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# PREFACE

During the year 2017, the Right to Information Act, 2005 (RTI Act) entered into its 13<sup>th</sup> year upon completion of 12 years. A careful study of more than 63,000 appeals and complaints received by the Commission during these years reveals that RTI applications have become clearer and logical compared to the applications in earlier years. This shows that considerable awareness about this Act has come among the people. On the other hand, public authorities are also working more effectively due to their training and experiences.

In Gujarat Information Commission, Chief Commissioner of Information and State Commissioner of Information were functional during 2016-17 as follows.

- (a) Chief Information Commissioner
  - (1) From 1-4-2016 to 5-12-2016
  - (2) From 4-2-2017 to 31-3-2017
- (a) State Information Commissioner
  - (1) From 1-4-2016 to 28-8-2016- 3 commissioners
  - (2) From 29-8-2016 to 3-2-2017-4 commissioners
  - (3) From 4-2-2017 to 31-3-2017-3 Commissioners

Appeals/Complaints received in the Commission are heard chronologically. During the year, total 9,366 applications were disposed. The Commission started hearing of cases through Video Conference in January, 2014 on trial basis, in which encouraging results have been received. It has got favourable response from the applicants residing in the remote and interior parts of the State because they do not have to travel upto Gandhinagar for hearing in such cases. As this experiment has also been welcomed by the officers/employees of the Government, hearing through this medium was undertaken in 11 districts during 2015-16 and in 10 districts during 2016-17. Details of the districts which have been covered in 2016-17 through video-conferencing are given in chapter-6 in which mostly remote districts of the state have been given priority.

Applications received by the Commission are now analyzed at the initial stage. Due to the preliminary scrutiny, the Second Appeals/Complaints are separated from other types of applications and letters. This has resulted in avoiding duplication of work to a large extent. The work of computerization relating to the Appeals/Complaints received by the Commission is being done constantly. Because of this, applications made by the same applicant on similar issues can be clubbed together. On account of these reasons, the number of fresh appeals/complaints being registered in the Commission has reduced which has also some impact upon the number of cases pending with the Commission.

Compendium has been published by Gujarat Information Commission in the year 2016-17, in which resolutions, circulars, notifications, letters issued by State Government/Government of India with regard to Right to Information Act and Rules have been included. Details of appeals/

complaints received and disposed off by the Commission from 2005-06 to 2016-17 have been covered in it. The Compadium also includes details of administrative set up of the Commission, computerisation of work of the Commission, recommendations, suggestions made by the Commission to the government. Currently, one mobile app named RTI FAQ (Gujarat) has been launched to give special facility to the citizens. It has been used extensively by the information seeking citizens. Information regarding this has also been given in the compendium. Right to Information Act-2005, Gujarat Right to Information Act-2010 have been published in both-English and Gujarati- languages.

During the earlier years, the Commission had made recommendations to the Government that pro-active disclosure of information as provided under the Right to Information Act, 2005 should be properly done by the Public Authorities so that general public can get necessary information without making RTI applications to the concerned public authority. In this manner, the citizens can get information with less difficulty. Besides, with the possible decrease in the number of RTI applications, the Public Authorities' workload will also get reduced. It is necessary that Departments give priority to this matter.

Different types of proforma have been prepared by the State Government with a view to know as to how many applications have been received by the various Public Authorities under the Right to Information Act, 2005. Details of RTI applications made in form-A to the Public Information Officers of various Departments of the Government and Public Authorities under them are required to be entered into these proforma. Details so uploaded on the State Government portal are to be displayed in different manner so that the number of applications received by the various Public Authorities, action taken thereupon, the number of applications which were rejected etc. can be known. But it is noticeable that as mentioned in earlier reports, compared to the number of RTI applications uploaded during the year 2015-2016 by all the Public Authorities of the State, there has been decrease in the number of applications received during the year 2016-2017. Departments of the State and Public Authorities under them had received 152097 applications during the year 2015-2016. The number of such applications is shown as 136069 during this year 2016-2017.

It is absolutely necessary on the part of the various authorities not to show lethargy in uploading the details relating to the RTI applications on the Government portal/website.

The Commission has also developed its own website, which is updated periodically. From this website, the public can easily get the information relating to the Appeals/Complaints pending before the Commission and also the judgments delivered by the Commission from time to time. Furthermore, the information relating to the notices of hearing before the Commission is also being put up on the website. So the parties can know, in advance, the date of hearing of their case.

The statistical information of the Public Authorities, included in this Annual Report of the Commission, has been obtained from <http://rti-ar.guj.nic.in> system developed by the State Government on dated 7/12/2017.

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## **CHAPTER-2**

**(1) Details of action taken during the year 2016-2017 by the State Government for the implementation of the Right to Information Act, 2005.**

- Shri H.V.Patel (retired I.A.S.) and Shri R.R.Varsani (retired I.A.S.) were appointed as State Commissioner of Information (Vide Notification dated 11/04/2016)
- It was again requested to upload RTI annual returns ( vide circular dated 25/04/2016)
- Instructions were given to all the authorities to update pro active disclosure (vide circular of dated 26/4/2016).
- An advertisement was published on the website of G.A.D./ART Division to fill up the post of State Information Commissioner( on 5/5/2016)
- With the formation of the new ministry, selection committee for appointment of Chief Information Commiissioner and State Information Commiissioner was refomed (vide resolution dated 10/8/2016)
- Shri D.P.Thakar (retired Deputy Secretary) was appointed as State Information Commiissioner (vide notification dated 24/8/2016)
- Instructions were issued to maintain register regarding appeals made vide Right to information Act-2005, to appoint class-2 officers as Public Information Officers in Public Authorities and to appoint Appellate Authority from among the officers of their superior cadresto update pro active disclosure and to traet courteously the applicants seeking information (vide circulars dated 4/10/2016).
- Terms and conditions for appointment of State Information Commissioner were amended (vide resolution dated 28/10/2016)
- Instruction was given to Appellate Officers to fulfil their duties and obligations prescribed under the act with seriousness while taking decision on the first appeal (vide circular dated 25/11/2016)
- An advertisement was published on the website of G.A.D./ART Division to fill up one post of Chief Information Commissioner in the state (on 1/12/2016)
- Shri V.S.Gadhavi (retired I.A.S.) was appointed as Chief Information Commissioner of the state (vide notification dated 3/2/2017)
- Terms and conditions for appointment of Chief Information Commissioner were prescribed (vide resolution dated 9/3/2017)
- An advertisement was published on the website of G.A.D./vasuta division to fill up one post of State Commissioner of Information of the state (on 9/3/2017)

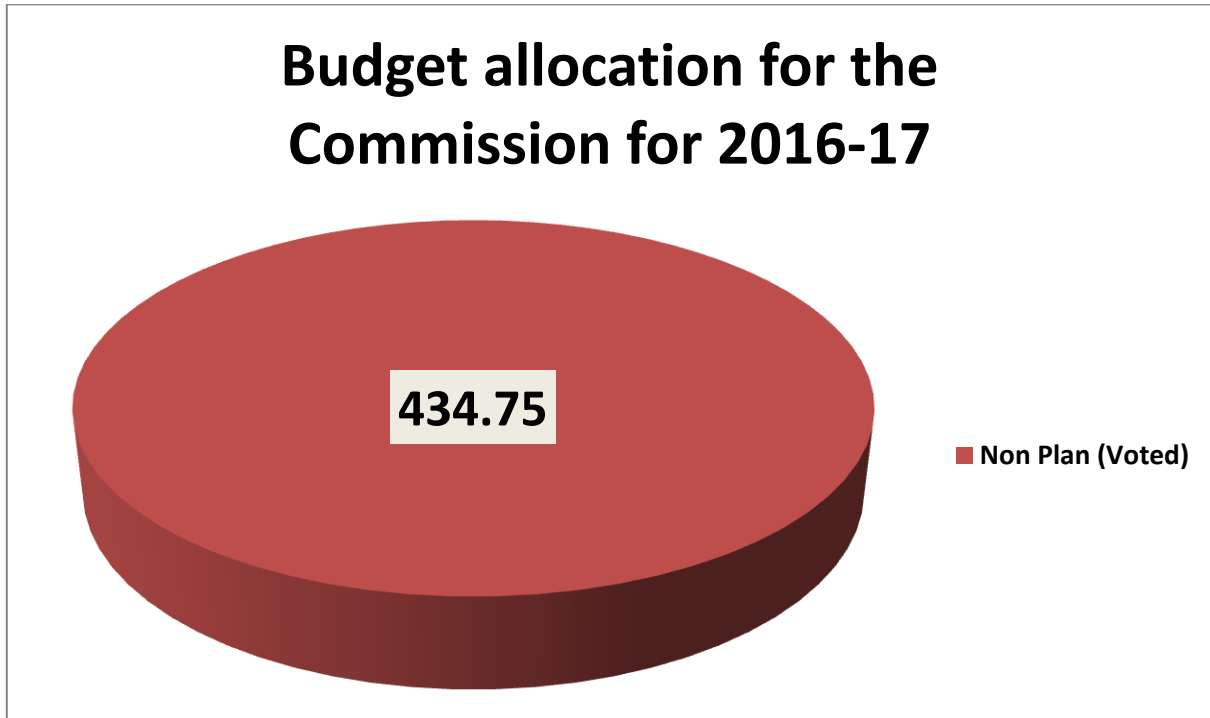
- (2) **Training Programmes conducted during the year 2016-2017.**
- 20 two-days training programmes were conducted from 1/4/2016 to 31/3/2017 at SPIPA on Right to Information Act-2005, in which total 474 participants including Public Information Officers and Appellate Authorities were imparted training and 948 man-days were received.
  - Total 38 one day training programmes were conducted on RTI Act-2005 at regional level in various Districts/ Talukas through RTC functioning under SPIPA, in which 2593 persons were imparted training and 2613 man days were received.
- (3) **Copy of the Notification issued under Section 24(4) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 designating/exempting any organisation.**
- No organization was exempted during the year under Section 24(4) of the Right to Information Act, 2005.
- (4) **Activities carried out by the State Government under Section 26 of the Right to Information Act 2005.**
- For publicity and propagation of RTI, broadcasting of total 70 RTI spots, each of 30 seconds was made daily for 35 days on Akashvani, Gujarat.
  - Publicity on RTI Act-2005 in Gujarat was undertaken with transmission of 60 second's spot from February-2017 through Doordarshan, Ahmedabad.
  - Books of Right to Information Act-2005 (Act, Rules and other matters) were published through SPIPA, which have been given to trainees in training programmes.
  - Hand Book for easy explanation of RTI Act-2005 were published through SPIPA.

## CHAPTER-3

### Allocation of Grant to the Gujarat Information Commission for the Financial Year 2016-2017.

Sr. No.	Plan/Non Plan	Budget Head	Amount of Grant (Rs. in lakhs)
1.	Non Plan (Voted)	2070-00-800 – 02	434.75

During the year 2016-2017, total amount of Rs. 434.75 lakhs was allotted to the Gujarat Information Commission. During the year 2015-2016, total budgetary allocation was Rs.346.80 lakhs. Thus, compared to the earlier year, there was 25% increase in the budget for the Financial Year 2016-2017.

