

SCOPE/DG/RTI/2022/
12th August, 2022

Dear *Chief Executive,*

Sub: National Meet on RTI Act: 14th - 16th September 2022 at Leh, Ladakh

Standing Conference of Public Enterprises (SCOPE) has been proactive in promoting excellence among the member PSEs by enhancing their efficiency with the help of conducive policies and strategies enabling them to be globally competitive.

As you are aware, Right to Information (RTI) Act plays a critical role in creating greater transparency and accountability of the PSEs thereby making their processes more robust and consistent. However, given the need for greater clarity on various aspects of the legislation and sharing of experiences among PSEs to overcome challenges posed, SCOPE has been organising Workshops/ Symposiums/ National Meets on RTI Act from time to time in various parts of the country.

Taking into account the request from CPSEs, the need has been felt for addressing important issues, judicial pronouncements & latest developments related to RTI Act. Given the strategic importance of Ladakh region, this year, the **National Meet on RTI Act from 14th to 16th September, 2022 at Hotel The Zen Leh, Ladakh**. Participants will be required to reach latest by 14th September, 2022 (Morning) as it is essentially required for acclimatization in Leh.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Ladakh, Mr. Radha Krishna Mathur has been invited to be the Chief Guest in the Inaugural Session.

Mr. Y.K. Sinha, IFS (Retd.), Chief Information Commissioner has also consented to grace the occasion and interact with the participants. Other resource persons have been drawn from Academic Institutions, practicing professionals from CPSEs, Former IC, CIC, and experts in the field.

I would request you to nominate Chief Executives/Directors /Executive Directors/ CPIOs/ PIOs/ APIOs/ Nodal Officers & Executives from relevant functions at various levels from your organization to participate in the above "National Meet on RTI Act". A copy of the brochure is attached for your reference.

The nominations may be forwarded to Ms. Hema Koul, Prog. Coordinator, Mobile: +91 98993 62335 at ca@scopeonline.in latest by the 10th September, 2022.

With regards,

Encl.: As above

Yours sincerely,



(Atul Sobti)

To: Chief Executives of CPSEs

Copy to: 1. Director (HR) of CPSEs
2. Legal Heads of CPSEs
3. SCOPE Nodal Officers

STANDING CONFERENCE OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

(An apex body of Public Enterprises)

“NATIONAL MEET ON RTI ACT”

September 14th to 16th (Wednesday to Friday), 2022



Inauguration

by

Shri Radha Krishna Mathur, IAS (Retd.)

Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Ladakh

&

Guest of Honour

Mr. Y.K. Sinha, IFS (Retd.)

Chief Information Commissioner, CIC

Organised by

STANDING CONFERENCE OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SCOPE)

VENUE: Hotel The Zen, Leh, Ladakh Sheldon, Fort Rd, Leh, Ladakh- 194101



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Chairperson,
SCOPE

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Atul Sobti,
Director General,
SCOPE



AN APEX BODY OF INDIAN PUBLIC SECTOR

Policy Advocacy & Representation

- Providing an interface to PSEs with Government and statutory bodies like Ministry of Labour & Employment, DPE (Ministry of Finance), CAG, CVC, CIC, etc.
- Representing Indian PSEs on international forums like OECD, WTO, IOE, UN etc.
- Member of Council of Indian Employers representing employer interests of Indian PSEs on forum of International Labour Organization, Geneva (ILO)
- Representing PSEs on statutory bodies like Central Provident Fund, Employees State Insurance etc.
- Providing platform for inter-PSE interaction
- CEOs Conclave
- Representing on Board of Governing Councils / Governing bodies of National Forums like National Productivity Council (NPC), National Safety Council (NSC), Dattapant Thengadi National Board for Workers Education and Development (DTNBWED) & United Nations Global Compact Network India (UN GCNI).

Capacity Building & Skill Development

- Conducting Studies and Research in domains like Climate Change, Leadership, CSR, Digitalization, Women Empowerment, Skills etc.
- International Program on leadership role and development for senior level management
- Academy of Public Sector Enterprises (APSE)
- SCOPE Forum for Conciliation & Arbitration (SFCA)
- Women in Public Sector (WIPS) under the aegis of SCOPE
- Network of Champions for women empowerment
- Promoting apprenticeship with Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship

Programs & Workshops

- Corporate Governance
- Succession Planning for Board Level Positions
- International HR Summit
- Climate Change
- Leadership
- Legal and Arbitration
- Corporate Communication
- Gender Diversity and Women Leadership
- Digitalization & Technologies
- Health Awareness
- Regulatory Framework
- Right to Information
- Investors & Media Relations

Brand Building

- Public Sector Day
- SCOPE Eminence Awards
- SCOPE's monthly Publication – KALEIDOSCOPE
- Literature on Economy and Public Sector – Performance, Contribution & Achievements
- State-of-the-art infrastructure and conference facilities
- Publications- highlighting PSEs initiatives towards Nation Building
- Films highlighting initiatives/achievements of PSEs.



