

RAJYA SABHA SECRETARIAT
STATEMENT UNDER SECTION 25(3) OF THE RTI ACT, 2005

Under Section 25(3) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 the information for the **year 2017** in respect of this Secretariat is as under:-

a.	The number of requests made to the public authority offline and online	Applications Offline and Online	617 + 771 = 1388
		Appeals Offline and Online	70 + 53 = 123
		Second Appeals	8
b.	The number of decisions where applicants were not entitled to access to the documents pursuant to the requests, the provisions of this Act under which these decisions were made and the number of times such provisions were invoked.	Section 7(9)	18
		Section 8(1)(a)	NIL
		Section 8(1)(c)	5
		Section 8(1)(j)	7
		Section 8(1)(e)	NIL
		Section 8(1)(h)	NIL
		Section 8(1)(g)	NIL

c.	The number of appeals referred to the Central Information Commission or State Information Commission, as the case may be, for review, the nature of the appeals and the outcome of the appeals.	8 8 decisions were in favour of the Public Authority
d.	Particulars of any disciplinary action taken against any officer in respect of the administration of the Act.	Nil
e.	The amount of charges collected by the public authority under the Act.	Rs.10,482/-
f.	Any facts which indicate an effort by the public authority to administer and implement the spirit and intention of this Act.	<p>All applications received by the Public Authority were considered and best efforts were made to furnish the desired information in case it did not fall within the exemptions enumerated in Section 8 of the Act. In case, the applications concerned some other Public Authority partly or in full, the same were forwarded to such Public Authority under Section 6(3) of the Act, to enable the applicant to get the desired information.</p> <p>Efforts were made, wherever required, to provide necessary assistance to facilitate the applicants to get the desired information. The Public Authority remained conscious of its obligation under the RTI Act to put as much information as possible in the public domain and efforts in that direction continued in order to obviate the need to resort to formal application for seeking information. Under pro-active disclosure, the information pertaining to the status of applications/first appeals filed with the Secretariat are uploaded onto the website of the Secretariat under the 'Right to Information' link. This web-link enables the public to search and know the status of</p>

		applications/first appeals as well as the reply provided to them by the CPIO/Appellate Authority.
g.	Recommendations for reform, including recommendations in respect of the particular public authorities, for the development, improvement, modernization, reform or amendment to this Act or other legislation or common law or any other matter relevant for operationalising the right to access information.	Nil.

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