

Right to information Act questionnere for PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICERS

This data would be used only for research purpose and strict confidentiality would be maintained. It is the option of the respondent whether he wishes to give his name, designation and address of the Organization where he works.

Please put a cross (x) mark against the choice selected in each question where choice is to be indicated.

- 1.) At what level the Public Information Officer working?
 - (a)Section Officer
 - (b)Under Secretary
 - (c)Director
 - (d)Joint Secretary

- 2.) Approximately how many RTI Applications are handled in a month?
 - (a) up to 10
 - (b) more than 10 but up to 20
 - (c)more than 10 but up to 20
 - (d)more than 20 but up to 30
 - (e)more than 30 but upto 40
 - (f) More than 40

- 3).How do you perceive the RTI Act?
 - (a)Useful for Public to gather information
 - (b)Not useful for Public to gather information

 - (c) Do not know

4.) Please give reasons for choice in question 3 above

5.) Has the RTI Act led to reduction in corruption in the bureaucracy?

(a) Yes

(b) No

(c) Do not know

6.) Has the RTI Act led to greater transparency in the bureaucracy?

(a) Yes

(b) No

(c) Do not know

7.) Do you think that RTI is being used to harass the Public Information Officer?

(a) In no case

(b) In some cases

(c) In half the case

(e) In most of the cases

8.) Please give reasons for choice in question no.7?

9. Do you face doubts about furnishing of information in context of categories of information that can be given or denied as per RTI Act?

- (a) Do not face doubt in any case
- (b) face doubts in few cases
- (c) face doubts in half the cases
- (d) face doubts in most of the cases

10. To whom do you consult the **most** if there is doubt regarding furnishing of Information?

- (a) Appellate Authority
- (b) Any Superior Authority in your Organization?
- (c) Colleagues
- (d) Information Commission
- (e) Deptt of Personnel
- (f) Any other Authority

11.) Give reason for the choice in question 10.

12.) What has been your experience in obtaining of clarifications in case you had doubts regarding furnishing of information and you consulted some authority?

- (a) Doubts do not get clarified
- (b) Doubts get seldom clarified
- (c) Doubts get clarified most of the time
- (d) Doubts are always clarified
- (e) Did not face any doubt

13.) Do you feel, the quality of official decision making has improved with implementation of RTI Act?

(a)Yes

(b)No

(c) Don't Know

14.) Do you have to remind officials in your section to timely submit the RTI cases to you with the requisite information?

(a) In no case

(b) In few cases

(c) In half of the cases

(d)In most of the cases

15.) Give reasons for choice in question 14.

16.) Does your work suffer in terms of delays due additional work load due to RTI Act?

(a) Yes

(b)No

(c)Did not matter

17.) How many times since last 3 years you have been summoned by the Information Commission?

18.) The first appellate authority also attended the hearing with you in:

- (a) up to 5% of cases
- (b) more than 5% and up to 10 % of cases
- (c) more than 10% and upto 25% of cases
- (d) more than 25% and up to 50% of the cases
- (e) more than 50% of the cases

19.) In how many cases did the information to be given to respondent revealed irregularities in decision making?

- (a) up to 5%
- (b) more than 5% and up to 10%
- (c) more than 10% and up to 25%
- (d) more than 25% and up to 50%
- (e) more than 50%

20.) How did you feel regarding revealing such information?

- (a) Weakly hesitant
- (b) Moderately hesitant
- (c) Strongly hesitant
- (d) Indifferent

21.) Kindly give reasons for choice in question 20.

22.) Do you feel inclusion for pecuniary penalty for public authority also would assist in streamlining the information gathering system for the PIO?

(a) Yes

(b) No

(c) Don't Know

23)If the answer is either (a) or (b) in question 22, please give reasons.

24). Do you feel inclusion for pecuniary penalty for tardy/incomplete submission of facts by officials under your supervision would assist in streamlining the information gathering system for the PIO?

(a) Yes

(b) No

(c) Don't Know

25). If the answer is either (a) or (b) in question24, please give reasons.

26) Retrieval of data/records is a constraining factor in furnishing of information in

(a) 0 to 10 percentage of cases

(b) above 10 percent and up to 25 percent of cases

(c) above 25 percent and up to 50 percent of cases

- (d) above 50 percent and up to 75 percent of cases
- (e) Above 75 percent and up to hundred percent of cases

27) What are your suggestions for improving the implementation of RTI Act?

Name

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(OPTIONAL)

