



Abstract

Public Services - Right to Information Act, 2005 (Central Act 22 of 2005)- Maintenance of Records in electronic format in Government web-site "tn.gov.in" - Furnishing of information available in electronic format to the applicants under Right to Information Act, 2005 (Central Act 22 of 2005)- Instructions - Issued.

PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS (AR-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.16

Dated : 11-2-2008

Read:

Tamil Nadu Information Commission letter no.33425/General/2007 dated 8.1.2008.

ORDER:

The Right to Information Act, 2005 (Central Act 22 of 2005) provides for setting out the practical regime of right to information for citizens to secure access to information under the control of public authorities , in order to promote transparency and accountability in the working of every public authority, as the democracy requires informed citizenry and transparency of information, which are vital to its functioning and also to contain corruption and to hold Governments and their instrumentalities accountable to the governed.

2. At present, requests are received from the public under the said Act , seeking copies of Government Orders, Instructions, Rules , etc. , which are available in the Government web-site "tn.gov.in" .

3. An overall reading of sections 2(j)(iv), 6(1) read with 7(3)(b), 7(5) and 7(9) of the said Act provides for the applicant to seek information through electronic mode , under the said Act.

4. In order to provide the information effectively to the applicant under the said Act, the Government have decided to make use of the electronic mode to provide information, as per the provisions available in the said Act.

5. Accordingly, the Government issue the following instructions with regard to furnishing of information under the said Act, , relating to copies of Government Orders , Instructions, Rules, etc. which are available in the Government web-site "tn.gov.in" .

6. The State Public Information Officer, after confirming the availability of the information sought for by the applicant, in the Government web-site, may direct the applicant, to refer to the specific departmental page, in the Government web-site "tn.gov.in", where the information sought for by the applicant is available. However, if the applicant is not for obtaining the information through electronic mode and insists on information in paper form, then by virtue of sub-section (9) of section 7 of the said Act, the information has to be supplied to him, in the form, as sought for by the applicant, unless it would disproportionately divert the resources of the public authority or would be detrimental to the safety or preservation of the record, in question.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

T.S.SRIDHAR,
SPECIAL COMMISSIONER &
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To

All Secretaries to Government, Chennai-9
All Departments of Secretariat, Chennai-9
All Heads of Departments including District Collectors / District Judges /
Chief Judicial Magistrates.
The High Court, Chennai-106.
All Sections in Personnel & Administrative Reforms Department, Chennai-9
The Secretary, Tamil Nadu State Information Commission,
378, Anna Salai, Chennai-18.
The Secretary, Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission, Chennai-2.

Copy to:

The Chief Minister's Office, Chennai-9
The Private Secretary to Chief Secretary to Government, Chennai-9
The Private Secretary to Secretary to Government, Personnel & Administrative
Reforms Department, Chennai-9
The Private Secretary to Secretary to Government, Law Department, Chennai-9.

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OC. Mallik
SECTION OFFICER.

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