



Jammu and Kashmir State Information Commission
(Under Right to Information Act, 2009)
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The Commissioner/Secretary to Govt.,
General Administration Department,
Civil Secretariat,
J&K Jammu.

IMPORTANT

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Subject : Awareness programmes - Right to Information reg.

Sir,

Section 23(1) of the J&K RTI Act, 2009, inter-alia requires the Government to develop and organize educational programmes to advance the understanding of the public, in particular of disadvantaged communities, as to how to exercise the rights contemplated under the Act. It also expects the Government to encourage 'public authorities' to participate in the development and organization of such programmes.

In this context, a beginning could be made by involving the IMPA, Universities of Kashmir and Jammu; and other educational institutions to organise suitable educational programmes aiming at creating awareness among the people vis-a-vis implementation of the RTI Act in the State. These institutions should also consider including RTI Act in their curriculum to be taught as a subject on a regular basis. The IMPA also needs to be roped in for structuring and conducting short term training courses for the PIOs designated by various 'public authorities' to help them discharge their duties as such effectively in the laid down manner. IMPA can also work on producing the required training material for use by the public authorities themselves for better implementation of the Act in its right perspective. Likewise, the State Information Department can play a vital role in producing and issuing the suitable advertisements through the print and electronic media for giving publicity to the implementation of the RTI Act in the State.

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In view of the above, it is requested that necessary instructions may kindly be issued to the concerned departments/institutions for taking the appropriate and early action in this regard.

Yours faithfully



SECRETARY
State Information Commission.

