

Government of Orissa  
General Administration (AR) Department

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From

Sri Tarun Kanti Mishra, IAS  
Chief Secretary



To

All Principal Secretaries/  
Commissioner-cum-Secretaries/  
Secretaries to Government

Sub: Mandatory Disclosure under Section 4(1)(c) of RTI Act.

Sir,

This is to inform you that as per the provisions of Section 4(1)(c) of RTI Act it is mandatory for every Public Authority to publish all relevant facts while formulating important policies or announcing the decisions which affect public. Accordingly, all Administrative Departments had taken measures for their disclosure under the relevant provisions of law.

Meanwhile, the Central Information Commission have explained the provisions of Section 4(1)(c) of RTI Act in their order dated 07.07.2010 (copy enclosed) and have held that Section 4(1)(c) requires proactive disclosure of proposed laws, policies and amendments thereto or to existing laws/ policies to enable the citizens to debate in an informed manner and provide useful feedback to the government, which may be taken into account before finalizing such laws/ policies.

In view of the aforesaid decision of the Central Information Commission necessary steps may be taken for uploading of all proposed laws, policies and amendments thereto for compliance of the mandatory provisions of the said Act.

I & PR Department, being the nodal department in the matter would monitor the progress from time to time.

Yours faithfully,

  
Chief Secretary