

**Template for the Information Handbook under
Right to Information Act**

Introduction

1. Please throw light on the background of this hand-book (Right to Information Act – 2005).
2. Objective / purpose of this hand-book
3. Who are the intended users of this hand-book?
4. Organisation of the information in this hand-book
5. Definitions (Please provide definitions of various terms used in the hand-book).
6. Contact person in case some body wants to get more information on topics covered in the hand-book as well as other information also.
7. Procedure and fee Structure for getting information not available in the hand-book.

Chapter – 1

Particulars of Organization, Functions and Duties

[Section 4(1)(b)(1)]

- 1.1. Objective / purpose of the public authority.
- 1.2. Mission / Vision Statement of the public authority.
- 1.3. Brief history of the public authority and context of its formation.
- 1.4. Duties of the public authority.
- 1.5. Main activities / functions of the public authority.
- 1.6. List of services being provided by the public authority with a brief write-up on them.
- 1.7. Organizational Structure Diagram at various levels namely State, directorate, region district, block etc (whichever is applicable).
- 1.8. Expectation of the public authority from the public for enhancing its effectiveness and efficiency.
- 1.9. Arrangements and methods made for seeking public participation / contribution.
- 1.10. Mechanism available for monitoring the service delivery and public grievance resolution.
- 1.11. Addresses of the main office and other offices at different levels. (Please categorise the addresses district wise for facilitating the understanding by the user).
 - 1.12..1 Morning hours of the office:
 - 1.12..2 Closing hours of the office:

Chapter –2

Powers and Duties of Officers and Employees

[Section 4(1)(b)(2)]

2.1 Please provide details of the powers and duties of officers and employees of the organization.

Designation		
Powers	Administrative	1. 2. 3.
	Financial	1. 2. 3.
	Others	1. 2. 3.
Duties	1. 2. 3.	

Chapter – 3

Procedure followed in Decision Making Process

[Section 4(1)(b)(3)]

- 3.1. What is the procedure followed to take a decision for various matters? (A reference to Secretariat Manual and Rule of Business Manual, and other rules/ regulations etc can be made)
- 3.2. What are the documented procedures / laid down procedures / Defined Criteria / Rules to arrive at a particular decision for important matters? What are different levels through which a decision process moves?
- 3.3. What are the arrangements to communicate the decision to the public?
- 3.4. Who are the officers at various levels whose opinions are sought for the process of decision making?
- 3.5. Who is the final authority that vets the decision?
- 3.6. Please provide information separately in the following format for the important matters on which the decision is taken by the public authority.

Sl.No
Subject on which the decision is to be taken
Guideline / Direction, if any
Process of Execution
Designation of the officers involved in decision making
Contact information of above mentioned officers
If not satisfied by the decision, where and how to appeal.

Chapter – 4

Norms set by it for the discharge of its functions

[Section 4(1)(b)(4)]

- 4.1 Please provide the details of the Norms / Standards set by the department for execution of various activities / Programmes.

Chapter – 5

Rules, Regulations, Instructions, Manual and Records for Discharging Functions.

[Section 4(1)(b)(5)]

5.1. Please provide list of rules, regulations, instructions, manual and records, held by public authority or under its control or used by its employees for discharging functions as per the following format. This format has to be filled for each type of documents.

Name / title of the document	Type of the document
	Choose one of the types given below. (Rules, Regulations, Instructions, Manual, Records, Others)

Brief Write-up on the Document

From where one can get a copy of rules, regulations, instructions, manual and records

Address:

Telephone No:

Fax:

Email:

Others:

Fee charged by the department for a copy of rules, regulations, instructions, manual and records (If any)

Chapter – 6

A statement of the categories of documents that are held by it or under its control

[Section 4(1)(b)(6)]

6.1. Use the format given below to give the information about the official documents. Also mention the place where the documents are available for e.g. at secretariat level, directorate level, others (Please mention the level in place of writing “**Others** ”).

Sl.No.	Category of the document	Name of the document and its introduction in one line	Procedure to obtain the document	Held by / under control of

Chapter – 7

**Particulars of any arrangement that exists for
consultation with, or representation by, the
members of the public in relation to the
formulation of its policy or implementation thereof**

[Section 4(1)(b)(7)]

Formulation of Policy

7.1. Whether there is any provision to seek consultation / participation of public or its representatives for formulation of policies? If there is, please provide details of such policy in following format.

Sl.No.	Subject / Topic	Is it mandatory to ensure public participation (Yes / No)	Arrangements for seeking public participation

This will help a citizen understand on what basis public participation in formulation and implementation of policy matters is decided upon.

