

# NATIONAL MEET ON RTI ACT



**14<sup>th</sup> September - 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2023  
(Thursday- Friday)**

**VENUE:**  
Hotel Clarks Avadh,  
8, MG ROAD, Lucknow-226001

Inauguration  
by

**Shri Y. K. Sinha, IFS (Retd.)**  
Chief Information Commissioner, CIC

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- 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), Dattopant Thengadi National Board for Workers Education and Development (DTNBWED) & United Nations Global Compact Network India (UN GCNI)

### 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
- Write ups and articles on PSEs and its various aspects

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- Conducting Studies and Research in domains like Climate Change, Leadership, CSR, Digitalization, Women Empowerment, Lifelong Learning, 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

### Programs & Workshops

- Corporate Governance
- Right to Information
- Digitalization & Technologies
- Climate Change
- Women Empowerment & Gender Diversity
- Legal & Arbitration
- Succession Planning for Board Level Positions
- Future of Work
- Corporate Communication Summit
- Investors & Media Relations
- Health Awareness
- International HR Summit
- CSR
- Procurement
- Other contemporary and relevant subjects



Besides above, SCOPE has been organizing 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 matter of concern, we are moving towards 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 getting awareness about latest modification/amendments etc. During this program focus shall be more on **Transparency Audit & Self Appraisal**



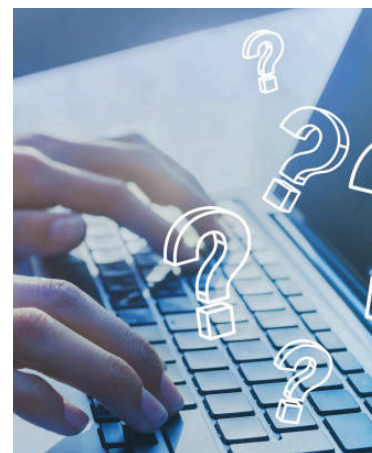
**disclosure, commercial information, personal information disclosures & emerging trends in RTI Act.** SCOPE shall also address the issues and concerns of CPSEs emerged during the previous National Meet as an important part of its advocacy role, thus influencing the Policy Makers in relevant Ministries of the Govt. of India and the Central Information Commission.

With a view to provide a 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 CPIOs/PIOs/Appellate Authorities on RTI Act from 14th - 15th September, 2023 at Hotel Clarks Avadh, Lucknow.**

## 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 Suo-Motu disclosures, commercial information, personal & fiduciary information latest developments in the RTI Act, challenges in Transparency Audit and to 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.



SCOPE's National Meet on RTI Act 2022 inaugurated by Shri Radha Krishna Mathur, Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Ladakh in the presence of Shri Y.K.Sinha, CIC.

## BROAD COVERAGE:

- Salient Provisions of the RTI Act,
- Latest guidelines by DoPT 2013 on RTI and amendment 2012 & 2019
- Recent Developments / latest trends in Implementation of RTI Act & New Challenges
- Rights of Citizens & 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.
- Transparency Audit / Third party Audit
- Roles & responsibilities of FAA & drafting of order for First Appeal
- 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 academician and CPSEs professionals with rich knowledge on the subject.

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

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 their respective PSEs.



## PROGRAM COMMITTEE:



- Mr. S.A. Khan, Lead Associate (CA), SCOPE
- Mr. O.P. Khorwal, Visiting Consultant, SCOPE
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## FINANCIALS:

Program fee is Rs.18,500/- per participant plus GST as applicable (18%). The program is being held on **Non-residential** basis. This would cover pedagogy, study material, lunch, tea etc. **A group discount of ten percent of the program fee is offered in case of three or more nominations being received from same CPSE.**

## MODE OF PAYMENT :



Payment to be made by Cheque/DO favouring “**Standing Conference of Public Enterprises**” and payable at Delhi/New Delhi or through ECS mode to Bank of Baroda, SCOPE Complex branch, Lodhi Road, New Delhi- I IO 003.  
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## REGISTRATION:

Nominations may please be forwarded latest by **12<sup>th</sup> September, 2023** to Ms. Hema Koul, Program Coordinator (Corp. Affairs), SCOPE at **E-mail: [ca@scopeonline.in](mailto:ca@scopeonline.in), Mobile: +91 - 9560799550, Ph.: 011-24365418, 24361745.** Sponsoring CPSEs are requested to furnish their GST IN while forwarding nominations.



## CERTIFICATION:



Certificate of participation would be awarded by SCOPE to the participants.

## HOTEL BOOKING:

SCOPE has been offered special tariff by the Hotel for SCOPE and CPSEs. In case the participants would like to stay in the Hotel Clarks Avadh, the Hotel may be contacted directly for booking the accommodation in the hotel as per their entitlements in their respective organisations. The contact details of the Hotel is:-

**Contact person: Mr. P.L. Gupta, Mobile:-09415019657,**  
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