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Dy. Secretary to the Govt. of India
Ministry of Steel
(Right to Information Cell)
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New Delhi-110011

Madam,

Sub: Monitoring of implementation of Right to Information Act-2005 –Sending of annual / quarterly return.

This has reference to your letter No.F.No.2(1)/2006-RI Cell dated 18.04.2006 enclosing a copy of letter No.14/3/2005-CIC dated 10.04.2006 from Shri. P K Gera, Jt. Secretary & Registrar, Central Information Commission, New Delhi, on the above subject.

2. As desired, we are forwarding the following reports / returns:
 - a) Annual return in annexure-I as on 31.03.07 as enclosure-I.
 - b) Quarterly summery of appeals disposed of by the Appellate Authorities in Form-IIA as enclosure-II.
 - c) Progress report on efforts made by the organization to implement the Act during the quarter (01.01.2007 to 31.03.2007), as enclosure-III
3. As desired, we are also sending this information through e-mail at sst@nic.in.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,
for RINL/VISAKHAPATNAM STEEL PLANT

(T K Chand)
Deputy General Manager (Pers.) I/c

Encl: As above.

PROFORMA FOR ANNUAL RETURN TO CENTRAL INFORMATION COMMISSION

(under section 25 of the Right to Information Act)

Department : **Ministry of Steel**

Year : **2007(01.04.2006 to 31.03.2007)**

As on 31st March, 2007

S. No	Public Authority under the Ministry	No of requests received	Decisions where applications for information rejected															Number of cases where disciplinary action was taken against any officer in respect of administration of this Act.	Amount of charges collected
			4																
			No of decisions	No of times various provisions were invoked															
4 a.											Other Sections.								
			(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(9)	(11)	(24)	other			
1	RINL / VSP	45	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	Nil	1020	

Annexure-I

Quarterly summary of Appellate Authorities for (public Authority) for quarter ending March,2007

Sl.no	Name of Appellate Authority & Address	No of Appeals received during the Quarter	No of requests rejected during the quarter														Decisions received from CIC		
			Relevant section of RTI Act-2005														Number of decisions received during the quarter	Number of cases involving penalties and disciplinary action	
			Sec 8(1)											Sections					Total
			a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	9	11	24	other			
1	Shri P K Bishnoi Director (Finance) Visakhapatnam Steel Plant Administrative Building Visakhapatnam-31 (A.P)	NIL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	NIL	
2	Shri P K Mishra Director(Operations) Visakhapatnam Steel Plant Administrative Building Visakhapatnam-31 (A.P)	NIL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	NIL	
3	Shri Y Manohar Director (pers) Visakhapatnam Steel Plant Administrative Building Visakhapatnam-31 (A.P)	1 * (2 nd appeal)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1		
4	Shri H S Chhatwal Director (Commercial) Visakhapatnam Steel Plant Administrative Building Visakhapatnam-31 (A.P)	NIL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	NIL	
5	Chief Vigilance Officer Visakhapatnam Steel Plant Administrative Building Visakhapatnam-31 (A.P)	NIL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	NIL	

* The appellant was advised to approach CIC vide letter No.PL/D(P)/06/2007/419 dated 20.01.07 as per the act.

Enclosure-III

Annexure - II

The report in respect of RTI-2005 for the period from 01.01.2007 to 31.03.2007

(a)	<i>Number of requests received by each authority.</i>	7
(b)	<i>Number of decisions where applications were not entitled to access the document pursuant to the requests, the provisions of the Act under which these decisions were made and the number of times such provisions were invoked</i>	Nil
(c)	<i>The number of appeals referred to Central Information Commission for review, the nature of appeals and the outcome of appeals</i>	Nil
(d)	<i>Details of disciplinary action taken against any officer in respect of administration of this Act.</i>	Nil
(e)	<i>Amount of charges collected by each public Authority under this Act</i>	Rs.128/-
(f)	<i>The details to indicate efforts made by the public Authorities to administer and implement the spirit and intention of this Act:</i>	<p>1. Vide our letter No.PL/RIA-2007/2007/432 dated 09.02.07 it was intimated to MoS (RI Cell) under intimation to Ministry of Communication & IT, Dept of Posts, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Personnel and Central Information Commission, New Delhi that Sri Prakash C Das, GM(CP&C) had been designated as the Nodal Officer for RINL/VSP under RIA-2005 in place of Sri MVR Sarma, promoted as ED(CA&S), w.e.f 01.02.2007..</p> <p>2. The name of Sri Y Manohar, Director(Personnel) has been incorporated in RTI portal in VSP website as Appellate Authority in place of Sri K A Naidu, the formal Director(Personnel), as a part of updation.</p> <p>3. With respect to letter No.3(1)/2007-RI Cell dated 06.03.07 of Sri G Elias, Jt Secy, MoS, to review the current functioning of RTI system action is under away for operationalizing on line processing/monitoring of requests and appeals.</p> <p>4. Administration/Implementation of Act is being closely monitored.</p>

<p>(g)</p>	<p><i>Suitable suggestion for reform including those required for development, improvement Modernization, reform for the amendment of the Act or other legislation or common law or any other matter relevant for operationalisation of the Right to access the Information.</i></p>	<p>1) In various discussions on provisions of the Act, apprehensions have been expressed that delinquent employees in the organization may use the provisions of the Act, to compel disclosure of information relating to annual confidential reports, proceedings of Departmental Promotion Committee etc., which may cause difficulties for the Organization.</p> <p>2) It has also been expressed that some delinquent employees may misuse the provisions of the Act to obtain information relating to other employees for causing embarrassment/ discomfiture for them. This may bring in problem of inter-personal relations within the organization.</p> <p>3) Moreover, employees are governed under Service Rules of the organization, therefore, it may be considered whether some positive restraint can be introduced as rules under the Act so that the Act does not become a tool in the hands of such delinquent employees to serve own interests.</p> <p>4) A few persons whose credentials are in question, are seeking enormous information in respect of displaced persons employed in VSP where the preponderance of public interest is not obvious, causing difficulty for the organization. This may be considered and proper restriction imposed on the seekers of information by way of amendment to the act.</p>
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