



Summary Report

Subject: Third Party RTI Audit Summary Report for

Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics

The Right to Information Act, which allowed the citizen unprecedented access into information under the control of public authorities, has multiple dimensions. The most known and equally widely utilized, is the straightforward filing of requests by the information seekers and the subsequent process of first and second appeals. This is the demand side of the transparency law.

The other dimension, which is the law's supply-side, is a scheme of voluntary disclosure of information by public authorities (PAs) through a variety of means, principal among which is the disclosure through websites.

Section 4 of the RTI Act provides the broad outline of the contents of the websites. Disclosures under this section are expected to: i) enable the citizen to access the information held by PAs without their having to take recourse to the provisions of RTI Act; and b) promote transparency and accountability in the functioning of the government to promote participatory governance.

We appreciate the sincere efforts of Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics as Public Authority for sharing the required information on website to maintain the transparency. It has been observed during the Audit that the information related to following areas need to be considered: -

1. Information Manual/Handbook in vernacular/local language needs to be uploaded on website
2. Details of third-party audit of voluntary disclosure of previous years need to be uploaded on website
3. Valid STQC Certificate needs to be uploaded on website

NPC 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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