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Third Party RTI Audit Summary Report of ISRO Telemetry, Tracking and Command Network (ISTRAC), Bengaluru

As per the direction of Central Information Commissioner (CIC) and DoPT OM No 1/6/2011-IR dated 15.04.2013 and OM No. 1/34/2013-IR dated 30.06.2016, each Public Authority should get its proactive disclosure package audited by a third party every year from the respective training Institutes under each Public Authority and submit to the Central Information Commission.

Indian Rubber Manufacturers Research Association conducted Third-Party Audit of the Proactive Disclosure of [ISRO Telemetry, Tracking and Command Network \(ISTRAC\), Bengaluru](#) under the RTI Act, 2005 from **17 & 18 Sept, 2024** in accordance with Guidelines on suo motu disclosure under Section 4 of the RTI Act issued by Government of India, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Department of Personnel & Training. The audit was conducted in accordance with the standard operating procedure for the Third-party audit on suo motu disclosures (As per Para 4.4 & 4.5 of DOPT's OM No. /6/2011-IR dated 15.04.2013 & Para 6 of DOPT's OM No. 1/34/2013-IR dated 30.06.2016).

The audit was aimed to assess adherence to Guidelines on suo motu disclosure under Section 4 of the RTI and the implementation of and compliance with its control system. Specifically, the audit assessed [ISRO Telemetry, Tracking and Command Network \(ISTRAC\), Bengaluru](#) Self appraisal report for Year (2023-24) and its website www.istrac.gov.in in order to ensure these are well understood and Guidelines for Central Government Ministries / Departments are followed on:

- a) Suo motu disclosure of more items under Section 4.
- b) Guidelines for digital publication of proactive disclosure under Section
- c) Detailing of Section 4(1)(b)(iii), 4(1)(b)(iv), 4(1)(b)(xi) and 4(1)(b)(xiv)
- d) Compliance mechanism for suo motu disclosure (proactive disclosure) under the RTI Act, 2005

Third-Party Audit focused on the following Parameters:

- i. Organisation and Functions
- ii. Budget and Programme
- iii. Publicity and Public Interface
- iv. E-Governance
- v. Information as may be Prescribed
- vi. Information disclosed on own initiative

Key Findings and High Priority Recommendations

We appreciate the sincere efforts of [ISRO Telemetry, Tracking and Command Network \(ISTRAC\), Bengaluru](#) as Public Authority for sharing required information on website to maintain the transparency. It has been observed during the Audit that the information relates to few areas has to be shared on website with more clarity like;

1. Information related to Any other details-the genesis, inception, formation of the department and the HoDs from time to time as well as the committees/ Commissions constituted from time to time have been dealt must be disclosed. Information related to Channel of supervision and accountability must be disclosed.
2. Norms laid down for discharge of functions of various functionaries should be uploaded wherever feasible.
3. Programmes to advance understanding of RTI Act –to be conducted on regular intervals.
4. Complete details of the relevant Acts, rules, instruments, Manuals, OM etc. should be available at one place under one link including the contents. In this connection, it is recommended the contents of rules like financial powers, CCS (CC&A) rules, study leave rules and allotment of residence rules should also be uploaded in the public domain.

5. Information related to details of tender bids awarded, names of suppliers, rates and total amount should be available in the public domain under RTI link. Once the contract is awarded the details of all bidders should also be placed in the public domain. Purchase details from GeM portal are only accessible to Buyer of Public authority. Information related to procurement is not summarised. This mechanism is restricting the public to access the information. Hence Public Authority. needs to create a mechanism which is accessible to public at large.
6. The details about the various visits (domestic I foreign) undertaken by the officers need to be uploaded under RTI link on the Public Authority website with sub links to the various centres under Public Authority.
7. Public Authority must constitute a Committee of PIOs/FAAs with rich experience in RTI to identify frequently sought information under RTI.
8. Public Authority must constitute a Committee Consultancy committee of key stake holders for advice on suo-motu disclosure.
9. Some information regarding RTI applications and appeals received and their responses are presently available in the Public Authority website. However, complete information in this regard including applications / appeals and the responses / replies (excluding personal information) should be available in a consolidated form on the Public Authority website. This information should also be updated on a regular basis.
10. More detailed information on Citizen's Charter, Result Framework Document (RFD), Six monthly reports on the, Performance against the benchmarks set in the Citizen's Charter is to be uploaded on website.
11. Guidelines for Indian Government Websites (version 2.0) An Integral Part of Central Secretariat Manual of Office Procedure, February 2018: Second Edition must be followed. STQC certification is to be obtained and displayed on website.
12. Sub-clauses which have been met partially met / not met, may be looked into for compliance at the earliest. A re-look may be given to the clauses which have been marked as not applicable.
13. Every information displayed in the website should indicate the last date of updation prominently in a DD/MM/YY format.
14. In order to facilitate citizens' requirement, all information which are to be disclosed suo motu should be either available under RTI heading or should be accessible through a link under RTI heading. The information available in the public domain should be periodically updated. It is also suggested that the website should have an effective search engine to facilitate the common citizen to access information with ease. The ultimate objective should be to make the website user friendly.

IRMRA would like to share positive feedback that in future all the required information/urls/links may be posted on website to meet the Transparency Audit Metrix.

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