



**'4th INTERACTIVE SYMPOSIUM  
ON  
RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT, 2005'**

For  
**Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs)**

**DECEMBER 1-2, 2011**

Organised by  
**Standing Conference of Public Enterprises**

**VENUE:**  
**Radisson Blu Hotel  
Ranchi, Jharkhand**

## PERSPECTIVE:

The Right to Information Act came into force on the 15th June, 2005 and became effective on the 13<sup>th</sup> October 2005 in order to make access to information for citizens of India more effective. This is the only Act which gives the power to the citizens to seek information from Public Authorities. India is a democratic country and its citizens have the right to seek the information on the decisions taken by the Public Authorities.

One of the significant contributions of our legislature towards promoting greater accountability in Independent India is the enactment of the RTI Act. If, as they say, information is power, then the RTI act has been a veritable Brahmastra in the hands of the Indian Public.

In order to gain better appreciation of the various provisions under the Act, an interactive meeting amongst the Chairman, SCOPE & CEOs of CPSEs with the then Chief Information Commissioner (CIC) was organized by SCOPE on the 7<sup>th</sup> October 2010. During the discussions, it emerged that for smooth implementation of RTI Act in the respective CPSEs, the training of PIOs (Public Information Officers) will help them in better understanding of the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, so that it could be implemented more effectively and in the right spirit. SCOPE has already taken some initiatives to organize a series of Symposium, including forwarding the detailed exemption list for consideration of CIC.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> symposium on RTI Issues and Concerns was held at Bengaluru on July 29-30, 2011 wherein over 100 participants from 30 major CPSUs / SLPEs including ONGC, NTPC, CIL, IOC, SAIL, BHEL, GAIL, MMTC etc. participated. The feedback from the participants has been very positive and encouraging.

Further, a two day Symposium on "Issues and Concerns of CPSEs in Implementation of RTI Act 2005" is being organized by SCOPE for the PIOs/CPIOs and Senior Officials of CPSEs on December 1-2, 2011. During the programme, experienced Resource Persons will share their views, interact and shall clarify the queries of participants. The following dignitaries have been invited at Ranchi to address and interact with the participants.

Mrs. Sushma Singh, Information Commissioner, Central Information Commission (CIC), New Delhi: An IAS officer of 1972 batch (Jharkhand Cadre), she joined CIC on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2009. She had earlier served Govt. of India as Secretary (Ministry of Information and Broadcasting), Secretary (Ministry of Panchayati Raj) etc. She has also worked in Ministry of Water Resources and Ministry of Rural Development.

Justice D. K. Sinha, State Chief Information Commissioner, Jharkhand: Justice DK Sinha is the second full-time State Chief Information Commissioner (SCIC), Jharkhand. A law graduate from Patna University; Justice Sinha became the District Judge in the year 2001 and was appointed as Registrar (vigilance) of Jharkhand High Court in August 2004. From 2006 he has been the Justice of the High Court of Jharkhand. He retired in 2011 and thereafter appointed as State Chief Information Commissioner of Jharkhand.

### **Shri Arup Roy Choudhury, Chairman, SCOPE and CMD, NTPC**

Shri Arup Roy Choudhury, Chairman SCOPE and CMD, NTPC has rich professional experience of over 32 years both in public and private sector. Shri Arup Roy Choudhury has also been requested to address and share his rich experience and insights with the participants on the subject.

### **Dr. U.D. Choubey, Director General, SCOPE**

Dr. U.D. Choubey, former CMD, GAIL and presently DG, SCOPE has been sharing his view at various forums and will also address and interact with the participants.

**Shri Aakash Deep Chakravarti, Joint Secretary (Law) and Additional Registrar, Central Information Commission** has consented to share his invaluable knowledge about RTI and to share important recent decisions on RTI during the programme.

## **OBJECTIVE :**

The objective of the Workshop is to enable PIOs/CPIOs, officers of CPSEs gain better appreciation of the RTI Act and the issues involved in its effective implementation.

## **BROAD COVERAGE:**

- ❖ Government perspective on RTI Act.
- ❖ Deliberations on Key Provisions of the RTI Act
- ❖ Proactive Disclosure and Concept & Mechanism for Transparency
- ❖ Sharing of implementation of RTI Act by CPSEs
- ❖ Concerns of CPSE's on RTI implementation
- ❖ Role of Appellate Authority under RTI Act.
- ❖ Sharing of major CIC / Judicial decisions on RTI.

## **METHODOLOGY :**

The Workshop will include, case studies, panel discussions and presentation on recent developments in the area of RTI. The speakers shall be from DOPT, CIC & State Information Commission. In addition, the leading CPSEs such as HEC, ONGC, NTPC, CIL, SAIL, IOC, BHEL, GAIL, HAL, MMTC and other CPSEs shall also share their experience regarding implementation of RTI Act, 2005 in their respective organizations, followed by an interaction with the participants.

## **PROGRAMME FACILITATOR**

The programme will be conducted under the guidance of Shri U.K. Dikshit, Director (Programmes), SCOPE.

## PROGRAMME & STEERING COMMITTEE:

◆ Dr. U.D. Choubey, Director General, SCOPE	Chairman
◆ Shri O.P. Khorwal, GM (CP) & CPIO, NTPC	Convenor
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◆ Shri Ashok Sharma, CGM (Law), MMTC	Member
◆ Shri S.P. Toppo, GM(HR), ONGC	Member
◆ Shri Deepak Dhawan, GM (CA), IOC	Member
◆ Ms. Manjusha Bhatnagar, GM, MRPL	Member
◆ Shri Rajeev Bhardwaj, GM(HR), CONCOR	Member
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◆ Shri S.B. Mitra, DGM (Law), GAIL	Member
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◆ Shri M.B. Aparjit, CM(Welfare), CIL	Member
◆ Shri S.A. Khan, GM (HR & CA), SCOPE	Member-Secretary

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

Chief Public Information Officers (CPIOs)/Public Information Officers (PIOs) and Senior Executives associated with the Implementation in CPSEs.

## PROGRAMME:

<b>Venue</b>	: Hotel Radisson Blu, Ranchi
<b>Date</b>	: December 1-2, 2011 (Thursday/Friday)
<b>Fee</b>	: Rs. 8000/- per participant (Non-residential), DD/Cheque in favour of <b>“Standing Conference of Public Enterprises”</b> , New Delhi.

**Reporting Time** : 9.00 AM on December 1, 2011

## REGISTRATION :

Nominations may please be forwarded (e-mailed or faxed) latest by the 21<sup>st</sup> November 2011 to: **Shri S.A. Khan, GM (HR & CA), Programme Coordinator**, Standing Conference of Public Enterprises, Core 8, SCOPE Complex, 7, Lodhi Road, New Delhi 110003, Ph.: 011-2436 1745 (D) / 2436 2604, Fax: 011-2436 1371  
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