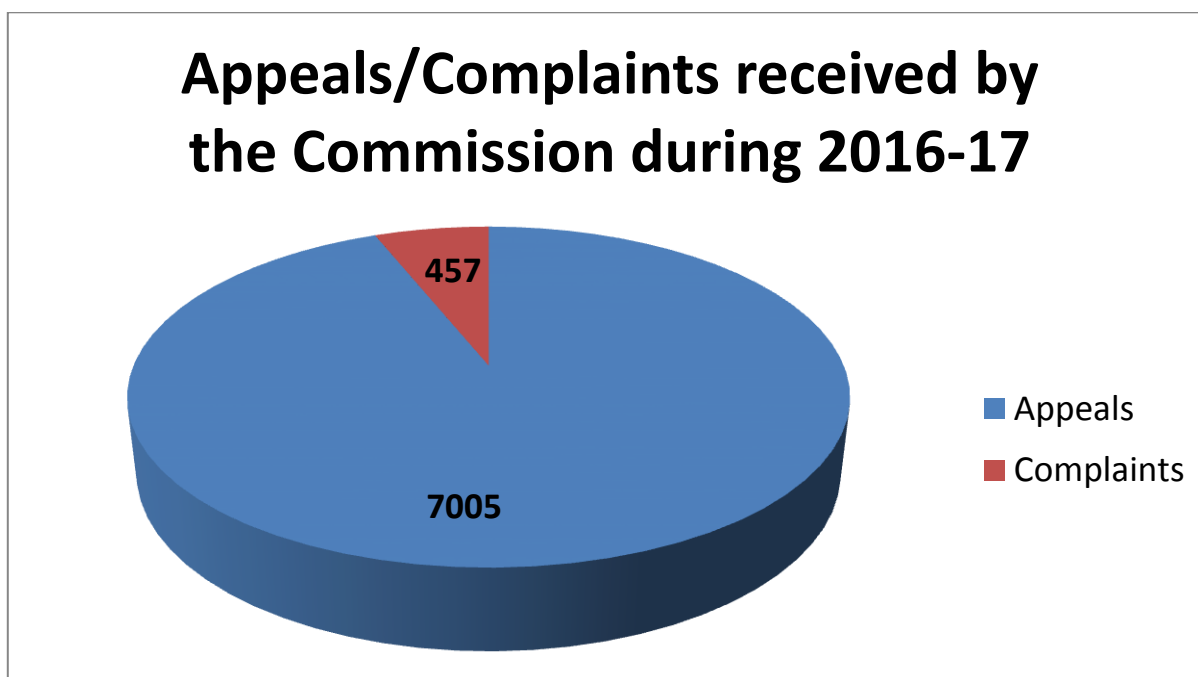


## CHAPTER-4

### (A) Appeals/Complaints received by the Commission during the year 2016-2017.

Right to appeal has been given to the citizens under section-19 of Right to Information Act-2005 as described in the right to citizens regarding appeal/complaints made by citizens under section 18/19 of Right to Information Act-2005 and also in the functions and powers of the commission in the annual reports published by Information Commission over the years. Provision has been made to prescribe time limit for disposal of the complaints by Appellate Authority and time limit to make first appeal by the applicant. After decision of the First Appellate Authority or in the circumstances when decision is not taken, clarifications regarding the matters, such as when to make such appeal and to whom, has been made in the provision of the said section

Under various departments of the Government, Commission received total 7005 Appeals and 457 Complaints during the year 2016-2017. Accordingly, the percentage of Appeals is 93.88 % and that of Complaints is 6.12%. During the year 2015-2016, total 8449 Appeals/Complaints were received by the Commission, which shows decrease compared to the last year.



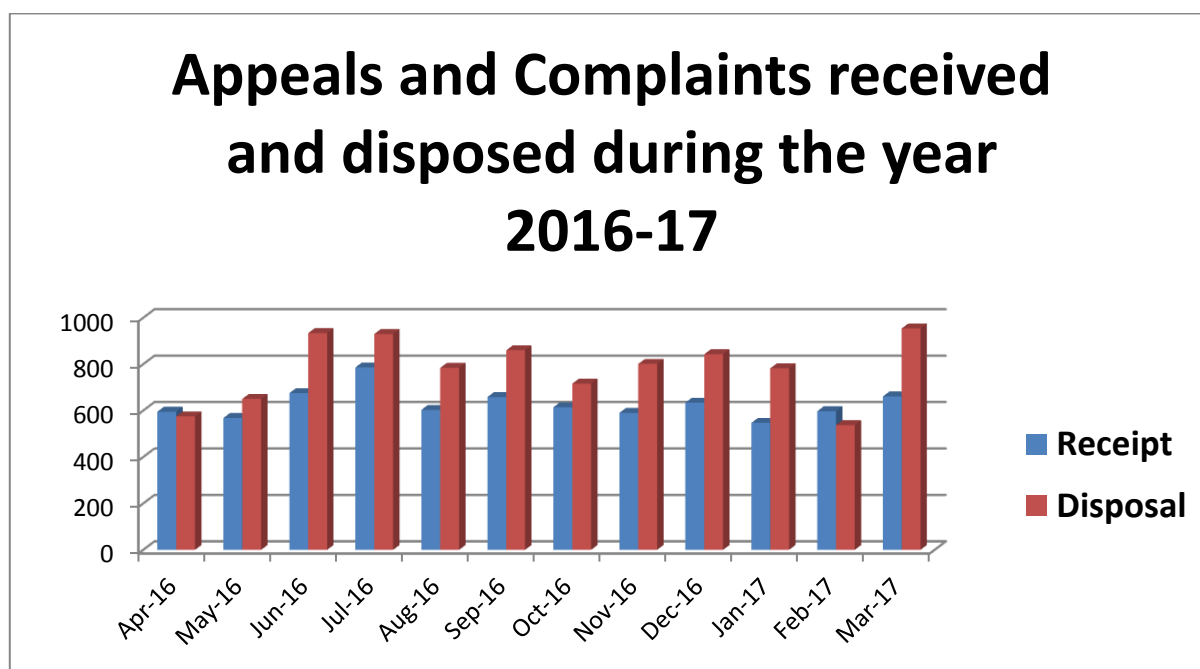
The above chart shows that, on an average 622 Appeals/Complaints were received per month by the Commission during the whole year. This works out to be 21 Appeals/Complaints per day.

During the year, total 9366 Cases were disposed off by the Commission against the nos. of appeals received as mentioned above. That means on an average 781 cases were disposed off per month. Accordingly, the disposal per day works out to be 26. All the above details have been shown in the form of chart as follows:

**(B) Details of Appeals/Complaints received and disposed off month-wise by the Commission during the year 2016-2017.**

Sr. No.	Month	Receipt		Total	Disposal		Total
		Appeal	Complaint		Appeal	Complaint	
1	April-2016	574	21	595	570	5	575
2	May-2016	468	34	568	647	3	650
3	June-2016	631	44	675	911	23	934
4	July-2016	697	89	786	862	68	930
5	August-2016	560	43	603	752	32	784
6	September-2016	615	43	658	827	33	860
7	October-2016	587	27	614	707	9	716
8	November-2016	521	69	590	792	9	801
9	December-2016	599	35	634	839	4	843
10	January-2017	527	20	547	781	1	782
11	February-2017	579	18	597	535	2	537
12	March-2017	647	14	661	921	33	954
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>7005</b>	<b>457</b>	<b>7462</b>	<b>9144</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>9366</b>

**Of the total cases disposed off by the Commission, 97.63 % are Appeals and 2.37 % are Complaints.**



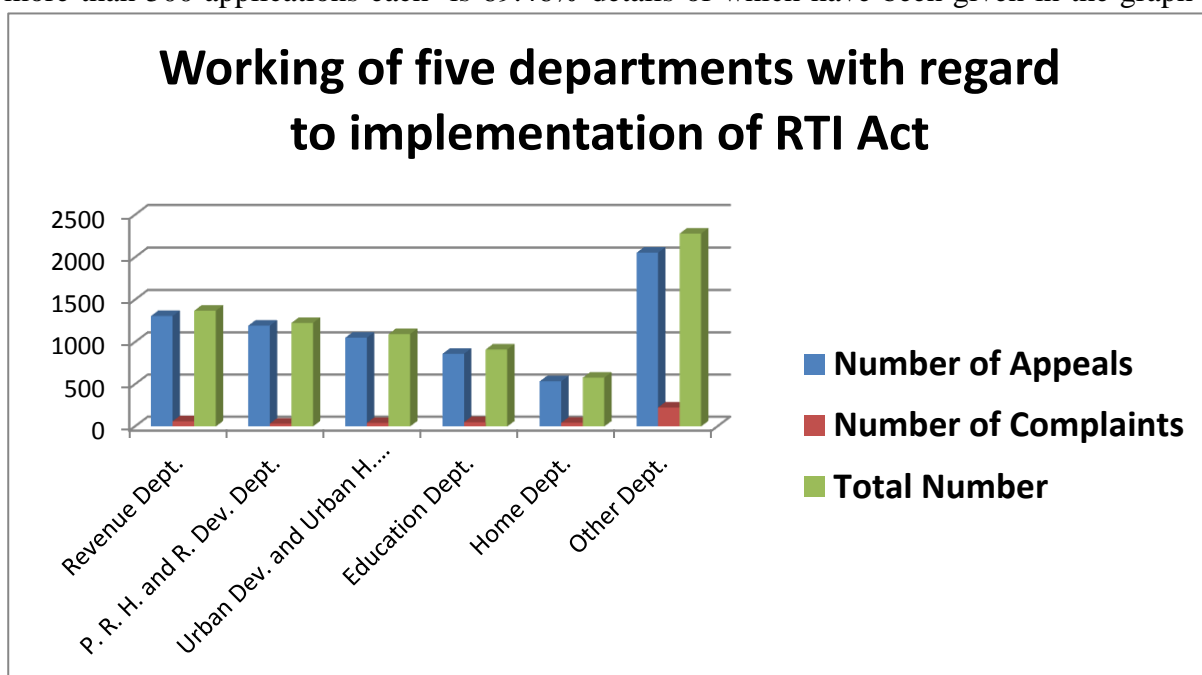
**(C) Department wise break-up of the Appeals / Complaints received by the Commission during the year 2016-2017 is shown in Annexure-1.**

Upon an assessment of the implementation of the RTI Act by various departments shown in Annexure-1, the nos. of appeals received by the commission in respect of these departments are more. The number of Appeals/Complaints received by the Commission in respect of these 05 departments is 5183, which is 69.46 % of total Appeals/Complaints.

Sr.No	Department	Number of Appeals	Number of Complaints	Total Number	Contribution in Percentage
1	Revenue Department	1309	62	1371	18.37
2	Panchayat, Rural Housing and Rural Development Dept.	1194	33	1227	16.44
3	Urban Development and Urban Housing Dept	1053	42	1095	14.67
4	Education Department	861	51	912	12.22
5	Home Department	534	44	578	7.75
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>4951</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>5183</b>	<b>69.46</b>
	<b>Other Departments</b>	<b>2054</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>2279</b>	<b>30.54</b>
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>7005</b>	<b>457</b>	<b>7462</b>	<b>100</b>

In this department, work related to important issues of the people is done and therefore, the the number of appeals/complaints in these departments has been found more. In view of the more appeals/complaints received by these departments, it is also necessary for the Heads of these Departments to scrutinize the information provided or the decisions taken by their Public Information Officers.

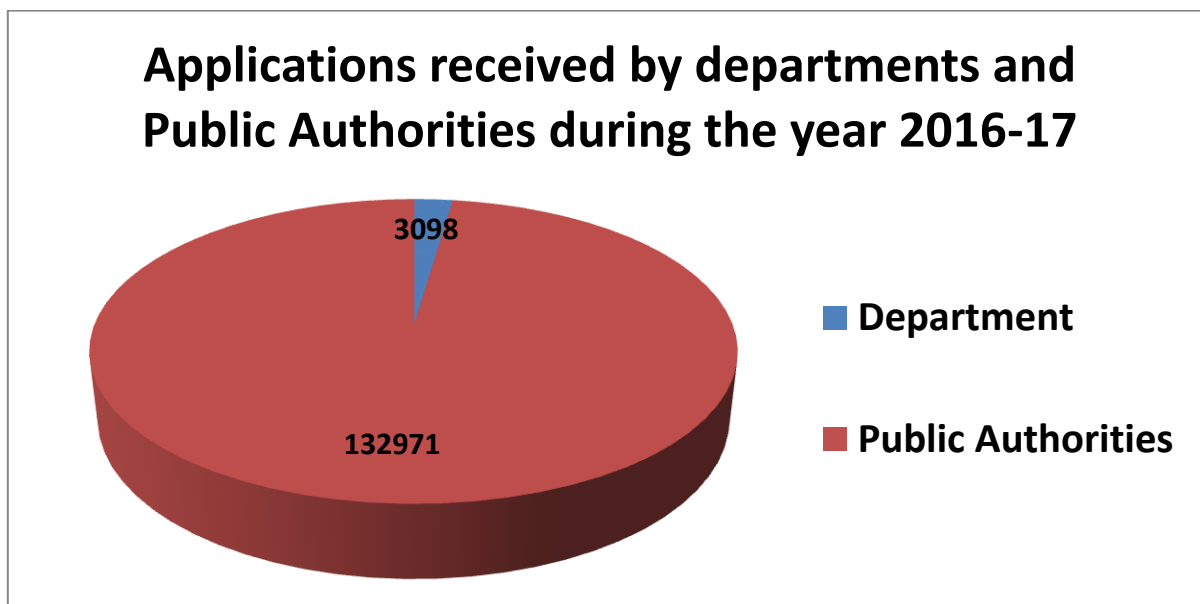
The above statement shows that the total percentage of the five departments which received more than 500 applications each is 69.46% details of which have been given in the graph below.



Generally the number of appeals/complaints decrease if record based details/decisions are provided within the time limit to the people seeking information. Therefore the Commission feels that the proceedings being carried by these five departments under the provisions of Right to Information Act should be reviewed.