Implementation of Policy

7.2. Whether there is any provision to seek consultation / participation of public or its representatives for implementation of policies? If there is, please provide details of provision in following format.

Sr.No.	Subject / Topic	Is it mandatory to ensure public participation (Yes / No)	Arrangements for seeking public participation

Chapter – 8

A statement of boards, council, committees and other bodies constituted as its part

[Section 4(1)(b)(8)]

8.1. Please provide information on Boards, Councils, Committees and Other Bodies related to the public authority in the following format:

- Name and address of the Affiliated Body
- Type of Affiliated Body (Board, Council, Committees, Other Bodies)
- Brief Introduction of the Affiliated Body (Establishment Year, Objective / Main Activities)
- Role of the Affiliated Body (Advisory / Managing / Executive / Others)
- Structure and Member Composition
- Head of the Body
- Address of main office and its Branches
- Frequency of Meetings
- Can public participate in the meetings?
- Are minutes of the meetings prepared?
- Are minutes of the meeting available to the public ? If yes, please provide information about the procedure to obtain them.

Chapter – 9

Directory of Officers and

Employee

[Section 4(1)(b)(9)]

9.1 Please provide information district wise in following format

Sl.No.	Name	Designation	S.T.D. Code	Ph.No.		Fax	E- Mail	Address
				Office	Home			

CHAPTER - 10

The Monthly Remuneration Received By Each of its Officers and Employees, Including the System of Compensation as Provided in Regulations

[Section 4(1)(b)(10)]

10.1 Please provide information in following format

Sl. No	Name	Designation	Monthly remuneration	Compensation/ Compensatory allowance	The procedure to determine the remuneration as given in the regulation

Chapter – 11

The Budget Allocated to each Agency

**(Particulars of all plans, proposed expenditures
and reports on disbursement made)**

[Section 4(1)(b)(11)]

For Public Authorities responsible for developmental, construction, technical works

11.1. Please provide information about the details of the budget for different activities under different schemes in the given format

Year 2004-2005:

Sl. No.	Name of the scheme /Head	Activity	Starting date of the activity	Planned end date of the activity	Amount Proposed	Amount Sanctioned	Amount released/ disbursed (no. of instalments)	Actual expenditure for the last year	Responsible officer for the quality and the complete execution of the work

For other Public Authorities

Sl.No.	Head	Proposed Budget	Sanctioned Budget	Amount released/disbursed (no.of instalments)	

Chapter – 12

The Manner of Execution of Subsidy Programmes

[Section 4(1)(b)(12)]

12.1 Please provide the information as per the following format:

- o Name of Programme / Scheme
 - Duration of the Programme / Scheme
 - Objective of the Programme
 - Physical and financial targets of the programme (for the last year)
 - Eligibility of Beneficiary
 - Pre-requisites for the benefit
 - Procedure to avail the benefits of the programme
 - Criteria for deciding eligibility
 - Detail of the benefits given in the programme (also mention the amount of subsidy or other help given)
 - Procedure for the distribution of the subsidy
 - Where to apply or whom to contact in the office for applying
 - Application Fee (where applicable)
 - Other fees (where applicable)
 - Application format (where applicable. If the application is made on plain paper please mention it along with what the applicant should mention in the application)
 - List of attachments (certificates / documents)
 - Format of Attachments

- Where to contact in case of process related complaints
- Details of the available fund (At various levels like District Level, Block Level etc)
- List of beneficiaries in the format given below:

Sl. No./ Code	Bene- ficiary Name	Amount of Subsidy	Parent/ Guardians	Criteria of selection	Address			
					District	City	Town/ Village	House No.

Chapter – 13

Particulars of Recipients of Concessions, permits or authorization granted by it

[Section 4(1)(b)(13)]

13.1. Please provide the information as per the following format:

- Name of Programme
- Type (Concession / Permits / Authorization)
- Objective
- Targets set (For the last year)
- Eligibility
- Criteria for the eligibility
- Pre-requisites
- Procedure to avail the benefits
- Time limit for the concession / Permits / Authorization
- Application fee (where applicable)
- Application format (where applicable)
- List of attachments (certificates / documents)
- Format of Attachments

- List of beneficiaries in the format given below:

Sl. No./ code	Bene- ficiary Name	Validity Period	Parent/ Guardians	Address			
				District	City	Town/ Village	House No.