Besides above, SCOPE has been organising interactive meetings and various events on issues of concern to CPSEs with policy makers, statutory bodies and Government representatives.

NATIONAL MEET PERSPECTIVE

Post enactment of the RTI Act, its implementation in India is still a matter of concern. We are moving toward a system which is becoming more & more open and transparent, thereby, bringing increased accountability of Public Authorities across the country. Presently, there are about 255 CPSEs which are under the ambit of RTI Act 2005. Effective implementation of RTI Act demands frequent interaction and sharing of experiences in CPSEs as most of them are involved in commercial activities. Hence, this National Meet will help in maintaining consistency in replies, better understanding of the act, as well as building awareness about latest modification/ amendments, etc. During this program focus shall be more on commercial information, personal information

disclosures & emerging trends in RTI Act. SCOPE shall also address the issues and concerns of CPSEs emerged during the National Meet as an important part of its advocacy role, thus influencing the policy makers in relevant Ministries of the Government of India and the Central Information Commission.

With a view to provide platform to CPSEs to deliberate on the challenges being faced in the management & implementation of RTI Act, SCOPE proposes to organize a **“NATIONAL MEET” of Chief Executives/ Directors / Executive Directors/ CPIOs/ PIOs/ APIOs/ Nodal Officers & Executives on RTI Act from 14th to 16th September, 2022, at Hotel The Zen, Leh, Ladakh.**

OBJECTIVE:

The objective of the National Meet is to enable Chief Executives/ Directors / Executive Directors/ CPIOs/ PIOs/ APIOs/ Nodal Officers & Executives of CPSEs to gain better appreciation of the RTI Act and the issues involved for its effectiveness & true RTI implementation in their respective organizations. The participants will get the opportunity to deliberate on the latest developments / trends and get themselves updated in the area of RTI

Act. Main focus shall be on disclosures of the commercial information, personal & fiduciary information latest developments in the RTI Act, challenges in Transparency Audit and update their knowledge on the subject. The deliberations shall also include, sharing of experiences / good practices of CPSEs and challenges in implementation of the RTI Act by some of the PSEs, latest DoPT circulars, CIC and Courts decisions, etc.



BROAD COVERAGE:

- Rights of Citizen & Obligation of Public Authorities (CPSEs) under the RTI Act
- Salient Provisions of the RTI Act
- Latest guidelines by DoPT 2013 on RTI and amendment 2012 & 2019 & Transparency Audit
- Recent Developments / latest trends in Implementation of RTI Act & New Challenges
- Obligations of public authorities for Proactive & Suo-Motu Disclosures i.e. compliance of section 4 by P.A.
- Management of Personal Information & Third Party Information
- Challenges in Management of Commercial Confidence Information, other relevant exemptions to CPSEs & Larger Public Interest
- Challenges in Management of frequent Information Seekers/ Abuse of RTI Act
- Good Practices / Experience sharing of Success Stories/ Initiatives of CPSE's on RTI Implementation
- Sharing of major CIC / Judicial decisions on RTI
- Interactive sessions with Present & Former Information Commissioners, CIC
- Challenges to CPSEs due to contradictory Decisions by the adjudication

METHODOLOGY AND RESOURCE PERSONS:

The National Meet will include deliberations & sharing of salient's provisions of the RTI Act, case studies based on important CIC & Courts Decisions, panel discussions and presentations on recent developments in the area of RTI. In order to derive maximum benefits by the participants, the eminent speakers have been invited from DoPT, CIC, State Information Commissions, experienced academicians and CPSEs professionals with rich knowledge on the subject. The duration of the program shall be three days as follows:

S. No.	Day	Program
1	14 th September, 2022 (Forenoon)	Climate Acclimatization of the Participants
2	14 th September, 2022 (Afternoon)	i. Registration of the Participants ii. Interaction of Experts with the Participants iii. To explore the expectations of the Participants from the Program iv. Fellowship Dinner
3	15 th September, 2022	i. Inauguration by Hon'ble Mr. R.K. Mathur, Lt. Governor of Ladakh ii. Address by Guest of Honour Mr. Y.K. Sinha, Chief Information Commissioner (CIC) iii. Technical Sessions
4	16 th September, 2022	i. Technical Session ii. Sharing of key judicial pronouncements/decisions by Supreme Court, High Court and CIC iii. Interactive Session with Panelists iv. Valedictory Address by Chief Guest Mr. Y.K. Sinha, Chief Information Commissioner (CIC)

Note: All the participants and Eminent Faculty are requested to reach Leh, Ladakh latest by 14th September, 2022 (Morning) positively so that they can get themselves acclimated with the climate of Leh, Ladakh as advised by the Medical Expert.