**(D) Applications and Appeals received during the year 2016-2017 by various Departments and Public Authorities of the State Government.**

During the year 2016-2017, Public Authorities working under various departments of the Government received 136069 applications from the citizens requesting for information under the Right to Information Act. Of these, 3098 applications were received by the Departments directly and the remaining 132971 applications were received by the Public Authorities working under them. Department wise consolidated information is shown in Annexure-3. These details are also shown in the following chart with a view to appreciate the use of Right to Information Act-2005 by the Citizens through applications made to the various Departments and Public Authorities under them in the State.



From the above chart, it can be seen that from among the total applications, departments have received only 2.28% applications and the Public Authorities working under them have received 97.72% applications. The public is required to contact the Public Authorities in the field down to the village level for their day to day work and therefore, the number of RTI applications made to such Public Authorities will be substantial.

Upon analysis of the information of the applications received by the various Departments and Public Authorities under them, it appears that the following 10 Departments and their Public Authorities have received 122700 applications during the year. This constitutes 90.17 % of total applications received in the State. Details of these departments are shown in the following statement.

Sr. No.	Department	Number of Applications received			
		Department	Public Authorities	Total Number	Contribution in Percentage
1	Ports and Transportation Department	120	940	1060	0.78
2	Revenue Department	748	29828	30576	22.47
3	Urban Development and Urban Housing Dept.	00	34498	34498	25.35
4	Education Department	00	3576	3576	2.63
5	Narmada, Water Resources, Water Supply and Kalpsar Dept.	14	2698	2712	1.99
6	Health and Family Welfare Department	200	2103	2303	1.69
7	Home Department	970	32740	33710	24.78
8	Energy and Petro Chemicals Department	00	7595	7595	5.58
9	Legal Department	00	3987	3987	2.93
10	Forest and Environment Department	180	2503	2683	1.97
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>2232</b>	<b>120468</b>	<b>122700</b>	<b>90.17</b>
	<b>Other Departments</b>	<b>866</b>	<b>12503</b>	<b>13369</b>	<b>9.83</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3098</b>	<b>132971</b>	<b>136069</b>	<b>100</b>

From the above statement, it can be seen that the Public Authorities of those departments, which are responsible for providing services to the citizens and for maintaining law and order, receive the largest number of applications.

As provided under Sub-Section 2 of Section 25 of the Right to Information Act-2005, each Department has to collect information from the Public Authorities under their control and furnish the same to the State Government. For this purpose the State Government has developed a System from which the Commission obtains the necessary data. All the Departments and Public Authorities are required to upload data online on the website <http://rti-ar.guj.nic.in> of the Government of Gujarat.

Upon analysis of the data of the Public Authorities and Departments for the purpose of incorporating the same in the present report by the Commission, it appears that the number of applications shown to have been received by some of the Departments (and Public Authorities under their Control) is unrealistic. This appears to be the case with regard to the following departments:

- (1) Agriculture and Cooperation Department
- (2) Education Department
- (3) Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department
- (4) Health and Family Welfare Department
- (5) Narmada, Water Resources, Water Supply and Kalpsar Department
- (6) Panchayat, Rural Housing and Rural Development Department
- (7) Social Justice and Empowerment Department
- (8) Tribal Development Department



The functions of the above Departments affect the people right down to the Taluka and Village level. These departments have substantial public dealing and therefore, it is but natural that many people will make use of the Right to Information Act-2005 when they are not satisfied with their working. Most of these departments, especially the Panchayat, Rural Housing and Rural Development Department have Public Authorities right down to the village level. If this department states that only 178 RTI applications were received by their public authorities during the year 2016-2017, the same appears suspicious.

Similarly, the Education Department, which has Government Primary Schools in almost all the villages of the State, is expected to receive considerable number of RTI applications. However, when the number is shown to be 3576, the same also looks suspicious.

Details of the applications under the Right to Information Act-2005 received during the year 2016-2017 by the above Departments / Public Authorities are as under:-

Sr. No.	Name of Department	Details of applications under Right to Information Act received by Departments and Public Authorities.
1	Agriculture and Cooperation Department	1458
2	Education Department	3576
3	Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department	463
4	Health and Family Welfare Department	2303
5	Narmada, Water Resources, Water Supply and Kalpsar Department	2712
6	Panchayat, Rural Housing and Rural Development Department	178
7	Social Justice and Empowerment Department	888
8	Tribal Development Department	249

Considering the functions of the above departments and their public authorities, it appears that the above figures are very much on the lower side. The Commission therefore, recommends to scrutinize the matter whether applications under RTI Act received by every Public Authority as per procedure of State Government have been uploaded in time or not and Commission also suggests to establish proper mechanism for that. It is also brought to the notice of the State Government by the Commission. Therefore, it is imperative for Public Authorities to upload correct information on a regular basis and to update record. The Commission had drawn attention to this matter in its report for the year 2015-16.

## CHAPTER-5

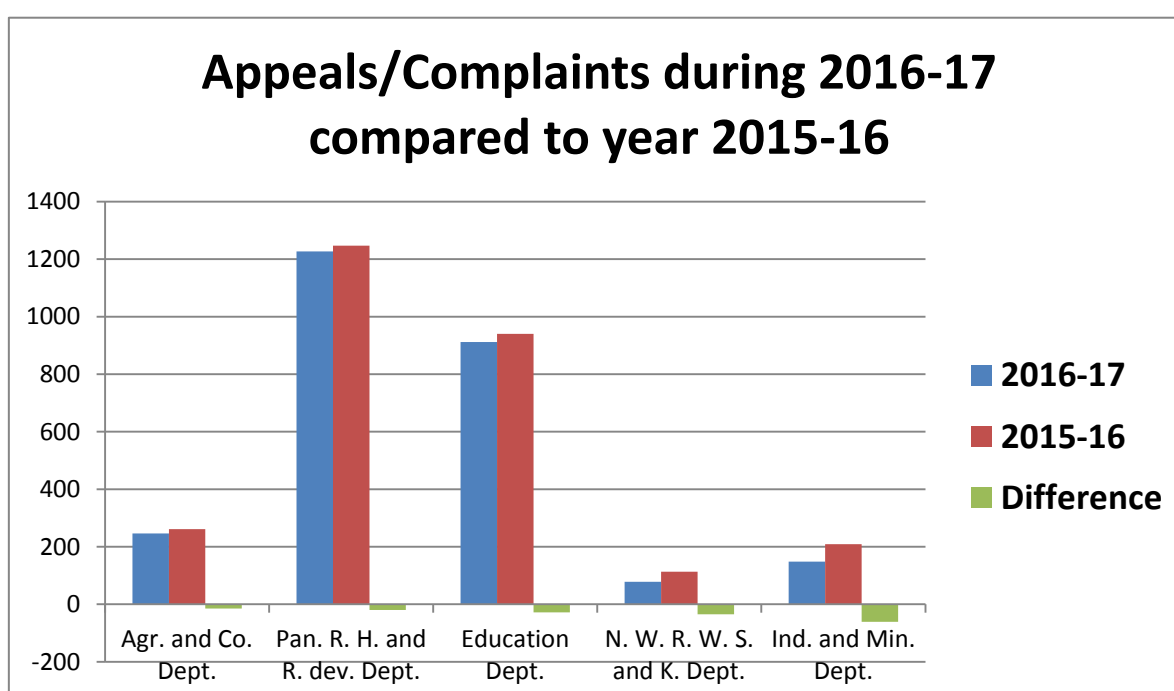
### Comparison of Appeals/Complaints received by the Commission during the last two years.

Details of Comparison of Appeals/Complaints received by the Commission during the last two years is shown in Annexure-2. Upon scrutiny of Appeal/Complaints received during the year 2016-2017 for various Departments, it appears that compared to the year 2015-2016, total number of Appeals/Complaints received during the year 2016-2017 has reduced.

The Second Appeal is made to the Commission when the applicant is dissatisfied with the information/reply given by the Public Information Officers of the Public Authorities and when the First Appeal filed before the Appellate Authority against such a reply is not disposed off by the Appellate Authority within the prescribed time limit or when the applicant is not satisfied with the order of the Appellate Authority. Each Appeal/Complaint is properly scrutinized by the Commission on the merits of Appeal/complaint. Such other Appeals are accepted considering whether it is in context with information sought by Applicant. In the cases where information has not been provided on the basis of record available at office of the Public Authority and with reference to second appeal made by the applicant to the commission when First Appellate Authority has not taken decision regarding second appeal, the Commission, hereby directs to First Appellate Authority to take decision/ dispose off the appeal as per rules.

Thus, Commission is making efforts for quick disposal of the first appeal of the applicant and also that Appellants can avail information. The number of Complaints/ Second Appeals being admitted by the Commission has shown some decline.

Sr. No.	Name of Department	2016-2017	2015-2016	Difference	Increase / Reduction in percentage (%)
1	Agriculture and Cooperation Department	246	261	-15	-5.74
2	Panchayat, Rural Housing and Rural development Department	1227	1247	-20	-1.60
3	Education Department	912	940	-28	-2.98
4	Narmada, water Resources, water supply and Kalpsar Department	78	113	-35	-30.97
5	Industry and Mines Department	148	209	-61	-29.18



## **CHAPTER-6**

### **Video Conference**

Gujarat Information Commission is constantly making efforts for the quicker disposal of pending Appeals/Complaints. For the first time, hearing of Appeals/Complaints through Video Conference was conducted by the Commission in January 2014 on trial basis. Considering the encouraging results, the video conference facility is now being regularly used for the conduct of Appeals/Complaints of various Districts by using the infrastructure facilities available in the Office of the concerned District Collectors.

For the conduct of Appeals/Complaints through Video Conference, the Districts situated far from Gandhinagar are being given preference, as a result of which the applicants as well as the Public Information Officers/Appellate Authorities are not required to travel upto Gandhinagar. They can present their case from the concerned district headquarter. Because of this, there is saving in terms of time and expenditure for the concerned applicants/officials.

Schedule of video conference held during 2016-17 is as follows:

#### **Details of cases of video conference**

<b>No</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Place</b>
1	5-4-2016	Aravalli
2	4-5-2016	Bharuch
3	5-5-2016	Panchmahal
4	8-6-2016	Girsomnath
5	1-7-2016	Mahisagar
6	20-7-2016	Morbi
7	10-8-2016	Kachchh- bhuj
8	29-8-2016	Narmada
9	8-9-2016	Chhotaudepur
10	7-3-2017	valsad

## CHAPTER-7

### Applications rejected by various departments and public authorities during the year 2016-2017:-

Details of RTI applications received and rejected by various Departments and Public authorities are given in Annexure-4. Upon examination of this statement, following conclusions can be drawn:

- (1) As per the statement, the total number of RTI Applications received is 1,36069. This information is downloaded by the Commission from the portal of the Government Website on which data was uploaded by the various Public Authorities.
- (2) Upon examining the details of rejection of applications by various Departments and their Public Authorities, it appears that the overall rate of rejection is 4.06 %. However, the percentage of rejection of applications is high for departments like, Finance (8.21%), Home (8.56%), Health and Family Welfare (14.72%), GAD (10.42%), Legal (5.39%), Gujarat Legislative Assembly(7.69%).However, such decisions taken by the Public Information Officers were taken in view of provisions of Right to Information Act.
- (3) Most of the applications have been rejected under Section 8(1) (e), (j), (d), (g), (h) and (a) and under Sections 9, 11 and 24 of the Right to Information Act-2005.

#### **RTI applications were rejected mainly due to the following reasons:**

➤ **Number of applications rejected under Section 8(1) (j) - 267.**

Information relating to personal life of persons which has no connection with the larger public interest or public activity, or which may cause unnecessary interference in the personal life of the person concerned.

➤ **Number of applications rejected under Section 8(1) (d) -255.**

Information containing commercial confidence, trade secrets or intellectual property, disclosure of which may adversely affect the competitive position of the third party.

➤ **Number of applications rejected under Section 8(1) (h) -215.**

Information which may impede the process of investigation or apprehension or prosecution of offenders.

➤ **Number of applications rejected under Section 8(1) (e) - 198.**

Information available to a person on the basis of good will, trust and faith (fiduciary relationship).

➤ **Number of applications rejected under Section 8(1) (a) -167.**

Information which may adversely affect the sovereignty and unity of India, National Security, Strategic, Scientific or Economic interest, Bilateral relations with a foreign country or which may instigate any offence.

