Authority' means designated as such by the Chief Justice of High Court at Calcutta;
- * 'authorized person' means Public Information Officers and Assistant Public Information Officer;

'Public Information Officer' shall mean—(i) the Deputy Registrar (Admn.) on the Appellate Side of the High Court and (ii) the Assistant Master and Referee on the Original side of the High Court (iii) Chief Judicial Magistrate in the District Courts (iv) the Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate in the respective sub-divisional courts.

Assistant Public Information Officer shall mean:-

- (i) In the Appellate Side of the High Court-
 - (a) Assistant Registrars of the respective departments
 - (b) Section Officer or Superintendent whoever is in-charge of the concerned department/section, where there is no post of Assistant Registrar.
- (ii) In the Original Side of the High Court -
 - (a) Assistant Registrars of the respective departments
 - (b) Section Officer or Superintendent whoever is in-charge of the concerned department/section, where there is no post of Assistant Registrar.

(iii) In the Sadar Sub-divisional courts - the senior most Civil Judge (Jr. Div.).

‘Form’ means the Forms appended to these Rules for enforcement of the provisions of this

‘Section means a section of this Act’

(2) Word and expressions used but not defined in these Rules shall be the same meaning as assigned to them in respectively in the ‘Act’;

3. Request for obtaining information :-

A request for obtaining information may be made in writing or through electronic means in English, Hindi or Bengali accompanying a fee as prescribed below, by the person who desires to obtain the information to the Public Information Officer or the Assistant Public Information Officer, specifying the particulars of the information sought by him or her in the form prescribed below :-

In case the request cannot be made in writing the concerned Public Information Officer shall render reasonable assistance to that person to reproduce the same in writing.

All other provisions of section 6 of the Act shall apply in this respect.

4. Disposal of requests :-

For disposal of the requests under section 6 of the Act, the Public Information Officer or the Assistant Public Information Officer shall follow the provisions of section 7 of the ‘Act’.

5 Protected/exempted information:-

The Public Information Officer or the Assistant Public Information Officer as the case may be have no obligation to give information to any citizen in the matter disclosure of which has been exempted under Section 8 of the Act.

6. Appeal:-

An appeal under section 19 of the “Act” may be preferred to the Appellate Authority, by the person who does not receive a decision within the time specified in section 7(3)(1)(a) of the Act or who is aggrieved by decision of the Public Information Officer or the Assistant Public Information Officer, as the case may be, in the time prescribed under section 19 (1) of the Act which may be extended as per provision or that section 19 (I) of the Act.

All other provisions of the Act shall apply for effective enforcement of the provisions relating to information as per Section 2(f) of the Act.

7. Penalties:-

- (i) whenever being bound to supply information fails to furnish the information asked for under Act within the time specified or fails to communicate the rejection order, shall be liable to a penalty up to fifty rupees per day for the delayed period beyond thirty days subject to maximum of five hundred rupees per application filed under rule 3 as may be determined by the Appellate Authority.
- (ii) where the information supplied is found to be false in any material particular and which person is bound to supply it knows and has reason to believe it to be false or does not believe it to be true, the person supplying the information shall be liable to pay a penalty of a thousand rupees, to be imposed by the Appellate Authority, information provided that the Public Information Officer or the Assistant Public Information Officer, as the case may be shall be given reasonable opportunity of being heard before the penalty is imposed on him

8. Suo motu publication of information by public authorities :-

- (1) the public authority shall suo motu publish information as per sub-section (1) of section under the Act by publishing booklets and/or folders and/or pamphlets and update these publication every year as required by sub-section (1) of Section 4 of the Act.

- (2) Such information shall also be made available to the public through information counter medium of internet and display on notice board at conspicuous places in the office of the authorized person are the Appellate Authority.

9. Fees:-

- (1) The authorized person shall charge the fee at the following rates:-.

A. Application Fee:-

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| (i) | Information relating to tenders documents/bids quotation/business contract | Five hundred rupees per application |
| (ii) | Information other than above contract: Other Fees: | Fifty rupees per application. |

Sl No.	Description of Information	Price/fee in rupees
1.	Where the information is available in the form of a priced publication	Price so fixed
2.	For other than priced publication	Five per page

- (2) The Appellate Authority shall charge a fee of fifty rupees per appeal.

By order of the High Court
Raghunath Ray
Register General Incharge
High Court, Calcutta

ANNEXURE 3

EXCLUSION FROM THE ACT

As per Section 24(4) of the RTI Act, the provisions of the Act will not apply to such intelligence and security organizations established by the State Government, as the State Government may, from time to time, by notification in the Official Gazette specify.

The following organizations have been exempted by the State Government vide notification No. 541-PAR(AR)/O/3M-29/2005 Pt. VIIIA dated 29.08.2006 and notification No. 120-PAR(AR)/O/3M-29/2005 Pt. VIIIA dated 05.03.2009)

1. Home Department

a. Political Branch

- i. Security arrangements and related matter of VIPs and VVIPs
- ii. Interceptions of mails and other personal communications including phone/mobiles under Indian Post Office Act, 1898 and India Telegraph Act, 1885.
- iii. Sanction of prosecution
- iv. CBI investigation-handling over of cases
- v. Verification of antecedents.
- vi. Preparation of bills and rules.

b. Police Branch

- i. Information relating the mobilization and deployment of police force.
- ii. All police reports (except under orders of the Courts of Law)

c. Special Branch

- i. Proceedings under the special preventive Acts of the State Govt. / Govt. of India

2. Police Directorate

- a. Intelligence Branch including Districts Ibs.
- b. Eastern Frontier Rifles.
- c. State Armed Police
- d. Indian Reserve Battalion
- e. Enforcement Branch
- f. Secret Source Fund.
- g. Reserve Force
- h. Secret Section including Secret Source Fund.

3. Kolkata Police

- a. Special Branch.

- b. Detective Department
- c. Security Control Organization
- d. Enforce Branch
- e. Kolkata Armed Police including Reserve Force.
- f. Secret Source Fund
- g. Confidential Section.
- h. Special Task Force (vide notification No. 120–PAR(AR)/O/3M–29/2005 Pt. VIIIA dated 05.03.2009)

The Governor is further pleased to state that the information pertaining to allegations of corruptions and human rights violations in respect of the above organization of Police Directorate and Kolkata Police will not be kept beyond purview of the “Right to Information Act, 2005” under Section 24(4) of the act bid.