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Third Party Transparency Audit under the RTI Act, 2005

Accounts and Treasuries

Government of Puducherry – 2025-2026

Summary Report

All Public Authorities are mandated to proactively disclose information under Section 4 of the Right to Information Act, 2005, to promote transparency, accountability, and informed citizen participation in governance.

Appreciates the efforts of the Accounts and Treasuries, Government of Puducherry, in proactively disseminating information through its official website in substantial compliance with the provisions of Section 4 of the RTI Act, 2005. The Department has demonstrated a commendable commitment towards transparency and good governance by making key information accessible to the public.

During Auditing it is observed that the information related to few areas have to be shared on the website:

This audit is conducted in exercise of powers conferred under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (Act No. 22 of 2005). The primary legal provisions governing proactive disclosure are:

- **Section 4(1) (b) Mandates proactive disclosure of 17 categories of information by every public authority.**
- **Section 4(2) —Requires dissemination in the most accessible form and medium, including internet.**
- **Section 4(3) — Prescribes that disclosures be updated every year.**
- **CIC Guidelines on Proactive Disclosure (2013 and amendments) — Specifies format, depth, and periodicity.**
- **GIGW 3.0 (Guidelines for Indian Government Websites) — Standards for website quality and accessibility.MeitY STQC CQW Scheme — Mandatory quality certification for government websites.**
- **Items Under Section 4 (1)(b) and additional information under Section 4 (1) (d) prescribed in DoPTs OM.No.1/6/2011-IR, dated 07.11.2019**

Section 4(1)(b) — Information Quality & Quantity

Audit Status	**SATISFACTORY**
Legal Reference	**Section 4(1)(b), RTI Act 2005; CIC Guidelines on Proactive Disclosure (2013)**
Observation	**The information required under Section 4(1)(b) of the RTI Act and the guidelines issued by the organization is satisfactory in terms of structural presence and accessibility. All mandatory categories (except sub-category xvii) are present on the website in a reasonably accessible format. The department has demonstrated due diligence in maintaining the mandatory disclosure framework.**
Recommendation	**Accounts and Treasuries, shall institutionalize a quarterly internal compliance review. A signed compliance checklist (CPIO-certified) covering all 17 sub-categories and other 8 categories must be maintained as internal record. Content must be reviewed not only for presence but for depth, accuracy.**
Compliance Timeline	**Continuous — Quarterly certification cycle to be established.**

- **The information required under Section 4(1) (b) of the RTI Act and guidelines by the organization is satisfactory. Website is being used as an effective medium for Dissemination of information.**

- **The information required to be proactively disclosed under the Act and guidelines should be disclosed completely and entirely in quality and quantity to enhance transparency and openness.**

- **Accounts and Treasuries may ensure the regular publication and updation of Annual Reports on its official website under Section 4(1) (b)(xvii) of the RTI Act, 2005. Timely disclosure of such information will enhance transparency, accountability, and compliance with the proactive disclosure requirements of the Act.**

- **Website Security Audit Report / Security Audit Certificate is not equivalent to an STQC Website Quality Certification (CQW) The department should obtain STQC certification from the Directorate of STQC and upload the certificate on the Website.**

- **Appreciated for Dissemination of information widely and in such form and manner which is easily accessible to the public [Section 4(3)] A commendable initiative towards strengthening public confidence through effective proactive Disclosure.**

- **Update Consultancy committee of key stake holders for advice on Suo-motu disclosure and Committee of PIOs/FAAs with rich experience in RTI to identify frequently sought information under RTI.**

- We have updated the maximum number of concerned URL links in the Self-Appraisal (S.A.) on the CIC Portal. Most disclosure links are functional and appropriately mapped to the relevant information available on the official website

- The Public Authority has proactively uploaded the Annual Report 2024-25 on its website, demonstrating good compliance with the provisions of Section 4 of the RTI Act, 2005.

The Public Authority may prepare and publish a comprehensive RTI Manual and a detailed Citizen Charter containing all prescribed information under the RTI Act, 2005, and ensure that these documents are uploaded to the official website in a structured, user-friendly, and regularly updated manner to enhance transparency and public accessibility.

IIPA Puducherry extend our sincere congratulations to Accounts and Treasuries, for achieving an audit score of 64% in the RTI Third Party Audit for the year 2025–26, reflecting an improvement 7% over last year's performance. This notable progress demonstrates the Public Authority's continued commitment to transparency, proactive disclosure, and compliance with the provision of RTI Act, 2005.

It is recommended that the Public Authority of Accounts and Treasuries, Government of Puducherry, initiate appropriate measures to ensure the disclosure of the aforementioned information on its official website, in strict compliance with the provisions of Section 4 of the RTI Act, 2005.

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