

**File No. SFAC/1-2/42/2024-GA.RTI Information.** / 1316  
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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/25/00022 dated 20/08/2025 on the subject mentioned above. In so far SFAC is concerned, the information is as under:-

| S. No | RTI Query                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Information under RTI                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| 1.    | <p>I, citizen of India, submit this application under the Right to Information Act, 2005 to obtain details related to budgetary allocations, implementation status, and audit/monitoring records across key youth-centric schemes under the Ministries listed below.</p> <p>This RTI specifically seeks data and decision-making documents regarding planning, fund utilization, and monitoring outcomes of programs meant to benefit Indias youth, students, start-up founders, and young farmers, between FY 2018-19 and FY 2024-25.</p> <p>1. Department of Expenditure / NITI Aayog<br/>Information Requested:<br/>Provide Minutes of meetings of PMSC (Programme Management Steering Committee) or relevant Cabinet Sub-Committees discussing education, youth welfare, and employment schemes between</p> | <p>The details regarding SFAC related Beneficiaries (Farmer Producer organization) are available at website <a href="https://sfacindia.com">https://sfacindia.com</a>. However, other information as sought in the application does not pertain to SFAC.</p> |

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| <p>2018-2025.</p> <p>Provide year-wise data on Budget Estimates (BE) vs. Revised Estimates (RE) and Actual Expenditure for:</p> <p>Department of Higher Education</p> <p>Ministry of Youth Affairs &amp; Sports</p> <p>Ministry of Skill Development &amp; Entrepreneurship</p> <p>Provide correspondence/memos noting reasons for any underutilization or budget cuts in these sectors.</p> <p>2. Ministry of Commerce &amp; Industry<br/>Information Requested:<br/>Provide fund allocation and disbursement data (state-wise) for the Start-up India Seed Fund, Fund of Funds for Start-ups (FFS), and Credit Guarantee Scheme for Start-ups (CGSS).</p> <p>Provide year-wise list of approved start-ups under these schemes from 2018 2025 and their sectors (e.g., edtech, agri-tech).</p> <p>Provide any internal memos or reports discussing impact of FDI inflow into education sector and concerns about adverse impact on public universities or affordability.</p> <p>3. Ministry of Electronics &amp; Information Technology (MeitY)<br/>Information Requested:<br/>Provide utilization reports and fund disbursement records under Digital India initiatives specifically aimed at:</p> <p>Youth digital literacy programs (e.g., PMGDISHA)</p> <p>Post office ATMs/digital banking outreach</p> |  |
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| <p>for students</p> <p>Educational infrastructure in rural or tribal schools</p> <p>Provide details on the e-Mudra loan scheme including:</p> <p>Number of youth entrepreneurs who availed loans</p> <p>List of technical partners or app-based platforms authorized</p> <p>Complaints received regarding disbursal failures (2019 2025)</p> <p>4. Ministry of Agriculture &amp; Farmers Welfare<br/>Information Requested:<br/>Provide state-wise data (2018 2025) on:</p> <p>Number of young farmers (35 years) who received PM-KISAN benefits</p> <p>Beneficiaries under FPO (Farmer Producer Organization) support</p> <p>Number of youth-specific Kisan Credit Cards issued</p> <p>Provide audit notes or internal correspondence discussing delays or failures in transferring PM-KISAN benefits to migrant or tenant farmers (especially youth).</p> <p>Justification &amp; Public Interest Reference:</p> <p>As per publicly available information:</p> <p>A 2018 CAG report flagged 5,368 Cr short-released for SC scholarships under Ministry of Social Justice &amp; Empowerment similar patterns of underutilization in youth sectors are suspected.</p> |  |
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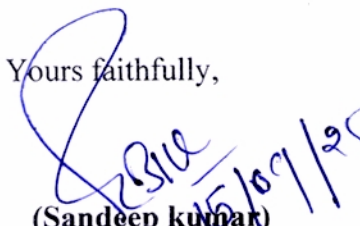
Further, it is informed that the Central Information Commissioner in its Order No.CIC/AT/A/2006/00045 dated 21.04.2006 has conveyed that "the RTI Act does not cast on the public authority any obligation to answer queries in which a petitioner attempts to elicit answers to his questions with prefixes, 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,

  
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