

## **MoM dated 09.06.2021 regarding training on Awareness of RTI Act and Challenges in Management of RTI Application for ER-1**

### **Total Participants:55 (Details attached)**

Various dignitaries such as ED(HR),RED(ER-1),ED(Finance),First Appellate Authority(FAA) ,GM(CP),AGM (CC,Law) addressed the Participants which included HOPs ,HOHR, APIOs and various information custodian of ER-I drawing their attention to the two fold objective of RTI Act namely:

- i) to bring about transparency and accountability by providing access to information under the control of public authorities.
- ii) efficient operation of the governments, optimum use of limited fiscal resources and preservation of confidentiality of sensitive information.

It was made clear that the Act seeks to bring about a balance between these two conflicting interests, as harmony between them is essential for preserving democracy.

It was stressed that NTPC was committed to empower people by providing timely and accurate information as per the mandate of RTI Act. The need to conduct training and awareness program on RTI at regular intervals was also emphasized .

### **Introductory speeches:**

- Sh M S Bhattamishra, ED(HR) stressed on the areas where there is scope for improvement like further reduction in time to send reply to the Applicant.
- Sh Praveen Saxena, RED ER-1 stressed on the Importance of RTI act in the democratisation of information.
- Sh Aditya Dar, ED (Finance) stressed on the need for proper documentation and storage of documents for its timely retrieval .
- Sh Rajiva Kumar Sinha (FAA) emphasised on the importance of giving precise and to the point reply.
- Sh Animesh Jain, GM(CP) stressed on the need to conduct training and awareness program on RTI at regular intervals.
- Sh P C Vishwanathan , AGM(Law) cautioned in taking exemption under the RTI Act judiciously.

### **Guest lecture by O P Khorwal**

He highlighted the Challenges in Management of RTI Application. He dealt with various provisions of RTI Act. CIC Cases, Court cases relevant to RTI was also dealt with exhaustively. He elaborated the exemptions related to information of commercial confidence, personal information etc.

### **Interactive session by Sh Shantimoy Nandan, AGM(CPIO)**

In order to bring awareness about the RTI Act and also to resolve the issues/problems faced by APIOs of various Projects in handling RTIs, an interactive session was conducted by CPIO. He also highlighted the role of various key Key Players involved in RTI .

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