SPECIAL GUESTS:

- Mr. R. K. Mathur, IAS (Retd.), Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Ladakh -Chief Guest
- Mr. Y.K.Sinha, IFS (Retd.), Chief Information Commissioner, CIC- Guest of Honour

RESOURCE PERSONS:

SCOPE has invited the followings eminent speakers:

- Mr. Pradip Kumar Das, Vice Chairman, SCOPE & CMD, IREDA
- Prof. M.M. Ansari, Former Central Information Commissioner, CIC
- Mr. M.L. Sharma, IPS (Retd.), Former Central Information Commissioner, CIC
- Mr. Akash Deep Chakravarti, IPoS, Former Joint Secretary (Law), CIC
- Dr. Sanjay Kumar, Director (Personnel), WCL
- Mr. Amit Mehria, Partner, MCO, Legal
- Mr. Rajeev Bhardwaj, Executive Director (HR & MIS), CONCOR
- Mr. Ajay Rawat, Dy. GM, (HR-Legal) & CPIO, GAIL
- Mr. Dhananjay Rai, Dy.GM, (Law), IOCL
- Mr. O.P. Khorwal, Visiting Consultant, SCOPE

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Chief Executives, Directors, Executive Directors, First Appellate Authorities (FAA), Chief Public Information Officers (CPIOs)/ Public Information Officers (PIOs), Asst. Public Information Officers (APIOs), Nodal Officers, Senior Executives, Officers who are custodians of information & associated with the Implementation of RTI Act in the irrelative PSEs.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE:

- Mr. S.A.Khan, Lead Associate (CA), SCOPE
- Mr. O.P. Khorwal, Visiting Consultant, SCOPE
- Mr. K. Praveen Kumar, ED (Personnel & Law) & CPIO, NMDC
- Ms. Shashi Prasad, GGM (HR), Chief SDC & Appellate Authority (RTI), ONGC
- Mr. Udit Jain, CGM (Talent Acq.) & CPIO, IOCL
- Mr. Manohar Balwani, CGM (CS) & PIO, PFC
- Mr. Sushil K Agrawal, GM (HR) & CPIO, EIL
- Mr. R T Nathan, GM (HR) & CPIO, NHPC
- Mr. Shantimoy Nandan, AGM (CP) & CPIO, NTPC
- Mr. Dheeraj Kumar Tiwari, DGM (Pers.) & CPIO, SAIL
- Mr. Ajay Rawat, Dy.GM, (HR-Legal) & CPIO, GAIL
- Mr. P U Rao, DGM (RTI/PG) & CPIO & Nodal Officer, HPCL
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- Ms. Shilpi Sikka, Dy. Manager (Law) & CPIO, BHEL

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FINANCIALS

Program fee is Rs.18,500/- per participant plus GST as applicable. The program is being held on Non-residential basis. **Payment to be made by ECS/ Cheque / Demand Draft in favors of "Standing Conference of Public Enterprises" payable at New Delhi or through NEFT as per details given below:**

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Bank Name	Bank of Baroda
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A/C Type	Savings
A/C No	72870100000794
IFSC Code	BARB0DBSCOP (5 th digit is Zero)
GST NO.	07AAPFS7390N1Z7
Reporting Time	14 th September, 2022 at 3:00 PM

REGISTRATION:

Nominations may please be forwarded latest by the **10th September, 2022** to **Ms. Hema Koul**, Program Coordinator (Corp. Affairs), SCOPE at **E-mail: ca@scopeonline.in**, Mobile: +91 - 9560799550, Ph.: 011-24365418, 24361745

HOTEL BOOKING:

The available hotels in Leh and their contact numbers are given below for the information of the participants:

S. No.	HOTEL NAME	CONTACT NUMBER
1.	Hotel The Zen, Sheldan Fort Road, Leh Ladakh – 194101	Ph.: 8493898993 Email: reservation@thezenladakh.com
2.	Hotel Shangrila, Old Road Sheynam, Leh, Ladakh 194101	Ph.: 8082924580 Email: reservation@shangrilaladakh.com
3.	Hotel Royal, Upper Karzu Yourtong Road, Sanker-Leh, Ladakh- 194101	Ph.: 94191 78829 / 99069 85529 Email: bookings@hotelroyalladakh.com

The participants can book the accommodation directly in the hotel as per their entitlement in their respective organizations.

Note: It is requested that COVID-19 advisory issued by Government of India may please be followed and those fully vaccinated (2 dozes) should be considered for nominations.

PROGRAM COORDINATORS AT LEH LADAKH:

The participants can also contact the following programme coordinators at Leh, for any assistance or information.

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