

MOCK RTI DISPOSAL SESSION

GROUP 5 - CASELET 5

HORTICULTURE RELATED ENQUIRIES

WHAT IS RIGHT TO INFORMATION?

- RTI is a **Fundamental Right** under **Article 19(1)(a)** of the Constitution of India.
- Recognised by the Hon. Supreme Court of India in ***State of Uttar Pradesh v. Raj Narain, 1975 SCC (2) 159.***
- Recognised through an Act of Parliament in the form of the **Right to Information Act, 2005** as amended from time to time.
- Right to Information Act 2005 mandates **timely response to citizens' requests for government information.**

SHILLONG TIMES REPORT - DATED JULY 3, 2019

<https://theshillongtimes.com/2019/07/03/horticulture-officials-visit-mumbai/>

Horticulture officials visit Mumbai

Shillong: The Directorate of Horticulture, Department of Agriculture has been sponsored by the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India, for conducting exposure visit to various food industrial units, integrated pack houses, export hub and cold storage facilities in the State of Maharashtra. The main objective of the programme is to strengthen the technical and managerial skills on export requirement through onsite visit.

RTI APPLICATION FILED BY A RESIDENT OF NOGORPARA VILLAGE ON 30 AUGUST 2019

“I want all the information described below on a CD:

1. The names and residential addresses of officials who went to Maharashtra for the exposure visit to various food industrial units, integrated pack houses, export hubs and cold storage facilities;
2. How much money was spent on their exposure visit;
3. Have the officials submitted tour reports? Give me a copy;

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4. What kind of hotel rooms did they live in during their exposure visit?
5. What kinds of food and drinks did they avail during the exposure visit;
6. Were any of the officials accompanied by their wives or husbands during the exposure visit?
7. What is the plan of work the official have prepared to implement their learnings and findings in Meghalaya after their exposure visit?..”

FORWARDING LETTER TO APPLICANT ASKING RTI FEES FOR CD:

- From - To
- RTI application dated _____
- Request for deposit of RTI fees for CD of Rs. 50 as mandated by RTI Rules, 2012.
- Details how to deposit.

QUERY I –

“THE NAMES AND RESIDENTIAL ADDRESSES OF OFFICIALS WHO WENT TO MAHARASHTRA FOR THE EXPOSURE VISIT TO VARIOUS FOOD INDUSTRIAL UNITS, INTEGRATED PACK HOUSES, EXPORT HUBS AND COLD STORAGE FACILITIES.”

- List of names of officials are given as Annexure I. However, as regards to their residential addresses, the same is exempted under Section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act 2005.

Citation:

*Sh. M.G. Soni v. State Bank of Bikaner & Jaipur in Decision No.
CIC/VS/A/2012/000999/04005*

QUERY 2 –

“HOW MUCH MONEY WAS SPENT ON THEIR EXPOSURE VISIT”

- The information sought is attached as Annexure II

(Citation)

*Mr. N. Saini v. LIC of India in Appeal No.:-CIC/MP/A/2016/000940-BJ, Date of
Decision : 08.05.2017*

QUERY 3 –

“HAVE THE OFFICIALS SUBMITTED TOUR REPORTS? GIVE ME A COPY”

- The information sought is attached as Annexure III

(Citation)

Mr. P.C. Ramakrishniah v. Coal Mines Provident Fund Organisation, in Appeal No.CIC/SS/A/2012/000483

QUERY 4 –

“WHAT KIND OF HOTEL ROOMS DID THEY LIVE IN DURING THEIR EXPOSURE VISIT?”

- The information sought is in the form of a query which is not covered under the meaning of “information” as provided for under Section 2(a)(f) of the Right to Information Act, 2005.

QUERY 5 –

“WHAT KINDS OF FOOD AND DRINKS DID THEY AVAIL DURING THE EXPOSURE VISIT?”

- The information sought is in the form of a query which is not covered under the meaning of “information” as provided for under Section 2(a)(f) of the Right to Information Act, 2005.

QUERY 6 –

“WERE ANY OF THE OFFICIALS ACCOMPANIED BY THEIR WIVES OR HUSBANDS DURING EXPOSURE TRIP?”

- YES/NO

QUERY 7 –

“WHAT IS THE PLAN OF WORK THE OFFICIALS HAVE PREPARED TO IMPLEMENT THEIR LEARNINGS AND FINDINGS IN MEGHALAYA AFTER THEIR EXPOSURE VISIT?”

- Please refer to the official website of the Department of Agriculture, Government of Meghalaya for the official report.

INFORMATION ON APPEAL
TO BE GIVEN IN THE RTI REPLY FORWARDING LETTER

- “In case you are dissatisfied with the information provided, you may appeal to the appellate authority **Mr. X, designation, office** within 30 days from the date of receipt of this letter”.