

Seminar on ‘Three Years of RTI in India: Rajasthan Scenario’ on October 22, 2008 at Patel Bhawan, Conference Hall HCM RIPA (OTS), Jaipur

CUTS (Consumer Unity and Trust Society) has been involved intensively in promoting good governance through its wide grassroots base and network of CSOs/NGOs using various tools and techniques for last 25 years. CUTS also has been committed for campaigning and advocacy to promote accountability and transparency at top to bottom level of governance and reviewing the government welfare schemes & programmes for providing feedback for their better implementation since very beginning.

As you know, the Right to Information (RTI) Act came in to effect on October 12, 2005, after a long battle of various CSOs/NGOs from Rajasthan. During the voyage of these three years some progress is achieved. This Act has ushered a new hope among citizens, equaling their status to MPs and MLAs in terms of getting any sort of information from any public authority and to reveal corrupt practices of service providers, improving service delivery, enhancing transparency, accountability and reducing corruption by applying this Act as tool.

However, a lot more is to be done with regard to the effective implementation of this Act in terms of commitment of state government in the implementation of this Act, awareness generation, appointment of all the Commissioners in SICs, poor infrastructure facilities at State information Commission, proactive disclosure of required information, are the grave issues which put a big question mark on effective implementation of this Act in Rajasthan. On the other side enthusiastic and strategic applications of this Act by common citizens of rural areas is a matter of debate.

In this context, the CUTS Center for Consumer Action, Research & Training (CUTS CART) in partnership with Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative (CHRI), New Delhi, Rajasthan State Information Commission and Department of Administrative Reforms, Govt. of Rajasthan is organising a seminar on ‘Three Years of RTI in India: Rajasthan Scenario’ for discussing specifically the **present scenario, problems and possibilities** and to move forward for better application and implementation of Act in state, on **Wednesday, October 22, 2008**. The venue will be the **Patel Bhawan Conference Hall, HCM RIPA (OTS), Jawahar Lal Nehru Marg, Jaipur**. The seminar will commence with registration and tea at 10.30 a.m. and conclude at 4.00 p.m.

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