- **Number of applications rejected under Section 8(1) (c) - 36.**  
Information disclosure of which may cause breach of privilege of the Parliament or the State Legislature.
- **Number of applications rejected under Section 8(1) (f) - 59.**  
Information obtained from a foreign Government by winning the confidence of that Government.
- **Number of applications rejected under Section 8(1) (g) - 157.**  
Information which may endanger the life or physical security of any person; or information given confidentially for law enforcement or security purposes.
- **Number of applications rejected under Section 8(1) (i) - 70.**  
Documents relating to the Cabinet including the records of deliberations of the Council of Ministers, Secretaries and other Officers.
- **Number of applications rejected under Section 9-77.**  
Information relating to the breach of copy right.
- **Number of applications rejected under Section 11 - 315.**  
Third Party Information which is protected by Law and for disclosure of which the concerned party has not given consent.
- **Number of applications rejected under Section 24 - 851.**  
Information relating to the intelligence and security organizations specified in Second Schedule of the Act or information provided to the Government by such intelligence and security organizations.

## **CHAPTER-8**

### **Penalty imposed on the Public Information Officers during the year 2016-2017:-**

During the year 2016-2017, total 9366 Appeals/Complaints were disposed off by the Gujarat Information Commission. Out of these, there were 9144 Appeals and 222 Complaints.

During the hearing of these Appeals/Complaints, the Commission had imposed penalty on the Public Information Officers in 152 cases for the breach of provisions of the Right to Information Act-2005. Details of the Public Information Officers upon whom the penalty has been imposed by the Commission during the year 2016-2017 are shown in **Annexure-5**. The total amount of penalty in 152 cases works out to be Rs.876500. Out of these 152 cases, 135 cases were relating to Appeals and the remaining 17 cases were relating to Complaints.

- (2) Thus it becomes clear that, of the total 9144 Appeals disposed off by the Commission during the year 2016-2017, penalty was imposed in 135 cases, i.e. in 1.48% cases. Of the total 222 cases of complaints, penalty was imposed in 17 cases (7.66%).
- (3) With a view that the Right to Information Act-2005 is effectively implemented in the State and the Authority of the Commission is duly acknowledged, it has been suggested to ensure that the amount of penalty is recovered from the concerned officer within a reasonable time i.e. within 3 months from the date of the order of the Commission. Proper monitoring is done at the Commission level to ensure that the compliance of penalty orders is timely made by the concerned Public Information Officers. This issue is also periodically reviewed in the meetings of the full Commission.
- (4) Most of the Appeals/Complaints received by the Commission relate to the work of or services provided by Gram Panchayat/Taluka Panchayat/ District Panchayat/ Municipality/ Municipal Corporation, Police Stations, Offices of District Collectors, Electricity Distribution Companies, District Education Officers/ Universities, etc. Since the general public has day to day transaction with the above organizations, most of the Appeals/Complaints relating to them are received by the Commission due to the shortcomings/defects in their working methods, which arise because of (a) lack of transparency (b) refusal to provide timely services (c) delay in taking action upon complaints (d) unwillingness to take decision (e) lack of initiative in fulfilling responsibilities (f) inadequate response to the problems of citizens.

## **CHAPTER-9**

### **Recommendations and suggestions**

More than one decade has passed since the implementation of the Right to Information Act. During this period, for the proper implementation of the provisions of the Right to Information Act, continuous efforts have been made from the Information Commission and the State Government. Generally, some suggestions are made from the Commission to the state government in the annual report. The objective of such suggestion is to ensure special and effective implementation of the provisions of The Right to Information Act and reach its benefit to the civilians. The Commission had noticed some matters during the year of report and the recommendations have been made to the state Government regarding implementation of the same.

(1) **Regarding prioritization of the Proactive Disclosure under the Right to Information Act-2005.**

The details of Proactive Disclosure given under Section 4(1)(b) of the Right to Information Act-2005 is to be published by Public Authorities and such information is to be updated periodically. It is the responsibility of every Public Authority. It is continuously insisted by the commission to do the same. It is also observed in the judgments of the different Courts to ensure the effective performance in this regard. From time to time, the instructions have been also given by the General Administrative Department(R.T.I.Cell) to all the Departments/Heads of the Departments. Through the circular of the General Administrative Department(R.T.I.Cell) dated 03/10/2013, attention of all the Government departments was drawn to the procedure regarding actions to be taken for the Proactive Disclosure. The matter of implementation of Proactive Disclosure has been reviewed by Chief Commissioner of Information/ Commissioners of Information by holding meetings with Head of the Department or the Offices. During which, it has been noticed that the public authorities neither publish details pertaining to Proactive Disclosure completely in time nor update the details. It will facilitate Public more if public can access updated details of Proactive Disclosure related to every public authority from website easily. The Commission recommends to take necessary action regarding this. In the case where Public Authorities/offices do not have their own websites, they shall have to make arrangement according to the provision of the Act in such a way that public can avail the details easily.

(2) **Regarding Appointment and Training of Public Information Officers/ First Appeal Officers at Public Authorities :**

According to the provisions of the Right to Information Act, every Public Authority has to appoint Public Information Officer/First Appellate Authority. In the circumstances of transfer of Public Information Officer and First Appellate Authority, such a procedure shall be undertaken that this system can be maintained. It has also been suggested by the Commission that the Public information officer should ensure implementation of the order, issued by the First appellate Authority.

Further, the Commission recommends to give instruction to all the departments to send the Public Information Officer and First Appellate Authority in the training classes and refresher courses organised by SPIPA.

- (3) The hearing which is held by the Commission under the Right to Information Act is of quasi-judicial nature. In many cases, the disputant also remain present for the hearing. Therefore, it has been recommended in the previous reports also that Public Information Officer should remain present in hearing of the Commission. If the Public Information Officer is present, the clarification can be made after hearing the presentation made by the disputant regarding the information received and it can be disposed of effectively. Thus, for the convenience of the civilians as well as effective implementation of the Right to Information Act, the Commission recommends to again give instruction again that Public Information Officer must remain present in the hearing of the Commission. The Commission recommends that, when the First Appellate Authority is not present in the hearing of that case, it is required that the officer who is conversant with the details of that case remain present in the hearing on his behalf.

(4) **Regarding the application for getting the information**

The rules are settled vide the notification of the General Administrative Department dated 22/03/2010 for applying under the Right to Information Act. As per these rules, an application can be sent through the electronic media also to the Public Authorities concerned. The citizens who donot possess the attested copy of Below Poverty Line Card, have to pay fee with application as per format A. The citizens can get more facilities, if the provision is put on place to pay online fees through the different options given by General Administration Department for payment of fee. The Commission also recommends to make arrangement for online payment of other charge to be paid for getting information. Such of facilities with the special use of technology to citizens will increase their ease. Therefore, the Commission also recommends to make necessary changes in the rules after consideration. If it is done, the citizens who want to get information will be able to apply easily through electronic media to the Public Authorities and pay fees and other charges easily. The Commission also recommends to include e-mail IDs of the applicant, Public Information Officer and First Appellate Authority as well as relevant amendments (including form) in Gujarat Right to Information Act-2010.

- (5) It is necessary to develop Information Portal for putting in place a specific online facility to apply under this Act to the Public Information Officer and First Appellate Officer of different Public Authorities and offices of the state authorised under Right to Information Act. This will facilitate citizens in making online application and the numbers of applications registered departmentwise and details of their disposal will be available from a single portal which will make it easy to review. The discrepancies noticed in the numbers of registration of applications and numbers submitted in the reports will be avoided. The Commission therefore recommends to make available useful details related to Right to Information Act to the citizens by developing state level portal.



## CHAPTER-10

### **Observations of the Commission regarding the work done during the year 2016-2017:**

#### **(1) Regarding the inconsistency found in applications received by the Public Authorities**

Studying the content of the Appeals and Complaints made to the Commission, it was observed that Public Authorities under most Departments exist mostly at Taluka level and the Public Authorities under the Departments of Panchayat, Education etc. exist even up to the village level. The nature of work of these Departments touches the day to day life of the people at the village level and therefore, many Appeals/Complaints concerning such Departments are made before the Commission. It has been observed by the Commission that, if these Public Authorities involved with the work connected to the day to day life of the people at the village level show less number of receipt of RTI applications, the genuineness of the number of applications received may naturally be questioned.

The Commission has studied details uploaded by the following eight departments:-

(1) Agriculture and Co-operation Department[1458], (2) Education Department[3576], (3) Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department [463](4)Health and Family Welfare Department[2303] (5)Narmada, Water Resources, Water Supply and Kalpsar Department[2712], (6) Panchayat, Rural Housing and Rural Development Department [178],(7) Social Justice and Empowerment Department [888], (8) Tribal Development Department[249].

As the functions of the above Departments, especially those of the Panchayat Department, are closely connected with the people right down to the village level, the concerned Talati-cum-Mantri of every village panchayat has been appointed as the Public Information Officer. Under these circumstances, when the Panchayat Department(including its Public Authorities), whose functions touch the lives of people in more than 18000 villages of the State, reports a total receipt of 178 RTI applications in the whole year, the same is liable for re-checking. It appears from the information submitted that the Public Authorities under this Department had received 1399 application during the last year.

Similarly, when there are more than 43900 primary schools and more than 16,000 Secondary and Higher Secondary Schools in the entire State, the total number of 3576 applications received by all the Public Authorities under the Education Department also does not give the true picture prima facie.

The Commission strongly feels that there is under reporting by these Departments. The commission takes serious note of the same and therefore, the Commission calls upon these Departments to take all necessary steps with utmost sincerity to rectify the omissions and mistakes.

### **(2) Regarding the classification of record of the Public Authorities**

On analysing the applications/complaints submitted to the Commission, it is observed that in a number of cases, the Public Information Officers tell the applicants that “Record is not available” in respect of the information demanded under the application of format ‘A’. This reply is repeated at the time of hearing of Appeals/Complaints. The Commission feels that if the Public Authorities classify their records appropriately and take care to maintain/preserve them, they can carry out their functions smoothly and also give the required information to the RTI applicants easily.

### **(3) Regarding the work and training of the Appellate Authority**

During the hearing of the Complaints/Appeals by the Commission, it has been noticed that in many cases the First Appellate Authorities pass orders without properly studying the Format ‘A’, directs to provide the information even though the information which is demanded may not relate to his/her own Public Authority. As a result, the applicant has to make another appeal to the Commission and during the hearing of this application, the Public Information Officer concerned informs that the information which is demanded does not relate to the concerned Public Authority. The Commission recommends that the decision should be taken only after proper study of Format ‘A’ by the First Appellate Authority and keeping in view the details submitted by Public Information Officer. In this circumstances, the Commission insists to all First Appellate Authorities of the State to perform their duties and responsibilities under the Right to Information Act-2005 with utmost care and seriousness.

## **CHAPTER-11**

### **SUMMARY OF THE REPORT IS AS UNDER**

- (1) During the year 2016-2017(April to March), fund of Rs.434.75 lakhs was allotted to the Commission under the Non Plan (Voted) Head.
- (2) During the year 2016-2017, total 7462 Appeals/Complaints were received by the Commission, out of which Appeals under Section-19 were 7005 [93.88%] and Complaints under Section-18 were 457[6.12%]. These applications were relating to the various Departments of the Government and Public Authorities under them. During the year 2015-2016, total 8449 Appeals/Complaints were received by the Commission.
- (3) During the year 2016-2017, total 9366 Cases were disposed by the Commission which includes 9144 Appeals[97.63%] and 222 Complaints [2.37%].
- (4) The Commission had imposed penalty upon the Public Information Officers in total 152 cases. The total amount of penalty in 152 cases works out to be Rs.876500. Out of these 152 cases,135 cases were relating to Appeals and the remaining 17 cases were relating to the Complaints.
- (5) During the year 2016-2017, various Departments of the Government and the Public Authorities working under them received 1,36,069 applications requesting for information under the Right to Information Act. Out of these, 3098 applications were received by the Departments directly and the remaining 132971 applications were received by the Public Authorities working under them.
- (6) Upon analysis of the RTI applications received by the various Departments and Public Authorities, it appears that 10 Departments and their Public Authorities received 122700 applications during the year. The percentage of applications received by these Departments/Public Authorities comes to 90.17% of total applications received. These Departments include Port, Transport and Fisheries Department [0.78%], Revenue Department [22.47%], Urban Development and Urban Housing Department [25.35%], Education Department [2.63%], Narmada, Water Resources, Water Supply and Kalpsar Department [1.99%], Health and Family Welfare Department [1.69%], Home Department [24.78%], Energy and Petrochemicals Department [5.58%], Legal department (2.93%) and Forest and Environment Department [1.97%].
- (7) Upon analyzing the data of rejection of applications received by various Departments and their Public Authorities, it appears that the overall rate of rejection is 4.06%. However, the percentage of rejection of applications is higher for departments like (1)Health and Family Welfare Department (14.72%), (2)General Administration Department(10.42%)(3)Home Department (08.56%), (4) Finance Department (08.21%), and (5)Gujarat Legislative Assembly Secretariate Department (7.69%).