Also provide the following information for Concession

- Detail of the benefit given
- Distribution of benefits

Chapter – 14

Information available in an electronic form

[Section 4(1)(b)(14)]

14.1 Please provide the details of the information related to the various schemes, which are available in the electronic format.

Chapter – 15

Particulars of the facilities available to citizens for obtaining information

[Section 4(1)(b)(15)]

15.1 Means, methods or facilitation available to the public, which are adopted by the department for dissemination of information.

Like

f Office Library

- Drama and Shows
- Through News Paper
- Exhibition
- Notice Board
- Inspection of Records in the Office
- System of issuing of copies of documents
- Printed Manual Available
- Website of the Public Authority
- Other means of advertising

Chapter – 16

The names, designations and other particulars of the Public Information Officers

[Section 4(1)(b)(16)]

16.1. Please provide contact information about the Public Information Officers, Assistant Public Information Officers and Departmental Appellate Authority of the Public authority in the following format

Name of the Public Authority:**Assistant Public Information Officers:**

Sr. No.	Name	Designation	STD Code	Ph.No. Office	Home	Fax	Email	Address

Public Information Officers:

Sr. No.	Name	Designation	STD Code	Ph.No. Office	Home	Fax	Email	Address

Department Appellate Authority:

Sr. No.	Name	Designation	STD Code	Ph.No. Office	Home	Fax	Email	Address

Chapter – 17

Other Useful Information

[Section 4(1)(b)(17)]

17.1 Frequently Asked Questions and their Answers by Public

17.2 Related to seeking Information

- Application form (a copy of filled application form for reference)
- Fee
- How to write a precise information request – Few Tips
- Right of the Citizen in case of denial of information and procedure to appeal
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17.3 With relation to training imparted to public by Public Authority

- Name of training programme with brief description
- Time period for Training Programme / Scheme
- Objective of training
- Physical and Financial Targets (Last Year)
- Eligibility for training
- Prequisite for training (If any)
- Financial and other form of help (If any)
- Description of help (Mention the amount of Financial Help, If any)
- Procedure of giving help
- Contact Information for applying
- Application Fee (Wherever applicable)
- Other Fees (Wherever applicable)
- Application Form (In case the application is made on plain paper, please mention the details which the applicant has to provide)
- List of enclosures / documents
- Format of enclosures / documents
- Procedure of application

- Selection Procedure
- Time table of training programme (In case available)
- Process to inform the trainee about the training schedule
- Arrangement made by the Public Authority for creating public awareness about the training programmes.
- List of Beneficiary of the training programme at various levels like district level, block level etc.

17.4 With relation to Certificate, No objection certificate etc issued by the Public Authority not included in Manual – 13

- Name and description of the certificates and NOCs
- Eligibility for applying
- Contact Information for applying
- Application Fee (Wherever applicable)
- Other Fees (Wherever applicable)
- Application Form (In case the application is made on plain paper, please mention the details which the applicant has to provide)
- List of enclosures / documents
- Format of enclosures / documents
- Procedure of application
- Process followed in the Public Authority after the receipt of application
- Normal time taken for issuance of certificate
- Validity period of certificate (if applicable)
- Process of renewal (if any)

17.5 With relation to registration process

- Objective
- Eligibility for registration
- Pre-requisites (If any)

- Contact Information for applying
- Application Fee (Wherever applicable)
- Other fees (Wherever applicable)
- Application Form (In case the application is made on plain paper, please mention the details which the applicant has to provide)
- List of enclosures /documents
- Format of enclosures / documents
- Procedure of application
- Process followed in the Public Authority after the receipt of application
- Validity period of registration (If applicable)
- Process of renewal (If any)

17.6 With relation to collection of tax by Public authority (Municipal Corporation, Trade Tax Entertainment Tax etc)

- Name and description of tax
- Purpose of tax collection
- Procedure and criteria for determination of tax rates
- List of major defaulters

17.7 With relation to issuing new connection electricity / water supply, temporary and permanent disconnection etc. (This will be applicable to local bodies like Municipal Corporation/Municipalities / UPCL)

- Eligibility for connection
- Pre-requisites (If any)
- Contact Information for applying
- Application Fee (Wherever applicable)
- Other Fees / Charges (Wherever applicable)

- Application Form (In case the application is made on plain paper, please mention the details which the applicant has to provide)
- List of enclosures / documents
- Format of enclosures / documents
- Procedure of application
- Process followed in the Public Authority after the receipt of application
- Brief description of terms used in the bills
- Contact information in case of problems regarding Bills or service
- Tariff and Other Charges

17.8 Details of any other public services provided by the Public Authority