



Government of Jammu and Kashmir  
General Administration Department  
(Administration Section)  
Civil Secretariat, Srinagar/Jammu  
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Subject:- Awareness Campaign regarding Right to Information Act, 2009.

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The J&K Right to Information Act, 2009 has been enacted to provide for setting out the regime of Right to Information for the people of the State to secure access to information under the control of Public Authorities in order to promote transparency and accountability in the working of every Public authority.

It has been observed during deliberations with cross-sections of society that the knowledge and awareness about the RTI is generally missing among the common masses. Due to the lack of knowledge primarily among the beneficiary class in the rural, far flung, backward and inaccessible areas, the public generally has not been coming forward for availing the opportunities available through RTI route.

It has further been learnt that due to the lopsided approach so far pursued, the benefits under this scheme have been confined to selected pockets and to a limited section of population.

With a view to expanding the reach of this programme, the cooperation of all stakeholders is of paramount importance. During an interaction of HCM with the RTI activists, the need for holding seminars, symposiums, informative sessions and workshops was emphasized with specific mention about remote and far flung areas.

In this backdrop, it is proposed to the Deputy Commissioners that they may have necessary steps initiated for conducting seminars, workshops, symposiums and informative sessions where all stakeholders are associated in

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the pursuit to inform all sections of society about the benefits available through RTI together with spelling out the mechanism for grievance redressal through this instrument.

With a view to ensuring that the workshops and other IEC activities are made highly productive, NGOs and social activists engaged in this task can also be associated for interaction and imparting of necessary know how and knowledge. Training sessions can also be organized for APIOs/PIOs besides District Officers and other Government employees for their sensitization for improving the quality of services.

Progress reports in above background shall be furnished by the concerned to the GAD in a consolidated manner reflecting the activities undertaken in next two months so that the brief resume of the achievements are summarized for the quarterly meeting being held under the Chairmanship of HCM with the social activists and NGOs for appraising the impact of the RTI Act.

The receipt of the circular may kindly be acknowledged.

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