- (8) Most of the applications have been rejected under Section 8(1) (a), (d), (e), (g), (h), (j) and under Sections 9, 11 and 24 of the Right to Information Act-2005.
- (9) During the year 2015-2016, the Departments of the Government and the Public Authorities under them had received total 152097 applications under the Right to Information Act. In the report, during the year 2016-2017, total 136069 Applications/Appeals were received by Public Authorities. Thus in comparison to the previous year, there has been reduction of 16028 applications.

While preparing the present report, the main constraint faced by the Commission relates to the non-availability of the authentic data with regard to the work done by the various departments for implementation of the Right to Information Act. It is necessary to furnish correct information timely for the interest of all, so that the Commission can reflect the department works appropriately. The Commission has relied upon the information uploaded on the Gujarat State R.T.I. Annual Return Information System developed by the Government.

If, there is any discrepancy in statistical data, in that case, the details shown on the link of NIC on the website of the Government of Gujarat, i.e. GSWAN or on the website of the Gujarat Information Commission, i.e. <http://gic.gujarat.gov.in> should be considered authentic.

## **CHAPTER-12**

### **Information available on the website of Gujarat information commission**

- (1) The official website of the Commission is <http://gic.gujarat.gov.in>.
- (2) Using this website, any citizen can access the provisions of the Right to Information Act and the Rules framed under the said law. Moreover, facility of free download is available on the website for any citizen.
- (3) Important Circulars issued by the Commission and the General Administration Department (RTI Cell) can be downloaded and printed.
- (4) An officer has been appointed as Public Relations Officer by the Commission, from whom the basic information of the Commission can be obtained. The name and contact number of the Public Relations Officer are placed on the website.
- (5) Pro-active Disclosure made by the Commission as required under the Right to Information Act-2005, can be seen through the website.
- (6) The Commission publishes its Annual Report every year. All the Annual Reports published till date are available on the website.
- (7) Certain important and useful forms can be accessed through the website of the Commission and the same can also be downloaded and printed. These are as under.

Specimen – A	Specimen of the application to be made by the Applicant for seeking information.
Specimen – B	Specimen of the letter meant to inform the applicant about the fees for documents and charges to be deposited.
Specimen – C	Regarding to give information to the applicant / or refusal of the same.
Specimen – D	Transfer of application concerning other public authority.
Specimen – E	Specimen of First Appeal.
Specimen	Second Appeal/Complaint form.
Specimen	Specimen of Undertaking while filing Second Appeal / Complaint.

- (8) Citizens and even employees associated with the work of the RTI Act do have various queries. For this purpose, FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) has been made available on the website of the Commission and efforts are being made by the Commission to update and upgrade this queries.
- (9) Certain important judgments relating to the Right to Information Act-2005 delivered by the Hon'ble Supreme Court and Hon'ble High Courts are available on the Learning Resource Page.

- (10) Details of the current and former Commissioners of the Commission are available on the website.
- (11) Anyone, who is aggrieved with the order of the First Appellate Authority, can prefer a Second Appeal before the Commission. A form suggested by the Commission for making the Second Appeal can be filled up on line and sent to the Commission. Along with this form, other necessary documents such as form–A submitted to the PIO, PIO’s reply, First Appeal, Order/Reply regarding First Appeal, etc. can be attached. Thus, an application for the Second appeal can be made online to the Commission.
- (12) The Applicants and Public Information Officers are generally interested to know the latest status of the concerned case. The current status of any case can be seen through the ‘Case Status’ available on the website of the Commission.
- (13) Copy of the judgment delivered by the Commission in an Appeal/Complaint is made available on the website after seven days from the date of judgment.
- (14) ‘Cause List’ for any particular date can be seen on the website. Any Public Information Officer or Appellant can see the details online 21 days before the date of hearing of the case.

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## ANNEXURE - 1

### Statement showing Department-wise Appeals and Complaints received by the Commission during 2016-17

<i>Sr. No.</i>	<i>Department</i>	<i>Appeals</i>	<i>Complaints</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>%age share</i>
1.	Revenue Department	1309	62	1371	18.37
2.	Panchayat, Rural Housing & Rural Department	1194	33	1227	16.44
3.	Urban Development & Urban Housing Department	1053	42	1095	14.67
4.	Education Department	861	51	912	12.22
5.	Home Department	534	44	578	7.75
6.	Agriculture & Co-operation Department	227	19	246	3.30
7.	Energy & Petrochemicals Department	179	10	189	2.53
8.	Finance Department	050	08	58	0.78
9.	Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department	037	02	39	0.52
10.	Forests & Environment Department	113	03	116	1.55
11.	General Administration Department	181	40	221	2.97
12.	Health & Family Welfare Department	338	98	436	5.84
13.	Industries & Mines Department	142	06	148	1.98
14.	Information & Broadcasting Department	009	01	010	0.13
15.	Labor & Employment Department	058	05	63	0.84
16.	Legal Department	170	14	184	2.47

<i>Sr. No.</i>	<i>Department</i>	<i>Appeals</i>	<i>Complaints</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>%age share</i>
17.	Legislative & Parliamentary Affairs Department	000	00	000	00
18.	Narmada, Water Resources, Water Supply and Kalpasar Department	075	03	078	1.05
19.	Ports and Transport Department	160	04	164	2.20
20.	Roads & Building Department	110	07	117	1.57
21.	Science & Technology Department	004	00	004	0.05
22.	Social Justice & Empowerment Department	070	03	073	0.98
23.	Sports, Youth & Cultural Activities Department	020	01	021	0.28
24.	Tribal Development Department	031	00	031	0.42
25.	Women & Child Development Department	026	00	026	0.35
26.	Central Info. Commission (Govt. of India)	045	01	46	0.62
27.	Climate Change Department	000	00	000	000
28.	Legislative Assembly Secretariat	002	00	002	0.03
29.	Governor house	000	00	000	000
30.	Others (other Departments and other State Information Commission )	007	00	007	0.09
	<b>Total</b>	<b>7005</b>	<b>457</b>	<b>7462</b>	<b>100</b>



## ANNEXURE – 2

### Comparative statement of Appeals/Complaints received by the commission during the last two years

Sr. No.	Name of Department	2016 - 2017	2015-2016	Difference	Increase Decrease of %
1.	Agriculture & Co-operation Department	246	261	-15	-1.51
2.	Education Department	912	940	-28	-2.84
3.	Energy & Petrochemicals Department	189	250	-61	-6.18
4.	Finance Department	58	72	-14	-1.42
5.	Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department	039	72	-33	-3.34
6.	Forests & Environment Department	116	132	-16	-1.62
7.	General Administration Department	221	189	+32	+3.24
8.	Health & Family Welfare Department	436	388	+48	+4.86
9.	Home Department	578	667	-89	-9.0
10.	Industries & Mines Department	148	209	-61	-6.18
11.	Information & Broadcasting Department	010	05	+05	+0.5
12.	Labor & Employment Department	063	51	+12	+1.22
13.	Legal Department	184	168	+16	+1.62
14.	Legislative & Parliamentary Affairs Department	000	000	000	0.00
15.	Narmada, Water Resources, Water Supply and Kalpasar Department	078	113	-35	-3.55

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Name of Department</b>	<b>2016 - 2017</b>	<b>2015-2016</b>	<b>Difference</b>	<b>Increase Decrease of %</b>
16.	Panchayat, Rural Housing and Rural Development Department	1227	1247	-20	-2.00
17.	Ports and Transport Department	164	197	-33	-3.34
18.	Revenue Department	1371	1631	-260	-26.34
19.	Roads & Building Department	117	126	-09	-0.91
20.	Science & Technology Department	004	00	+04	+0.40
21.	Social Justice & Empowerment Department	073	48	+25	+2.53
22.	Sports, Youth & Cultural Activities Department	021	20	+01	+0.10
23.	Tribal Development Department	031	20	+11	+1.11
24.	Urban Development & Urban Housing Department	1095	1520	-425	-43.0
25.	Women & Child Development Department	026	34	-08	-0.81
26.	Climate Change Department	000	01	-01	-0.10
27.	Central Info. Commission	046	84	-38	-3.85
28.	Governor house	000	00	000	0.00
29.	Legislative Assembly Secretariat	002	00	+02	+0.20
30.	Others(other Departments and other State Information Commission )	007	05	+02	0.20
	<b>Total</b>	<b>7462</b>	<b>8449</b>	<b>-987</b>	<b>57.02</b>

## ANNEXURE – 3

### Details of applications received by all Departments and Public Authorities of the State during 2016-17

Sr. No.	Name of Department	Applications received			
		Department	public Authorities	Total	% age
1.	Agriculture & Cooperation Department	004	1454	1458	1.07
2.	Education Department	000	3576	3576	2.63
3.	Energy & Petrochemicals Department	000	7595	7595	5.58
4.	Finance Department	521	1707	2228	1.64
5.	Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department	000	0463	0463	0.34
6.	Forest & Environment Department	180	2503	2683	1.97
7.	General Administration Department	000	2284	2284	1.68
8.	Health & Family Welfare Department	200	2103	2303	1.69
9.	Home Department	970	32740	33710	24.77
10.	Industries & Mines Department	000	973	0973	0.72
11.	Information & Broadcasting Department	000	207	207	0.15
12.	Labor & Employment Department	125	1707	1832	1.35
13.	Legal Department	000	3987	3987	2.93
14.	Legislative & Parliamentary Affairs Department	049	000	049	0.04
15.	Narmada, Water Resources, Water Supply & Kalpasar Department	014	2698	2712	1.99
16.	Panchayat, Rural Housing & Rural Development Department	000	178	178	0.13

<i>Sr. No.</i>	<i>Name of Department</i>	<i>Applications received</i>			
		<i>Department</i>	<i>public Authorities</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>% age</i>
17.	Ports & Transport Department	120	940	1020	0.78
18.	Revenue Department	748	29828	30576	22.47
19.	Roads & Building Department	000	2215	2215	1.63
20.	Science & Technology Department	024	031	055	0.04
21.	Social Justice & Empowerment Department	000	888	888	0.65
22.	Sports, Youth & Cultural Activities Department	038	135	173	0.13
23.	Tribal Development Department	000	249	249	0.18
24.	Urban Development & Urban Housing Department	000	34498	34498	25.35
25.	Women & Child Development Department	000	012	012	0.01
26.	Climate Change Department	001	000	001	0.00
27.	Gujarat Legislative Assembly Secretariat	104	000	104	0.08
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3098</b>	<b>132971</b>	<b>136069</b>	<b>100</b>

## ANNEXURE-4

### Details of Rejection applications by different departments during 2016-17

Sr. No.	The Integrated details of Public Authority under Department	No. of Applications received	Decision to reject information Applications	How many times of various provisions used for rejecting the applications													
				Relevant provisions of Right to Information Act, 2005													
				Section-8 (1)										Other Sections			
				a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	I	j	9	11	24	Other
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)
1.	Revenue Department	30576	1122 (3.67%)	40	0	0	36	0	20	13	28	44	28	4	16	65	869
2.	Panchayat, Rural Housing & Rural Development Department	178	0 (0%)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3.	Agriculture & Cooperation Department	1458	20 (1.37%)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	18
4.	General Administration Department	2284	238 (10.42%)	0	0	0	47	56	0	24	1	0	12	0	3	0	301
5.	Finance Department	2228	183 (8.21%)	21	1	14	24	2	0	15	4	0	34	0	32	0	154
6.	Home Department	33710	2884 (8.56%)	81	0	3	37	12	25	37	136	1	42	12	37	766	1731
7.	Urban Development. & Urban House Department	34498	143 (0.41%)	0	0	2	0	1	0	2	3	8	49	0	25	0	62
8.	Legislative & Parliamentary Affairs Department	49	0 (0%)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Sr. No.	The Integrated details of Public Authority under Department	No. of Applications received	Decision to reject information Applications	How many times of various provisions used for rejecting the applications													
				Relevant provisions of Right to Information Act, 2005													
				Section-8 (1)										Other Sections			
				a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	I	j	9	11	24	Other
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)
9.	Social Justice & Empowerment Department	888	9 (1.01%)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
10.	Roads & Buildings Department	2215	7 (0.32%)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
11.	Science & Technology Department	55	0 (0%)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12.	Ports & Transport Department	1060	3 (0.28%)	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	12	1	4	0	0	0	0
13.	Narmada, Water Resources, Water Supply & Kalpasar Department	2712	48 (1.77%)	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	865
14.	Health & Family Welfare Department	2303	339 (14.72%)	0	0	0	2	9	0	40	9	0	4	2	134	0	173
15.	Industries & Mines Department	973	3 (0.31%)	11	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	0	13
16.	Information & Broadcasting Department	207	0 (0%)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17.	Labour & Employment Department	1832	4 (0.22%)	12	8	16	14	18	14	20	10	13	17	21	23	14	153
18.	Legal Department	3987	215 (5.39%)	1	8	0	58	94	0	0	0	0	22	0	1	0	406

