

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/25/00038 dated 19/11/2025 on the subject mentioned above. In so far SFAC is concerned, the information is as under: -

S. No	RTI Query	Information under RTI
1.	Please inform whether the Fund Utilisation Certificate is mandatory before the release of the next round/instalment of payment to CBBO by SFAC.	As per present practise being followed by SFAC, Fund Utilisation Certificate is mandatory before release of the next round/instalment of payment to CBBO which should be signed, stamped and dated. The Chartered Accountant verifies the Utilisation Certificate.
2.	Please inform whether Fund utilisation certificates should be signed, stamped and dated or just signed and stamped, or just signed without any date, as per CAG acceptance anal tolerance.	
3.	Who can verify the utilisation certificate.	
4.	Whether verification by a Chartered Accountant is mandatory	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 informed that answering a question or proffering advice or making suggestion to an applicant is beyond the purview of the RTI act. 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. In view of above, the information is denied.
5.	Whether verification by a Chartered Account is mandatory when find is utilised by a private party.	
6.	What is recourse in practice as per the conventional practice if the utilisation certificate is found untrue to actual accounts.	
7.	Please inform whether non-adherence of the protocol for the Utilisation.	

First Appellate Authority

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Yours faithfully,

(Sandeep Kumar)
Dy. Director (PDF)

Central Public Information Officer