Central Information Commission, New Delhi

Transparency Audit

Name of PA: Indian Trade Promotion Organisation

Comments/suggestions:

1. 1.8- Directory of Officers and Employees – may be updated from time to time.

2. 1.9- Monthly Remuneration of employees – May be updated from time to time.

3. 1.10- Details of CPIO/FAA – CPIO and FAA cannot be the same person. Give separate name for CPIO and FAA – May be updated from time to time.

4. 1.12- Programme to advance understanding of RTI Act – May be conducted on regular intervals.

5. The website may be updated from time to time for giving the latest information.

6. Maximum and disclosure, the less RTIs and less first appeals and less second appeals.

7. Sub-clause – partially met / not met. The same may be looked into for compliance at the earliest. A re-look may be given to the clauses which have been marked as not applicable.
SUMMARY REPORT

SUBJECT: THIRD PARTY AUDIT SUMMARY REPORT

FOR

India Trade Promotion Organisation
(2022-2023)

The Right to Information Act, 2005 has empowered every citizen of the country to seek and receive any information from any public authority in the country without assigning any reason for seeking the information.

It is an attempt to move from opaqueness to transparency, ultimately leading to good Governance. Broadly, there are following two ways by which information needs of the Citizen can be met:

i. One is to file an RTI application seeking information within the time frame specified in the RTI Act through the Public Information Officer of the organization concerned.

ii. The alternative mode which is prescribed in the RTI Act deals with proactive and suo-motu disclosure.

The RTI Act under section 4 provides a comprehensive framework for promoting openness in the functioning of the public authorities.

Disclosures under this Section are expected to:

(i) Enable the citizen to access the information held by Public Authority without their having to take recourse to the provisions of RTI Act,

(ii) Promote transparency and accountability in the functioning of the government to promote participatory governance.

We appreciate the sincere efforts of India Trade Promotion Organisation as Public Authority for disclosing and sharing the required information on website to maintain transparency.

Further, it has been observed during the Audit that information related to few areas may be shared in Public Domain on India Trade Promotion Organisation Website:

1. Term/ Tenure of Boards, Councils, Committees, and other Bodies constituted as part of the Public Authority.
2. Programmes to advance understanding of RTI Act, 2005 may be conducted at regular intervals.
3. Working hours of the facility.

QCI would like to share positive feedback in the form of web links available on the website as on date of audit. In future all the required information/ links may be posted on website in order to bring more transparency.

With Regards,

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