Sr. No.	The Integrated details of Public Authority under Department	No. of Applications received	Decision to reject information Applications	How many times of various provisions used for rejecting the applications													
				Relevant provisions of Right to Information Act, 2005													
				Section-8 (1)										Other Sections			
				a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	I	j	9	11	24	Other
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)
19.	Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department	463	6 (1.3%)	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
20.	Forest & Environment Department	2683	61 (2.27%)	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	1	4	3	4	0	43
21.	Education Department	3576	135 (3.78%)	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	20	7	4	6	147
22.	Energy & Petrochemicals Department	7595	99 (1.3%)	0	0	1	20	4	0	0	6	0	13	26	33	0	42
23.	Sports, Youth & Cultural Activities Department	173	1 (0.58%)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
24.	Women & Child Development Department	12	0 (0 %)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25.	Tribal Development Department	249	0 (0%)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	17	0	0	0	10
26.	Climate Change Department	1	0 (0%)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
27.	Gujarat Legislative Assembly secretariat	104	8 (7.69%)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
	<b>Total</b>	<b>136069</b>	<b>5528 (4.06%)</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>851</b>	<b>5016</b>

## ANNEXURE – 5

**Details of Statement showing penal actions imposed by the Commission on the Public Information Officers during the year 2016-2017**

Sr. No.	Appeal / Comp No.	Date of Order	Appellant/Complainant	Respondent	Amount Of Penalty
1	A-2992- 2014	1/04/2016	Shri Rajeshkumar Ratilal Chavada.	Shri D.D. Shrimali Public Information Officer & Chief officer, Thasara Municipality, Kheda.	Rs.2500/-
2	A-3670- 2014	01/04/2016	Shri Nitin Chandrakant Dave.	Shri Darshanaben Rank Public Information Officer & Assistant Town Planner, Ahmedabad Urban development Board of authority, Ahmedabad	Rs.5000/-
3	A-2545-11-12	04/04/2016	Shri Gabhabhai Ashabha Manek.	Shri N.B. Chavada Public Information Officer & Mamlatdar, Devbhoomi Dwaraka.	Rs.5000/-
4	A-4171-2014	13/04/2016	Shri Ranchhodbhai Vestabhai Vankar.	Shri Jayantibhai Pramr Public Information Officer & Talati-Cum-Mantri, Nasvadi Juth Gram Panchayat, Nasvadi, Dist.Chhota Udepur	Rs.10,000/-
5	A-5190-2014	19/04/2016	Shri Vikas J. Kharchikar.	Shri Prashant Yadav Public Information Officer & Deputy Executive Engineer, Vadodara Municipal Corporation, Vadodara.	Rs.15,000/-
6	A-1034-2014	21/04/2016	Shri Rasikbhai Naranbhai Patel.	Shri D.P. Amin. Public Information Officer & Regional Manager, Gujarat State Financial Corporation, Gandhinagar.	Rs.5,000/-
7	A-3801-2014	22/04/2016	Shri Vishnukumar M. Vyas	Shri I.G. Shekh. Public Information Officer & Deputy Superintendent of Police, Office of Superintendent of Police, Bhavnagar.	Rs.5,000/-



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8	A-5241-2014	22/04/2016	Shri Tejashbhai Sureshbhai Trivedi	Shri A.R. Parmar. Public Information Officer & District Primary Education Officer, Office of the Taluka Panchayat, Botad.	Rs. 5,000/-
9	A-2672-2014	26/04/2016	Dr. Dipti H. Maheta.	Shri Prabodhkant D. Pandya. Public Information Officer & Principal N.C. Bodivala Commerce Collage, Ahmedabad.	Rs.15,000/-
10	A-2674-2014	26/04/2016	Dr. Dipti H. Maheta.	Shri Prabodhkant D. Pandya. Public Information Officer & Principal N.C. Bodivala Commerce Collage, Ahmedabad.	Rs.10,000/-
11	A-5386-2014	28/04/2016	Shri Sanjaybhai Labhubhai Mahera.	Shri Rajiv P. Shah. Public Information Officer, Government Science Collage, Tapi.	Rs.2,000/-
12	A-3187-2014	30/04/2016	SuShri Anupama Jaykishanbhai Mochi (Chauhan).	Shri J.R. Parmar. Public Information Officer & Talati-Cum-Mantri, Nasvadi juth Gram panchayat, Nasvadi, Dist. Chhota Udepur.	Rs.10,000/-
13	A-3188-2014	30/04/2016	SuShri Anupama Jaykishanbhai Mochi (Chauhan).	Shri J.R. Parmar. Public Information Officer & Talati- Cum -Mantri, Nasvadi juth Gram panchayat, Nasvadi, Dist. Chhota Udepur.	Rs.10,000/-
14	A-3196 / 2014	30/04/2016	SuShri Anupama Jaykishanbhai Mochi (Chauhan).	Shri J.R. Parmar. Public Information Officer & Talati- Cum- Mantri, Nasvadi juth Gram panchayat, Nasvadi, Dist. Chhota Udepur.	Rs.10,000/-
15	A-0586-2013	04/05/2016	Shri Vajiranbibi Habibkhan Pathan.	Shri P.P. Parikh. Public Information Officer & Chief Officer, Municipal Borasad, Anand. .	Rs. 5,000/-
16	A-7036-2013	06/05/2016	Shri Khushal R. Varma.	Shri Nayat Gameti Public Information Officer & Assistance Manager, (Administration), Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation, Ahmedabad.	Rs. 5,000/-

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17	A-0274-2014	06/05/2016	Shri Shabbir Mohammd Ali	Shri N.F. Vasava Public Information Officer & Mamlatdar, Dahod.	Rs.5,000/-
18	A-5706-2014	10/05/201	Shri Valjibhai Hiralal Patel.	Shri H.M. Solanaki Public Information Officer & Mamlatdar, Ahmedabad.	Rs.10,000/-
19	A-4353-2014	11/05/2016	Shri Pratapsinh Karubha pinagal	Shri B.S. Chauhan Public Information Officer & Talati- Cum- Mantri Gram Panchayat Office, Vadala, Kutch.	Rs. 5,000/-
20	F-0016-2013	11/05/2016	Shri Vajiranbibi Hbibkhan Pathan	Shri P.P. Parikh Public Information Officer & Chief Officer, Municipal Borasad, Borsad, Dist. Anand.	Rs.5,000/-
21	A-3285-2014	11/05/2016	Shri Yakub A. Hakim Damadi.	Shri N.F. Vasava Public Information Officer & Mamlatdar, Dahod.	Rs. 5,000/-
22	A-7818-2013	11/05/2016	Shri Dharmendra M. Rana.	Shri R.R. Borad Public Information Officer & Mamlatdar, Rajkot.	Rs. 3,000/-
23	A-6949-2013	12/05/2016	Shri Jitesh G. Amin	Shri R.R. Borad Public Information Officer & Mamlatdar, Rajkot.	Rs. 4,000/-
24	A-5828-2014	12/05/2016	Shri Rajesh Nanjibhai Soghrava	Shri Y. C. Patel. Public Information Officer & (& Deputy Engineer (B), Surat Municipal Corporation, Surat.	Rs.15,000/-
25	A-14209-2012	12/05/2016	Shri Mahendra A. Braham Bhatt	Shri N.L. Patel. Public Information Officer & (& Deputy Engineer, Surat Municipal Corporation, Surat.	Rs. 5,000/-
26	A-0690-2013	12/05/2016	Shri Khemchand Chuvadmal Valera.	Shri V.M. Shethvala. Public Information Officer & Under Secretary (Credit), Agriculture & Co-operation Department, Secretariat, Gandhinagar.	Rs. 2,000/-

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27	A-5849-2014	13/05/2016	SuShri Jivuben Karamanbhai Chavada	Shri P.C. Dave. Public Information Officer & Mamlatdar, Office of Mamlatdar, Ahmedabad.	Rs.10,000/-
28	A-5928-2014	17/05/2016	Shri Rakesh Jashvantlal Modi.	Shri R.B. Dhruva Public Information Officer & Assistance Geologist, Office of Geologist, Kheda.	Rs.5000/-
29	A-5929-2014	17/05/2016	Shri Rakesh Jashvantlal Modi	Shri R.B. Dhruva Public Information Officer & Assistance Geologist, Office of Geologist, Kheda.	Rs. 5,000/-
30	A-6867-2014	26/05/2016	Shri Pravin Kumar Vallabhbhai Patel.	Shri N. D. Patel. Public Information Officer & Additional Chief Engineer (P), South Gujarat Electricity Company Limited, Surat.	Rs.10,000/-
31	A-6907-2014	27/05/2016	Shri Bhupatbhai Dunagarbhai Solanki.	Shri M.M. Ganasava Public Information Officer & Public Relation Officer, Office of Collector, Surendranagar.	Rs.5,000/-
32	A-6912-2014	27/05/2016	Shri K.M. Odedara.	Shri S.M. Rajvadi Public Information Officer & Chitnis to Collector, Office of Collector, Surat.	Rs.5,000/-
33	A-6913-2014	27/05/2016	Shri K.M. Odedara.	Shri S.M. Rajvadi Public Information Officer & Chitnis to Collector, Office o	Rs.2,500/-
34	A-6967-2014	27/05/2016	Shri K.M. Odedara.	Shri S.M. Rajvadi Public Information Officer & Chitnis to Collector, Office of Collector, Surat.	Rs.2,500/-
35	A-7446-2014	01/06/2016	Shri A. Sattar A. Majid Khelifa	Shri R.U. Mansuri Public Information Officer & Principal, Makhdam Higher Secondary School, Aravalli.	Rs. 3000/-
36	A-7445-2014	02/06/2016	Shri Parsotambhai Khushalbhairathod.	Shri G.R. Saraiya Public Information Officer & Chief Officer, Limbadi Municipality, Surendranagar.	Rs. 3000/-

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37	A-7451-2014	03/06/2016	Shri Nanji Haribhai Mackvana	Shri L. J. Parmar. Public Information Officer & Police Inspector, A. Division Police Station, Rajkot.	Rs.10,000/-
38	A-7837-2014	07/06/2016	Shri Harshadbhai B. Patel	Shri J.D. Rathod. Public Information Officer & Talati-cum-Mantri, Office of Karbatiya Gram Panchayat, Mahesana.	Rs.10,000/-
39	C-0028-2015	08/06/2016	Shri Anand Chimanbhai Joshi	Shri J.B. Soni Public Information Officer & Chief Officer, Talala Municipality, Talala, Dist. Gir Samantha.	Rs. 2,000/-
40	A-8324-2014	10/06/2016	Shri Kirit Rathod.	Shri B.U. Vader Public Information Officer & Mamlatdar, Office of Mamlatdar, Ahmedabad	Rs. 5,000/-
41	A-8335-2014	10/06/2016	Shri Arjunbhai Manibhai Thanki.	Shri J. J. Min Public Information Officer & City Talati, Office of Arambhada Gram Panchayat, Devmhumli Dwaraka	Rs.10,000/-
42	A-0081-2015	22/06/2016	Shri Manharlal Punamchand Bhojak.	Shri Ashvinbhai Pandya Public Information Officer & Assistance Taluka Development Officer, Office of taluka Panchayat Patan.	Rs.10,000/-
43	A-0045-2015	23/06/2016	Shri Minesh S. Parmar	Shri Dilipbhai P. Chauhan Public Information Officer & Talati-cum-Mantri, Office of Pachhiyapura, Vadodara.	Rs.5,000/-
44	A-0152-2015	24/06/2016	Shri Pravinbhai Hirabhai Parmar	Shri Rajendra Kumar C. Mahajan Public Information Officer & Chitnis to Collector, Office of Collector, Panchmahal.	Rs.10,000/-
45	A-1827-2013	29/06/2016	Shri Parsottambhai Gagajibhai Chauhan	Shri P.V. Saijval Public Information Officer & Mamlatdar, Office of Mamlatdar, Surendranagar.	Rs.10,000/-
46	A-5105-2014	08/07/2016	Shri Sufiyana Banu Jiyauddin Shekh.	Shri R. J. Rathva Public Information Officer & Talati-cum-Mantri, Office of, Bhil Boriyad Gram Panchayat, Chhota Udepur.	Rs. 5,000/-

