

File No. SFAC/RTI/1-3/2/2024

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Subject: Request for seeking information under RTI Act, 2005 –reg.

Sir,

The undersigned being the CPIO refer to your RTI Application No. SFABC/R/T/25/00011, dated 18.04.2025 on the subject mentioned above. In so far SFAC is concerned, the information is as under:-

S. No	RTI Query	Information under RTI
1.	What are the expense head and amount FPO can spend	The guidelines for Farmer producer organization scheme available in SFAC website may be referred to : Sfacindia.com
2.	What are expenses head and CBBO is legally expected to spend	
3.	What is the purpose of Utilization Certificate from CBBO	Rule 238 for GFR 2017 may be referred to: doe.gov.in
4.	If CBBO is expected to spend for intended purposes and specified expense head or they can withhold as much without spending.	The information being sought is not clear

Further, it is informed that the Central Information Commissioner in its Order No.CIC/AT/A/2006/00045 dated 21.04.2006 has conveyed that “the RTI Act does not cast on the public authority any obligation to answer queries in which a petitioner attempts to elicit answers to his questions with prefixes, such as, why, what, when and whether. The petitioner’s right extends only to seeking information as defined in Section 2(f) either by pinpointing the file, document, paper or record etc., or by mentioning the type of information as may be available with the specified public authority.”

As per Government of India office memorandum no 1/4/2009- IR dated 05.10.2009 pertaining to Right to Information Act, 2005 published by Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Department of Personnel & Training “The Public Information Officer is not supposed to create information; or to interpret information; or to solve the problems raised by the applicants; or to furnish replies to hypothetical questions.” It is inform that answering a question or proffering advice or making suggestion to an applicant is beyond the purview of the RTI act.

First Appellate Authority

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Yours faithfully,


(Dr. Ranjeet Singh Rajpoot)
29/10/2020 Dy. Director (PDF)