



Third Party RTI Audit Summary Report of IISER Berhampur

As per the direction of Central Information Commissioner (CIC) and DoPT OM No 1/6/2011-IR dated 15.04.2013 and OM No. 1/34/2013-IR dated 30.06.2016, each Public Authority should get its proactive disclosure package audited by a third party every year from the respective training Institutes under each Public Authority and submit to the Central Information Commission.

Indian Rubber Manufacturers Research Association conducted Third-Party Audit of the Proactive Disclosure of [IISER Berhampur](#) under the RTI Act, 2005 from 28 & 30 May, 2025 in accordance with Guidelines on suo motu disclosure under Section 4 of the RTI Act issued by Government of India, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Department of Personnel & Training. The audit was conducted in accordance with the standard operating procedure for the Third-party audit on suo motu disclosures (As per Para 4.4 & 4.5 of DOPT's OM No. /6/2011-IR dated 15.04.2013 & Para 6 of DOPT's OM No. 1/34/2013-IR dated 30.06.2016).

The audit was aimed to assess adherence to Guidelines on suo motu disclosure under Section 4 of the RTI and the implementation of and compliance with its control system. Specifically, the audit assessed [IISER Berhampur](#) Self appraisal report for Year (2024-25) and its website <https://www.iiserbpr.ac.in> order to ensure these are well understood and Guidelines for Central Government Ministries /are followed on:

- a) Suo motu disclosure of more items under Section 4.
- b) Guidelines for digital publication of proactive disclosure under Section
- c) Detailing of Section 4(1)(b)(iii), 4(1)(b)(iv), 4(1)(b)(xi) and 4(1)(b)(xiv)
- d) Compliance mechanism for suo motu disclosure (proactive disclosure) under the RTI Act, 2005

Third-Party Audit focused on the following Parameters:

- i. Organisation and Functions
- ii. Budget and Programme
- iii. Publicity and Public Interface
- iv. E-Governance
- v. Information as may be Prescribed
- vi. Information disclosed on own initiative

Key Findings and High Priority Recommendations

We appreciate the sincere efforts of [IISER Berhampur](#) as Public Authority for sharing required information on website to maintain the transparency. It has been observed during the Audit that the information relates to few areas has to be shared on website with more clarity like;

1. Information on various sub-paras of Section 4(b) placed under RTI Act seems has not been given adequate prominence.
2. Details of work allocation and job description of each functionary / post should be uploaded.
3. Norms laid down for discharge of functions of various functionaries should be uploaded wherever feasible.
4. Programmes to advance understanding of RTI Act –to be conducted on regular intervals.

5. Some information regarding RTI applications and appeals received and their responses are presently available in the Public Authority website. However, complete information in this regard including applications / appeals and the responses / replies (excluding personal information) should be available in a consolidated form on the Public Authority website. This information should also be updated on a regular basis.
6. Information Manual and Hand Book on RTI etc. to meet the information needs of the citizens may also be prepared in Hindi, English and regional language and displayed under RTI link. Such Manual / Handbooks may also be updated periodically.
7. More detailed information on Citizen's Charter, Result Framework Document (RFD), Six monthly reports on the, Performance against the benchmarks set in the Citizen's Charter is to be uploaded on website.
8. Guidelines for Indian Government Websites (version 2.0) An Integral Part of Central Secretariat Manual of Office Procedure, February 2018: Second Edition must be followed. STQC certification is to be obtained and displayed on website.
9. Though the core functions of Public Authority have direct public dealing, the citizens may have a lot of queries with regard to functions of the organization. Public Authority may, therefore, put in the public domain a list of possible issues directly concerning the public in the form of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and responses to them.
10. Every information displayed in the website should indicate the last date of updation prominently in a DD/MM/YY format.

IRMRI would like to share positive feedback that in future all the required information/urls/links may be posted on website to meet the Transparency Audit Metrix.



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