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47	A-5059-2014	08/07/2016	Shri Javed Akhtar Said Miya	Shri R. J. Rathva Public Information Officer & Talati-cum-Mantri, Office of, Bhil Boriyad Gram Panchayat, Chhota Udepur.	Rs.2,000/-
48	A-4925-2014	08/07/2016	Shri Dahyabhai Valjibhai Chavda	Shri D.V. Vyas Public Information Officer & Talati-cum-Mantri, Dhoda Gram Panchayat, Bhavnagar.	Rs. 5,000/-
49	A-0409-2015	13/07/2016	Shri Narendrabhai Kanjibhai Joshi	Shri I.R. Parmar Public Information Officer & Mamlatdar, Office of Mamlatdar, Junagadh.	Rs. 5,000/-
50	A-0526-2015	15/07/2016	Shri Pravin Kumar Shankarlal Patel	Shri Vishnubhai N. Parekh Public Information Officer & Principal, Motiba High School, Ahmedabad.	Rs. 3,000/-
51	C-0097-2015	15/07/2016	Shri Jayntilal Muljibhai Mistry	Shri Rana Bharat D. Public Information Officer & Deputy Executive Engineer, Vadodara.	Rs. 5,000/-
52	C-0154-2015	15/07/2016	Shri Sharadbhai J. Patel.	Shri B.N. Desai Public Information Officer & Zonal Forest Officer, Office of Zonal Forest Officer, Gandhinagar.	Rs. 5,000/-
53	C-0055-2015	19-07-2016	Shri Sapnesh Rajendra Kumar Shah	Shri D.K. Vyas Public Information Officer & Chief Officer, Shahera Municipality, Shahera, Dist. Panchmahal.	Rs. 3,000/-
54	C-0062-2015	19/07/2016	Shri Jayntilal Mulajibhai Mistry	Shri Keyur Thakkar Public Information Officer & Deputy Executive Engineer, Vadodara Municipal Corporation, Vadodara.	Rs. 5,000/-
55	C-0045-2015	19/07/2016	Shri Pavan Bhalchandra Panchal	Shri M.M. Ganguli Public Information Officer & Police Inspector, Bopal Police Station, Ahmedabad.	Rs. 5,000/-
56	C-0061-2015	20/07/2016	SuShri Champaben Harilal Chheda	Shri Prakash Pithliya Public Information Officer & Junior Town Planner, Bhachau Area Development Authority, Bhachau, Dist. Kutch.	Rs. 3,000/-

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57	A-3982-2014	20/07/2016	Shri Leeladhar P. Bhatt	Shri T.P. Parmar Public Information Officer & Assistance (General), Gujarat Agro Industry Corporation Limited, Gandhinagar.	Rs. 5,000/-
58	A-3190-2014	21/07/2016	SuShri Shakuntala Jaykishan Mochi (Chauhan)	Shri J.R. Parmar Public Information Officer & Talati- Cum- Mantri, Nasvadi juth Gram panchayat, Nasvadi, Dist. Chhota Udepur.	Rs. 5,000/-
59	A-3191-2014	21/07/2016	SuShri Shakuntala Jaykishan Mochi (Chauhan)	Shri J.R. Parmar Public Information Officer & Talati- Cum- Mantri, Nasvadi juth Gram panchayat, Nasvadi, Dist. Chhota Udepur.	Rs.5,000/-
60	A-3192-2014	21/07/2016	SuShri Shakuntala Jaykishan Mochi (Chauhan)	Shri J.R. Parmar Public Information Officer & Talati- Cum- Mantri, Nasvadi juth Gram panchayat, Nasvadi, Dist. Chhota Udepur.	Rs.5,000/-
61	A-3193-2014	21/07/2016	SuShri Shakuntala Jaykishan Mochi (Chauhan)	Shri J.R. Parmar Public Information Officer & Talati- Cum- Mantri, Nasvadi juth Gram panchayat, Nasvadi, Dist. Chhota Udepur.	Rs.5,000/-
62	A-3194-2014	21/07/2016	SuShri Shakuntala Jaykishan Mochi (Chauhan)	Shri J.R. Parmar Public Information Officer & Talati- Cum- Mantri, Nasvadi juth Gram panchayat, Nasvadi, Dist. Chhota udepur.	Rs.5,000/-
63	A-3195-2014	21/07/2016	SuShri Shakuntala Jaykishan Mochi (Chauhan)	Shri J.R. Parmar Public Information Officer & Talati- Cum- Mantri, Nasvadi juth Gram panchayat, Nasvadi, Dist. Chhota udepur.	Rs.5,000/-
64	C-0044-2015	22/07/2016	Shri Pavan Bhalchandra Panchal	Shri Maheshdan Gadhavi Public Information Officer & Talati- Cum- Mantri, Bopal Gram Panchayat, Ahmedabad.	Rs. 5,000/-
65	A-4769-2014	22/07/2016	Shri Leeladhar P. Bhatt	Shri T.P. Parmar Public Information Officer & Assistance (General), Gujarat Agro Industry Corporation Limited, Gandhinagar.	Rs. 5,000/-

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66	A-1554-2013	22/07/2016	Shri Jivanlal Chunilal Shah	4. Shri N.B. Pandya Public Information Officer & Co-Operative Officer, (Gred-1), Director, Agriculture Market & Office of the Rural Economy, Gandhinagar.	Rs.10,000/-
67	A-0729-2015	25/07/2016	Shri Laxmanbhai Kadvabhai Solanki	Shri A. M. Jivani Public Information Officer & Deputy Engineer, West Gujarat Electric Company Limited, Rajkot.	Rs. 5,000/-
68	A-0668-2015	25/07/2016	Shri Tejas B. Solat	Sister Filomina Lobo Public Information Officer & Principal, Okizliyum Convent School, Vadodara.	Rs. 5,000/-
69	A-1582-2014	28/07/2016	Dr. Dipti H. Maheta	Shri P.D. Pandya Public Information Officer & Managing trustee, N.C. Bodiwala Commerce Collage, Ahmedabad.	Rs.10,000/-
70	A-0721-2015	28/07/2016	SuShri Damyantiben Chandubhai Solanki	Shri B.H. Bimavat Public Information Officer & Deputy Dist. Primary Education Officer, Surat.	Rs.10,000/-
71	A-0722-2015	28/07/2016	SuShri Damyantiben Chandubhai Solanki	Shri B.H. Bimavat Public Information Officer & Deputy Dist. Primary Education Officer, District Panchayat, Surat.	Rs.7,500/-
72	A-0720-2015	28/07/2016	Shri Sunil Harishbhai Chauhan	Shri B.H. Bimavat Public Information Officer & Deputy Dist. Primary Education Officer, District Panchayat, Surat.	Rs.5,000/-
73	C-0131-2015	30/07/2016	Shri Jayantilal Muljibhai Mistry	Shri Bharat D. Rana Shri B.H. Bimavat Public Information Officer & Deputy Executive Engineer, Streetlight Department, Vadodara.	Rs.5,000/-
74	C-0003-11-12	02/08/2016	Dr. Dipti H. Maheta	Shri P.D. Pandya Public Information Officer & Principal N.C. Bodiwala Commerce Collage, Ahmedabad.	Rs.15,000/-

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75	A-1289-2015	02/08/2016	Shri Foramgiri Pravigiri Goswami	Shri P.V. Pittaliya Public Information Officer & Town Planner, Anjar Area Development authority, Anjar, Dist. Kutch.	Rs.2,500/-
76	A-1305-2015	02/08/2016	Shri Ashokbhai Kanubhai	Shri H. M. Bhavsar Public Information Officer & Taluka Development Officer, Taluka Panchayat, Botad.	Rs.5,000/-
77	A-3777-2014	04/08/2016	SuShri Neetaben Raghuvirsinh Gadhavi	Shri D.B. Saundarva Public Information Officer & Mamlatdar, Office of Mamlatdar, Morabi.	Rs.5,000/-
78	A-1580-2014	05/08/2016	Dr. Dipti H. Maheta	Shri P. D. Pandya Public Information Officer & Principal N.C. Bodivala Commerce Collage, Ahmedabad.	Rs.10,000/-
79	A-1433-2015	05/08/2016	Shri Pravin Kumar Meghabhai Dafada	Shri J.D. Damor Public Information Officer & Mamlatdar, Office of Mamlatdar, Amreli.	Rs.3,000/-
80	A-1925-2015	05/08/2016	Shri Pratapsinh Mangalji Chauhan	Shri M.V. Chauhan Public Information Officer & Talati-cum-Mantri, Office of Ghodali Gram Panchayat, Kheda.	Rs.10,000/-
81	A-1933-2015	20/08/2016	Shri G.T. Jadeja	Shri V.N. Rabari Public Information Officer & Mamlatdar, Office of Mamlatdar, Kutch.	Rs.2,500/-
82	A-2129-2015	30/08/2016	Shri Ravindra Kumar V. Pal	Shri D.M. Purohit Public Information Officer & Town Primary Education Officer, Jamnagar Corporation, Jamnagar.	Rs.10,000/-
83	A-1819-2015	07/09/2016	Shri Jagabhai Sardulbhai Pdaliya	Shri K. S. Dabhi Public Information Officer & Office of Taluka Development Officer, Ahmedabad.	Rs.10,000/-
84	A-2888-2015	14/09/2016	Shri Bharat Kumar Kacharabhai Rana	Smt. Rashmiben A. Patel Public Information Officer & Talati-cum-Mantri, Tareti Gram Panchayat, Mahesana.	Rs.5,000/-



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85	A-3916-2014	16/09/2016	Shri Dahyabhai Tersinghbhai Rathava	4. Shri V.G. Rathava Public Information Officer & Deputy Mamlatdar, Office of Mamlatdar, Chhota Udepur.	Rs.2,500/-
86	A-4915-2014	16/09/2016	Shri Hareshbhai Laxamanbhai Parmar	Shri C. K. Patel Public Information Officer & Mamlatdar, Office of Mamlatdar, Morbi.	Rs.5,000/-
87	A-5350-2013	16/09/2016	Shri Bhagavanbhai Jivubhai Vala	Shri K.P. Jethava Public Information Officer & Mamlatdar, Office of Mamlatdar, Gandhinagar.	Rs.5,000/-
88	A-5349-2013	16/09/2016	Shri Bhagavanbhai Jivubhai Vada	Shri K.P. Jethava Public Information Officer & Mamlatdar, Gandhinagar.	Rs.5,000/-
89	A-7430-2014	16/09/2016	Shri Mahendrasinh A. Brahmbhatt	Shri B. R. Visana Public Information Officer & Assistance Controller, Office of Legal Measurement Science & Customer Safety, Vadodara.	Rs.2,000/-
90	C-0173-2015	16/09/2016	Shri Dixit J. Patel	Shri R. D. Vaghela Public Information Officer & Chitnis to Collector, Office of Collector, Vadodara.	Rs.2,500/-
91	C-0029-2015	17/09/2016	Shri Pankaj Kumar Pramodrai Bhatt	Shri Dipak Itadariya Public Information Officer & Deputy Municipal Superintendent, Vadilal Sarabhai General Hospital, Ahmedabad.	Rs.2,500/-
92	A-0840-2015	19/09/2016	Shri Jasmin Balashankar Madhak.	Shri C. K. Patel Public Information Officer & Mamlatdar, Office of Mamlatdar, Morbi.	Rs.3,000/-
93	A-2386-2015	19/09/2016	Shri Bhikhubhai Nagarjibhai Mistry	Shri N.M. Prajapati Public Information Officer & Police Inspector, Kadodara Police Station, Surat.	Rs.5,000/-

