

Right to Information Act, 2000

Section 2 - Definitions

In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,-

(a) "Competent authority" means head of the office or any officer or person as may be notified by the State Government for the purpose of this Act:

Provided that where the Competent Authority transfers application to any officer or person under the proviso to sub-section (2) of section 5, such officer or person shall be deemed to be the Competent Authority".

(b) 'Information' means information relating to any matter in respect of the affairs of the administration or decisions of a public authority;

(c) 'Public authority' means,-

(i) all offices of the State Government including the Karnataka Public Service Commission;

(ii) all local authorities, all authorities constituted by or under any Act of the State Legislature for the time being in force, a company, Corporation, trust, society, any statutory or other authority, Co-operative society or any organisation or body funded, owned or controlled by the State Government. but does not include.-

(i) offices of the Central Government;

(ii) any establishment of the armed forces or Central Para Military forces;

(iii) any body or corporation owned or controlled by the Central Government;

(d) 'Right to Information' means right of access to information from any public authority,-

(i) by obtaining certified copies of any records;

(ii) by obtaining diskettes, floppies or any other electronic mode or through print-outs where such information is stored in a computer or in any other device;

(iii) in such other mannner as may be prescribed.

(e) 'record' includes,-

(i) any document, manuscript and file;

(ii) any microfilm, microfiche and facsimile copy of a document;

(iii) any reproduction of image or images embodied in such microfile (whether enlarged or not); and

(iv) any other material produced by a computer or by any other device.

(f) 'Trade secret' means information contained in a formula, pattern, compilation, programme , device, product, method, technique or process which is not generally known and which may have economic value.
