

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Governing for Results – RTI Act, 2005 (Act 22 of 2005) of GOI – Implementation – Creation of a Special Cell in General Administration (GPM&AR) Department to monitor the implementation of RTI Act, 2005 – Orders – Issued.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (GPM&AR) DEPARTMENT

G.O. MS. No. 299

Dated : 27.06.2006

Read the following:-

Right to Information Act, 2005 , (No.22of 2005)

ORDER:

Right to information Act, 2005 (22 of 2005) has come into force w.e.f. 12.10.2005. The State Government is expected to monitor the implementation of the Act across the State Govt. Depts./Undertakings/Local Bodies.

2. The effective Implementation of the RTI Act calls for process reforms in departments including records management, indexing, cataloging, computerization, e-governance, simplification of procedures use of tools by Public Authorities, Public Information Commissioner (s) etc. It also calls for networking of all Government Departments, Information Management Systems and appropriate record keeping and retrieval.

3. Government with a view to monitor the implementation of RTI Act, hereby creates a Special Cell in General Administration (Coordn.,GPM&AR) Dept, with the following composition for a period of one year from the date of commissioning:

1. Director : Head of the RTI monitoring and implementation Cell. The Officer shall be from the Indian Administrative Service (IAS) at the level of Addl. Secretary / Jt. Secretary to Government with a strong IT background.
2. Two IT Specialists to assist the Cell, through outsourcing.
3. Two Data Entry Operators-cum-Assistants to assist the Cell, through outsourcing.

4. The functions and responsibilities of the dedicated RTI Cell shall include the following:

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1. Developing tracking system for implementation of RTI Act, across Govt, Depts / Undertakings / Local Bodies, monitoring and reporting.
2. Support government departments / Public Information Offices / Assistant Public Information Officers / Appellate Authorities / Information Commissioners etc in implementing the RTI Act.
3. Coordinate training of Public Information Officers / Assistant Public Information Officers / Civil Society Groups / NGOs / SHGs in the Districts and at State level.
4. Coordinate process reforms in departments to facilitate Right to Information Act implementation.
5. Promote use of RTI as a tool for good governance, transparency and accountability.
6. Coordinate with media, NGOs, Institutions and individuals on the RTI matters.
7. Supervise all efforts on streamlining processes, computerization etc in connection with RTI Act.

5. The staff & infrastructure cost of the Cell shall be met from Andhra Pradesh Public Management and any Service Delivery Improvement Programme (2008-09) Project GRP Phase II-Project Funds under the Head of A/c "MH-2070-MH. 003 -Trg.-GH.03-EAP-SH (05)-IOA-500/503 - Other Expr."funded by DFID.

6. The General Administration (Spl.A) Department is requested to take necessary action to post an Indian Administrative Service Officer, having: IT background, at the level Additional Secretary / Joint Secretary to Government as Director to the RTI monitoring Cell in General Administration (GPM&AR) Department.

7. The Director General & Executive Director, Centre for Good Governance, is requested to provide necessary Technical Support and to post two IT Specialists and two Data Entry operators-cum-Assistant by outsourcing to assist the Cell.

8. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide their U.O.No. 14310-B/721/A3/SMPC/06, Dt. 12.6.2006.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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