

“LEGAL AID: FILING APPLICATIONS UNDER THE R.T.I. ACT”

*(Report on the event conducted in Jodhpur,
Rajasthan, 26th June, 2016)*

Abstract: The task was accomplished by a volunteer from the Legal Aid Centre, S.L.S. Noida. Initially, people were informed about the task, they were explained about the provisions of the R.T.I. Act, 2005 and the procedure for filing an R.T.I. Application. Then their information was collected and then an application was filed on their behalf. The task was performed in Jodhpur and the applicants were from Jodhpur, Mumbai, New Delhi and Lucknow.

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1. Concept Note:

The Legal Aid Cell at Symbiosis Law School, NOIDA has carved a niche for itself in just a couple of years. In May and June, the para- legal volunteers filed numerous RTI applications on various subjects. The purpose behind the task was to make people aware about the RTI Act, 2005 and process of filing RTI applications. We, students of the college and para-legal volunteers carried out this task in various parts of the country. The RTIs were filed on various subjects, ranging from questioning the work of the government or objective behind a scheme, etc. There are many questions which people have in their mind and want to ask the government as they are tax payers and as India is a democratic country. The concept of RTI has made people able, who were earlier paralleled in questioning the government and the governing bodies.

2. Objective:

- The primary objective of the task was to make people aware about the RTI Act, 2005 and the provisions laid down to empower people. RTI is an instrumental tool for providing information to people and making the governing system and people transparent towards the people.
- The people were made aware about the process for filing RTI applications. RTI applications were filed on their behalf on various aspects. Their queries were responded to, in respect to procedure and fee.
- The most important aim was to make the people empower and question the administrating and governing bodies, as it is a democratic country and the people have the right to be informed.

3. Preliminary Preparations:

Few preparations had to be made before the event was conducted,

- Before conducting the event,
- Go through the RTI Act, 2005.
- Be thorough with procedure of filing offline and online RTIs.

4. Conducting the Program:

The task was completed in Jodhpur, Mumbai, Delhi and Lucknow. The volunteer met various people, asked them whether they know about RTI and whether they want to file any RTI. Convincing the people, to get one filed and pursuing them till they get an RTI filed. Going to them and then filing it or collecting their information and filing it on their behalf.

5. Response of the Target Population

The people were initially very sceptical regarding filing an application. They had to be pursued continued. It was very difficult. They were not willing to file the application. When asked, what they want to get filed, their response was you do it, anything you want. But then they were made to understand the importance of it and then they agreed to get an application filed on their behalf.

6. Future Plan of Action

The future plan of this task is to wait for the responses, keep a track of the applications. Then file appeals, if required. Or file another application, in case the applicant wants.

7. Suggestions/Feedback:

Various ways in which the program could be better conducted in future are as follows:-

- No. of Volunteers- The number of volunteers for the program should be definitely more at one place, because if there are more helping hands, then the objective could be better.
- Convincing people to file RTI applications.

8. Conclusion/Remarks:

Overall this was the great learning experience as a para-legal volunteer. It provided me with an opportunity to go out and explore the ground realities which are very needed and useful for every law student. It helped in acclimatizing the volunteer to the problems faced by the masses who were ignorant of their 'rights' and remedies under the law. It made the volunteer aware of what people think of the government and the schemes formulated by them. It made the volunteer get to know that the people are really concerned about administration in the city and the nation.

ANNEXURES

Application for obtaining information under
The Right to Information Act 2005

To:
The Public Information Officer for CMO
Deputy Secretary (Cabinet),
General Administration Department (GAD),
Secretariat, Jaipur-302002.

1. FULL NAME OF APPLICANT : Arvind Kumar Das

2. ADDRESS : G-15/1-04 PUSKAR ESTATES, OPP. INDIAN MAP SERVICE,
SHASTRI NAGAR,
JODHPUR - 342003 (RAJASTHAN)
MOBILE NO. : 830789299

3. PARTICULARS OF INFORMATION REQUIRED

(1) Subject matter of information : Excise Board Mission

Kayastha
The Public Information
Officer for CMO
TALWAR

STATE: RAJASTHAN
DISTRICT: JODHPUR
POST OFFICE: TALWAR
PIN CODE: 342003

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3. Please provide the number of toilets constructed in urban area and rural area under the scheme.

4. Whether any toilets have been constructed on encroached land also if yes whether it bears the sanction of the State Government.

Your RTI Request filed successfully.

Registration Number	MHOME/R/2016/51796
Name	Smit Wadhawan
Date of Filing	04-07-2016
RTI Fee Received	10
Payment Mode	Internet Banking
Payment Reference Number	IK06803109
Transaction Status	Completed Successfully
Request filed with	Ministry of Home Affairs
Telephone Number	22003178
Email Id	tsadnan-nha@nic.in

Your RTI Request filed successfully.

Registration Number	DOHED/R/2016/52625
Name	Tanisha
Date of Filing	04-07-2016
RTI Fee Received	10
Payment Mode	Internet Banking
Payment Reference Number	IKB6860622
Transaction Status	Completed Successfully
Request filed with	Department of Higher Education, Mo Human Resource
Telephone Number	23383432
Email Id	

Your RTI Request filed successfully.

Registration Number	MORTH/R/2016/51109
Name	Navreet Sinha
Date of Filing	04-07-2016
RTI Fee Received	10
Payment Mode	Internet Banking
Payment Reference Number	IKB6866634
Transaction Status	Completed Successfully
Request filed with	Ministry of Road Transport & Highways

Telephone Number	23739250
Email Id	geeva.sk@nic.in

Your RTI Request filed successfully.

Registration Number	JUSTC/R/2016/50737
Name	Saachi Rishiraj
Date of Filing	30-06-2016
RTI Fee Received	10
Payment Mode	Credit or Debit Card / RuPay Card 
Payment Reference Number	116063016418784
Transaction Status	Transaction Successful
Request filed with	Department of Justice
Telephone Number	23072141
Email Id	

To: Damodar Das
Subject: RTI-Online Request filed successfully.
Reply-To: RTI-Online <rtical-dopt@nic.in>

Dear Sir/Madam,

Your RTI Request has been filed successfully on RTI Online Portal. The following are the details:-

Registration Number: MOQWS/R/2016/50241

Name: Damodar Das

Date of Filing: 28/06/2016

Request filed with: Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation


Contact Details:-

Telephone Number: 24368612

Email id: s.sanyal@nic.in

Payment Details:-

RTI Fee Received: 10

Payment Mode: Credit or Debit Card / RuPay Card 

SBI Reference number: 618016503740

Transaction Status: Successful

Note:- This is a system generated mail. Please do not reply it.

Your RTI Request filed successfully.

Registration Number	MOHFW/R/2016/51674
Name	J P Wadhawan
Date of Filing	04-07-2016
RTI Fee Received	10
Payment Mode	Internet Banking
Payment Reference Number	IKGB861807
Transaction Status	Completed Successfully
Request filed with	Department of Health & Family Welfare
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Telephone Number	011-23062202
Email id	aj.gawar@nic.in

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