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94	A-2985-2015	20/09/2016	Shri Yogendrasinh Bahadursinh Gohil	Smt. Binduben Candravadiya Public Information Officer & Principal, Kumbhani H.Z. & P. J. Municipal Girls High school, Rajkot.	Rs.5,000/-
95	A-3042-2015	21/09/2016	Shri Amarsinh P. Dalsaniya	Shri Rajan Parmar Public Information Officer & Assistance Manager, Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation Ahmedabad.	Rs.3,000/-
96	A-2374-2015	22/09/2016	Shri Amitbhai Albertbhai Meckwan.	Shri Harshadbhai Sanghavi Public Information Officer & Mamlatdar, (City), Ananda.	Rs.2,000/-
97	A-6433-2014	23/09/2016	Shri Jayeshbhai Vrajlal Bhatti	Shri H.G. Trivedi Public Information Officer & Mamlatdar, Office of Mamlatdar, Amreli.	Rs.3,000/-
98	C-0214-2015	30/09/2016	Shri Dineshchandra M. Nandoliya	Shri Manindar Bedi Public Information Officer & Managing trustee, "Women Empowerment" State Level Women Development Society Federation, Ahmedabad.	Rs.5,000/-
99	A-0077-2015	01/10/2016	Shri Naresh Kumar Dayaljibhai Patel.	Smt. Alpaben Katara Public Information Officer & Talati-cum-Mantri, Office of Lilva Thakor Gram Panchayat, Dist. Dahod.	Rs.5,000/-
100	C-0075-2015	03/10/2016	Shri Jayntilal Muljibhai Mistry	Shri R. S. Garasiya Public Information Officer & Assistance Conservator of Forests, Office of Conservator of Forests, Chhota Udepur.	Rs.4,000/-
101	A-1811-2015	04/10/2016	Shri Suresh Kumar A. Fansiya	Public Information Officer & Principal Sarasvati Hindi College, Surat.	Rs.2,000/-
102	A-3590-2015	05/10/2016	Shri Dharmendra M. Rana	Shri K.N. Modi Public Information Officer & Mamlatdar, Office of Mamlatdar, Ananda.	Rs.2,500/-
103	A-3588-2015	05/10/2016	Shri Dharmendra M. Rana	Shri K.N. Modi Public Information Officer & Mamlatdar, Office of Mamlatdar, Ananda.	Rs.5,000/-

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104	A-12953-2012	06/10/2016	Dr. Dipti H. Maheta	Shri P. D. Pandya Public Information Officer & Principal N.C. Bodivala Commerce Collage, Ahmedabad.	Rs.10,000/-
105	A-6370-2014	07/10/2016	Shri Kishansinh Bhavanisinh Champavat.	Public Information Officer & Chitnis, Office of Dist. Collector, Ahmedabad.	Rs.5,000/-
106	A-0020-2015	10/10/2016	Shri Mahendrasinh A. Brahmbhatt	Smt. Darshana Rank, Public Information Officer & Deputy Collector, Ahmedabad Town Development authority, Ahmedabad.	Rs.3,000/-
107	A-1574-2015	14/10/2016	Dr. Dipti H. Maheta	Public Information Officer & Principal N.C. Bodivala Commerce Collage, Ahmedabad.	Rs.15,000/-
108	C-0132-2015	14/10/2016	Shri Ashish Vijay Kumar Sant.	Public Information Officer & Registrar Maharaja Sayajirav University, Vadodara.	Rs.5000/-
109	A-1575-2015	14/10/2016	Dr. Dipti H. Maheta	Public Information Officer & Principal N.C. Bodivala Commerce Collage, Ahmedabad.	Rs.15,000/-
110	A-0879-2015	15/10/2016	Shri Premajibhai A. Bhingradiya	Shri P.V. Vada Public Information Officer & Taluka Development Officer, Office of Taluka Panchayat Bhavnagar.	Rs.5,000/-
111	A-2839-2015	18/10/2016	Shri Ratanshi Kalabhai Sitapara	Shri B.C. Chauhan. Public Information Officer & Mamlatdar, Office of Mamlatdar, Jamnagar.	Rs.10,000/-
112	A-2872-2015	20/10/2016	Shri Rajesh Kumar Sevantilal Soni.	Shri R.H. Patel Public Information Officer & Chief Officer, Patan Municipal, Patan.	Rs.2,500/-
113	A-2854-2015	20/10/2016	Shri G. Trivedi	SuShri Hiriben R. Katara Departmental Transport Officer, Gujarat State Road Transport Corporation, Rajkot. Public Information Officer & Chief Officer	Rs.5,000/-

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114	A-2937-2015	21/10/2016	Shri K.B. Rathod.	Shri M. D. Pawar. Public Information Officer & Talati-cum-Mantri, Office of Dungaraka Gram Panchayat Rajkot.	Rs.15,000/-
115	A-3807-2015	25/10/2016	Shri Mavjibhai Tejabhai Parmar.	Shri B. D. Patel. Public Information Officer & Principal, Navyug High School, Ahmedabad.	Rs.5,000/-
116	A-4598-2015	26/10/2016	Shri M.V. Dabhi	Shri C. S. Solanki Public Information Officer & Deputy Collector, Office of Deputy Collector, Ananda.	Rs.5,000/-
117	A-3601-2015	26/10/2016	Shri Muljibhai Danabhai Rohit	Shri D. H. Ahir. Public Information Officer & Police sub Inspector, Bhadaran Police Station Anand	Rs.5,000/-
118	A-2412-2015	03/11/2016	Shri Nileshbhai Lakhabhai Gareniya.	Shri B. I. Kadiya. Public Information Officer & Chie Officer, Talala Municipal, Dist. Gir Somnatha.	Rs.10,000/-
119	A-0041-2015	04/11/2016	Shri Ravindra Kumar V. Panchal	Shri Vishal D. Kodyatar Public Information Officer & Office of District Project Officer, Jamnagar.	Rs.5,000
120	A-3528-2015	11/11/2016	Shri Kasambhai Sidikbhai Khalifa.	Shri B. M. Solanki Public Information Officer & Regional Transport Officer, Dist. Kutch.	Rs.3,000/-
121	A-3725-2015	16/11/2016	Shri Balubhai Mahijibhai Parmar	Shri G.R. Vasava Public Information Officer & Mamlatdar, Office of Mamlatdar, Bharuch.	Rs.3,000/-
122	A-3784-2015	17/11/2016	Shri Dushyantbhai Acharya	Shri M. R. Chauhan Public Information Officer & Deputy District Gram Development Officer, District Gram development Agency, Banaskantha.	Rs.2,000/-

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123	A-5022-2015	18/11/2016	Shri Arun S. Pathak	Shri V.D. Chaudhary Public Information Officer & Deputy Engineer, Municipal Corporation, Surat.	Rs.5,000/-
124	A-4942-2015	23/11/2016	Shri Sunil R. Mittal	Shri M. D. Damor Public Information Officer & Vigilance Officer, Office of Tribal development. Vadodara.	Rs.3,000/-
125	A-5074-2015	24/11/2016	Shri Lakhamanbhai Bhimabhai Bathavar.	Shri N. B. Vasava. Public Information Officer & Talati-cum-Mantri, Office of Kalasar Gram Panchayat, Kalasar, Dist. Surendranagar.	Rs.5,000/-
126	A-4969-2015	29/11/2016	Shri Krushansinh Dhirubha Zala	Shri A.M. Sundarva Public Information Officer & City Survey Superintendent, Surendranagar.	Rs.3,000/-
127	A-5346-2015	01/12/2016	Shri Vikramsinh Jashvatsinh Jadav	Shri K.M. Modi Mamlatdar, Office of Mamlatdar, Ananda.	Rs.25,000/-
128	A-8368-2015	02/12/2016	Shri Brijeshbhai N. Patel	Shri Kalpesh Bhatt Public Information Officer & Chief Officer, Visnagar Collector Office Mahesana.	Rs.2,500/-
129	A-3135-2015	02/12/2016	Shri Pankaj Kumar Prmodrai Bhatt	Shri Dipakbhai Bansari Public Information Officer & Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation, Ahmedabad.	Rs.5,000/-
130	A-3323-2015	07/12/2016	Shri Dhirubhai Naranbhai Patel	Shri N. K. Bhoya Public Information Officer & Talati-cum-Mantri, Office of Unai Gram Panchayat Unai, Dist. Navsari.	Rs.2,500/-
131	A-4028-2015	09/12/2016	Shri Mahendra Kumar Ishwarbhai Patel	Shri Pavanbhai Manilal Patel Public Information Officer & Talati-cum-Mantri, Office of Lavarpur Gram Panchayat, Lavarpur, Dist. Gandhinagar.	Rs.10,000/-

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132	A-4082-2015	14/12/2016	Shri Rajendrakumar Desaibhai Patel	Shri Govindbhai Munjabhai Nisarta Public Information Officer & Talati-cum-Mantri, Office of Sansoli Gram Panchayat, Sansoli, Dist. Panchmahal.	Rs.5,000/-
133	A-4565-2015	22/12/2016	Shri Mahendrasinh A. Brahambhatt	Shri Shankarbhai M. Chaudhary Public Information Officer & Municipal Commissioner, Gandhinagar Municipal Corporation, Gandhinagar.	Rs.5,000/-
134	A-6445-2015	30/12/2016	Shri Atul G. Shekhada	Shri L. K. Vadher Public Information Officer & Executive Engineer, Junagadh Municipal Corporation, Junagadh.	Rs.5,000/-
135	A-6354-2015	30/12/2016	Shri Sureshbhai Chhaganbhai Chotaliya	Shri N. K. Dixit Public Information Officer & Deputy Engineer, Surat Corporation, Surat.	Rs.5,000/-
136	A-4608-2015	10/01/2016	Shri Ketan Kumar Sajanlal Shah.	Shri Darpanbhai Oza Public Information Officer & Chief officer, Valsad Municipal, Valsad.	Rs.3,000/-
137	A-4605-2015	13/01/2017	Shri Ketankumar Sajanlal Shah	Shri Darpanbhai Oza Public Information Officer & Chief officer, Valsad Municipal, Valsad.	Rs.5,000/-
138	C-0111-2014	19/01/2017	Shri Dahyabhai Valjibhai Chavada.	Shri M. H. Mackwana Public Information Officer & Head Clerk, Government Arts Collage, Gandhinagar.	Rs.2,000/-
139	A-3429-2015	30/01/2017	Shri Dhirendrabharati Laxmanbharti Goswami	Smt. R. A. Damor Public Information Officer & City Survey Superintendent – 1, Ahmedabad Dist. Survey Collector Office, Ahmedabad.	Rs.5,000/-
140	A-0404-2016	01/02/2017	Shri Ashokbhai S. Padhariya	Shri C. B. Dabhi Public Information Officer & Education Observer, Dist. Office of Education Officer, Bhavnagar.	Rs.2,000/-

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141	A-0121-2016	07/02/2017	Shri Dharmendra Kumar Babubhai Padhiyar	Shri Pankaj Barot. Public Information Officer & Chief Officer, Palanpur Municipal Palanpur, Dist. Banaskantha.	Rs.2500/-
142	A-1052-2016	08/02/2017	Shri Govindbhai Thakorbbhai Rathod.	Shri Ravjibhai Ishwarbhai Vasava Public Information Officer & Talati-cum-Mantri, Navabor Bhattha Gram Panchayat, Navabor Batha, Dist. Bharuch.	Rs.5,000/-
143	A-6391-2015	10/02/2017	Shri Pratik T. Patel	Shri J.P. Asari Public Information Officer & Deputy Collector, Office of Deputy Collector, Panchmahal.	Rs.5,000/-
144	A-3310-2015	10/02/2017	Shri Mahendrasinh A. Brahmbhatt	Shri Sarman Hoon Public Information Officer & Deputy Estate Officer, Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation Ahmedabad.	Rs.3,000/-
145	A-6321-2015	01/03/2017	Shri Khodabhai R. Patel	Shri P. T. Paighode Public Information Officer & Taluka development Officer, Office of Taluka Panchayat, Ahmedabad.	Rs.5,000/-
146	A-0808-2016	01/03/2017	Shri Siddik Husen Jujara	Shri R. R. Garod. Public Information Officer & Mamlatdar, Panchmahal.	Rs.3,000/-
147	A-0098-2016	02/03/2017	Shri Dr. Dipti H. Maheta	Shri Surabhbhai Choksi Public Information Officer & Principal J. G. Commerce Collage, Ahmedabad.	Rs.10,000/-
148	A-6224-2015	07/03/2017	Shri Himmatlal Laljibhai Chavada.	Shri V.B. Parmar Public Information Officer & Mamlatdar, Thangadh, Dist. Surendranagar.	Rs.2,000/-
149	A-6510-2015	09/03/2017	Shri Navneetbhai Babubhai Patel	Shri V. C. Bagul Public Information Officer & Taluka development Officer, Paradi, Dist. Valsad.	Rs.2,500/-

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150	A-5385-2015	10/03/2017	Shri Chanabhai Polabhai Dobariya	Shri J.J. Raol Public Information Officer & Talati-cum-Mantri, Thoradi Gram Panchayat, Thoradi, Ta. Jam Kandorana, Dist. Rajkot.	Rs.5,000/-
151	A-2538-2015	14/03/2017	Shri Vipul Harikrushna Solanki	Shri Vinubhai B. Tadpada. Public Information Officer & Principal, Gyanajyot High school, Ahmedabad, Kheda.	Rs.5,000/-
152	A-1145-2016	20/03/2017	Shri Aiub Musa Munshi	Shri R.M. Chauhan Public Information Officer & Mamlatdar, Bardoli, Dist. Surat. ,	Rs.5,000/-

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