

Roundtable on RTI at DC Office Rajouri.

A Roundtable of First Appellate Authorities (FAAs), Public Information Officers (PIOs) and Assistant Public Information Officer (APIO) of district Rajouri was held today 22nd January 2018 at DC Office Rajouri which was presided over by Chief Information Commissioner, Sh. Khurshid Ahmed Ganai

Deputy Commissioner Dr Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, Secretary J&K SIC Sh. Ashok Pandita, , ADDC Sh. A S Chib, SSP Sh. Yougal Manhas, ADC Sh. Qayoom Mir, Addl SP Sh. Mohd Yousuf besides all FAAs, PIOs and APIOs of various Government departments attended the Roundtable.

Terming Right to Information Act as a vital tool for quality development and effective public services delivery, Chief Information Commissioner, Terming Right to Information Act as a vital tool for quality development and effective public services delivery, Chief Information Commissioner, said easy and increased flow of information will enable the public to question public spending and social auditing of the Government's projects and schemes, which in turn, will enhance the quality of development and effectiveness in delivery of public services.

The CIC called upon the PIOs and FAAs present in the Roundtable to go through the J&K RTI Act, 2009 and Rules carefully to ensure that they perform their duties in conformity with the provisions of the Act. He said that slackness in the implementation of Section 4 of the Act pertaining to mandatory and suo moto disclosure of information through websites is a big concern which needs to be addressed by all the Public Authorities. He also impressed upon them to establish dedicated RTI cells in their offices to facilitate applicants and ensure time bound replies.