
RTI Training cum Awareness Session

11th June 2026

The Right to Information Act (RTI), is a foundational legal framework designed to empower citizens, curb corruption, and promote transparency. It mandates that public authorities provide access to official records, documents, and data, fundamentally shifting governance from a culture of secrecy to openness.

To sensitize, familiarize and educate all the officials in ARAI about the relevant provisions of the RTI Act, Shri. V.V Shinde Transparency Officer, organized a training cum awareness programme. The session emphasized the constitutional dimensions of the Right to Information Act 2005, exemptions from disclosure of information, transparency audits under Section 4, record management, and the filing of self-appraisals on the CIC portal.

The aim of the training was to train officials on the practical implementation of transparency provisions and make officers aware about the salient features of the RTI Act, 2005. The speaker for this occasion was Shri R.P.Sejwal, who possesses extensive expertise in providing RTI training to officials across various ministries, departments, and public authorities.

Shri R.P.Sejwal explained the subject using various examples, RTI case details, and their outcomes, along with relevant judgments from the CIC, Hon'ble High Courts, and the Supreme Court.

Shri. V.V Shinde exhorted officers to work towards making ARAI more compliant with the requirement of the RTI Act. He encouraged the participants to make most out of this training session, as it will help them in gaining awareness and extensive knowledge about RTI act, allowing them to get more experienced and comfortable in dealing with day-to-day queries of RTI.

The training session received an overwhelming response, attended by 12 officers and staff members from various departments across ARAI. It provided a highly effective, in-depth insight into the constitutional dimensions of the Right to Information Act, 2005, and the exemptions from disclosure.

The presentation by Shri. Sejwal was followed by a series of questions from participants based on their experiences dealing with RTI queries in the Indian automotive and allied industries. Shri. R. P. Sejwal answered them based on relevant judgments from the CIC, various High Courts, and the Supreme Court.

The Session familiarized participants with the fundamentals of the Right to Information (RTI) Act, equipping them to effectively handle RTI compliance, respond to applications, and promote organizational transparency.

Shri. Vikram Shinde, Transparency Officer expressed his heartfelt thanks to all the participants for their active participation. He expressed his sincere gratitude to Shri Sejwal for providing valuable insights on the Right to Information Act.



List of Participants

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NAME	DESIGNATION
Shri. V V Shinde	Sr. Deputy Director & Transparency Officer
Dr. P G Bhat	Sr. Deputy Director & Appellate Authority
Shri. Prasad Betgeri	Deputy Director
Shri. P N Deole	General Manager
Shri. V A Khedekar	Sr. General Manager & CPIO (Tech.)
Shri. A S Kulkarni	Dy. General Manager & CPIO (Non-Tech.)
Dr. Mahesh Khursale	Manager
Shri. Vaibhav Pawaskar	Sr. Manager
Shri. S S Kuber	Sr. Manager
Shri. S K Gunjal	Dy. Manager & ACPIO
Ms. Prajakta Dhere	Sr. General Manager
Shri. Rahul Sawant	Sr. Manager