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RTI Third Party Audit Report (2024-25) of National Seeds Corporation Ltd., New Delhi

RTI Act, 2005 provisions for proactive disclosure of information related to each Govt. Institution/entity under section 4(1). For implementation of Suo motu disclosure under Section 4 of RTI Act, 2005 a detailed guideline, explaining each point of disclosable information, was issued by DoPT, GoI vide No. 1/6/2022-IR dated 15th April, 2013. Further, DoPT vide OM dated 10-12-2013 and 22-9-2014 requested all the Ministries/Departments to comply with guidelines vide O.M. dated 15-4-2013 and also the proactive disclosure package to be got audited by a third party.

DoPT O.M. No. 1/34/2013-IR dated 29-6-2013 instructs the public authority for uploading the details of public authority on website, user friendly access to get provided information, setting up effective system to redress the grievance to minimize RTI application, as well as the information relating to service matter should be brought into public domain. Further, to strengthen the implementation of Section 4 of the RTI Act, 2005 DoPT vide O.M. dated 30-06-2016 guides the Public Authorities to constitute Consultative Committee consisting of stakeholders, to set up of Information and Facilitation Centre, to constitute committee of experienced officer to categorize frequently asked questions, and to provide proactive disclosure properly categorized and organised etc.

In each Public Authority, the responsibility to prepare and update the proactive disclosure packet remains with junior and middle level officers and their subordinates as well.

While filling up the self-appraisal form on CIC portal, a go through of DoPT O.M.'s guidelines dated 15-4-2013 and subsequent O.M.s would ensure the maximum information feeding correctly with quality. The proactive disclosure packet under 'RTI Head' may contain information, supporting documents & annexures and the correct & functional path to reach the information.

The auditor has gone through the website of the Institution looking into the availability of the information as claimed in self-appraisal form (2024-25). There has been detailed and easily accessible information about the core functions and activities of the Institution. The Institution (NSC) primarily focuses on the production, processing, and distribution of quality seeds to increase agricultural productivity and ensure food security in

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India. It also offers related services like seed certification, quality control, and training. The farmers/FPOs, seed industries and citizen in general will be much benefitted with the information provided. However, the following observations may be kept in mind for future reference: -

1. RTI Awareness cum training programme may be organized for the benefits of associated officers/staffs & other stakeholders. iGOTKarmayogi Platform may be used for training and after completion, its certificate may be put on website.
2. RTI Act, 2005, RTI Rules 2012, O.M.s and guidelines issued by DOPT on RTI may be put on the website under head/sub-head of RTI.
3. Suo-motu disclosure under Section 4 of RTI Act, 2005 needs to be updated as on 2024-25. A consultative committee of key stakeholders in this regard may be made for advice on suo-motu disclosures. In the remark/reference column, the path of the information/information itself may be provided.
4. Clicking on Transparency Audit Report for the F. Y. 2020-21 leads to Self-appraisal form only. Details of third party audit of voluntary disclosure (2023-24) may be published on website.
5. Directory of officers & employees as well as monthly remuneration has been provided as on 01.01.2018. Likewise, Number of employees against whom disciplinary action has been pending is given as on 01.01.2015. These may be updated.
6. Parliament question & reply, Audit para and the reply thereon, Receipt & Disposal of RTI applications & appeals etc may be provided on the website for the year 2024-25. In case the information is 'NIL' the same also be provided.
7. General Budget information, Budget on foreign and domestic tours as well as tour related information for 2024-25 may be put on the website.
8. Committee of PIOs/FAAs with rich experience in RTI and Consultancy committee as per DOPT O.M. dated 30-6-2016 may be constituted and Office Order may be placed on the website.
9. STQC Certificate may be obtained.

The information provided by public authority on the website is enough & satisfactory.



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