



Jammu and Kashmir State Information Commission
(Constituted under the Right to Information Act, 2009)
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The Commr./Secretary to Government,
General Administration Department,
Srinagar.

NO:SIC-J/15/2009-II

Dated 15-6-2010

Subject: Implementation of the J&K Right to Information Act/Rules - Information handbook reg.

Sir,

Kindly refer your department's OM No.GAD(Adm)110/2009-V dated 26-2-2010 whereunder all the departments were asked to furnish soft/hard copy of the Information Handbook under the RTI Act to this Commission for centrally hosting the same on our website www.jksic.nic.in for the benefit of the stakeholders and end-users. Sofar only Police department(PHQ) have furnished the handbook.

It may be reiterated that section 4 (1)(b) of the RTI Act explicitly makes it a bounden duty of every public authority to prepare and publish the Information Handbook in respect of their department/organisation within a set time-frame which too has elapsed since. Any further delay in doing so on the part of the defaulting public authorities would thus tantamount to a perpetual violation of the RTI Act.

It is, therefore, requested to re-emphasise the importance of the matter upon all the concerned departments urging them to send soft/hard copy of the desired information to this Commission without further loss of time. I would rather suggest that the matter be discussed in the Committee of Secretaries meeting urging the Administrative Secretaries to ensure early compliance of the above-mentioned provision of the RTI Act.

Yours faithfully,

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SECRETARY
State Information Commission

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Copy to Special Secretary to Chief Secretary for information.