

**File No. SFAC/1-2/42/2024-GA.RTI Information.**  
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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/E/25/00029 dated 03/07/2025 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.    | Our request under RTI Act has reference to the reply sent on 02-07-2025 by the Appellate Authority to our RTI Appeal SFABC/A/E/00005 dated 18-06-2025. It was mentioned in the reply that the information provided by the CPIO for our RTI request number SFABC/R/E/25/00004 was not proper and was attributed to the inability of CPIO to express properly. The above amounts to providing incorrect, incomplete, or misleading information by the CPIO. Please inform whether SFAC has any provision for taking disciplinary action against the CPIO for providing incorrect, incomplete, or misleading information under RTI Act 2005. If Yes, then kindly provide the details of the disciplinary action proposed to be taken against the CPIO and the timelines for taking the disciplinary action. | <p>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.</p> <p>Further, please refer point 19 (service rules and regulations) of Bye-Laws of SFAC and same is available in SFAC website weblink:<br/><a href="https://sfacindia.com/UploadFile/Statistics/Memorandum%20of%20Association%20Articles%20of%20Association%20and%20Bye-Laws.%202007%20(as%20amended,%202014).pdf">https://sfacindia.com/UploadFile/Statistics/Memorandum%20of%20Association%20Articles%20of%20Association%20and%20Bye-Laws.%202007%20(as%20amended,%202014).pdf</a></p> |

2. 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.”

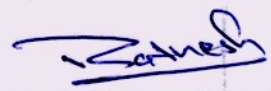


3. As per Government of India office memorandum no 1/4/2009- IR dated 05.10.2009 pertaining to Right to Information Act, 2005 published by Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Department of Personnel & Training "The Public Information Officer is not supposed to create information; or 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.

4. **The details of First Appellate Authority is given below:**

(Prasanth Chander N.)  
Deputy Director (Admin.)  
First Appellate Authority,  
Small Farmers' Agri-Business Consortium, NCUI Auditorium Building, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor,  
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Yours faithfully,

 25/07  
(Ratnesh Kumar Choudhary)  
Central Public Information Officer